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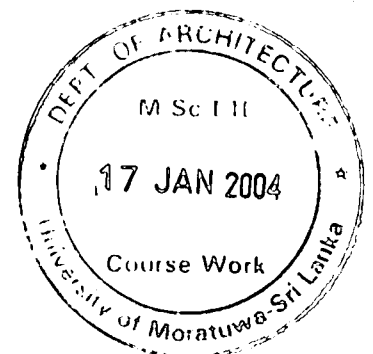


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ABSTRACT

Architecture as an essential art, which expose throughout the man's life, it should provide man with the desired physical and psychological comfort. Therefore it is important to facilitate meaningful Architecture to eliminate inappropriate ornamentation & disquietingly ornate Architecture, which ignore the spaciousness & meaning.

Within above framework, this dissertation is an attempt to crystallize some thoughts about minimal Architecture, which can be seen as the pursuit of simplicity, as well as an ideal design approach which caters for essentialities out of different design approaches. Contribution of form as well as colours, light, materials, textures and elements, to achieve spatial quality in the minimalist space, is discussed in detail.

Special emphasis will be paid to contemporary domestic buildings in urban context. Thus the home should be a place of tranquility by banishing disorder, ostentation and vanity to feel it as the master of habitable space.