

## EVERY PLACE IS A WOMB



ARCHITECTURE WITHOUT SITE AND PROGRAM BECOMES THE VERY DEFINITION OF THE WAY WE EXPERIENCE ANY KIND OF SPACE, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY, BY CHARGING IT WITH THE PRESENCE OF EACH OF OUR MEMORIES. WE COULD DEFINE SPACE AS REALITY FILTERED THROUGH THE NET OF OUR OWN CONSCIOUSNESS. THUS, ANY SPACE THAT WE INTERACT WITH WILL ESSENTIALLY BE AN EXTENSION OF OURSELVES.

WHAT ARE, FOR US, ARCHITECTURE'S MOST ESSENTIAL AND FUNDAMENTAL VALUES?

IMAGINE ONE'S FIRST HOUSE – OUR MOTHER'S WOMB, THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT INSTANCE OF A PLACE IN WHICH WE EXPERIENCED ENCLOSURE, CONTAINMENT, THROUGH THE MOST BASIC SENSES. THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR EXISTENCE IS OUTSIDE OF THE WOMB, IN WHICH WE EXPERIENCE THE OPENNESS, BUT WE NEVER CEASE TO RECREATE THE ENCLOSURE (THE WARMTH OF A FIRE, THE SHADOW OF A TREE OR THE INTIMACY OF A DARK CORNER).

