requirements, of all kinds, became the goal. Those that are responsible for the shape of the built environment – architects and many others in the contemporary building culture – are now faced with the unique problem of developing an architecture that is sensitive to place and to individuals, but doing it in such a way so that it is happening on a large scale. This problem requires solutions, perhaps like those proposed by Alexander, that recognize that our attention must be focused on the processes through which the built world is created, as a means to achieve good results, and to achieve them on a large scale. Such processes will represent not a nostalgic return to the past, but a use of modern technologies in ways that allow variety to be created in our buildings and cities.

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