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Some Thoughts and Questions on Revisiting *The Ethical Function of Architecture*

Abstract

Since I wrote *The Ethical Function of Architecture*, the world, more especially the way we relate to space, has changed. Two developments seem particularly significant: One concerns the way an ever developing technology, and today especially the digital revolution, have opened up our everyday existence in ways that will continue to change our lives in unforeseeable ways. Even more important seems to me to be the way the inevitably limited resources provided by this small planet have to collide with a still increasing humanity and demands for an ever higher standard of living. Even space is becoming an ever scarcer, all too often contested resource. These developments have made it necessary to revisit *The Ethical Function of Architecture*.