

The General and The Architect

(Architecture theory, Philosophy, Web network of new ideas and solutions, Strategy and Military) —

The Architect conducts a symphony in which all must follow a process and rhythm. The rhythm coincides the execution of individual orchestra member. A timeline is set. From Staccato to legato, all process is paced. The client, the General Contractor, the subcontractors, the Engineer, the consultants, the city, and the state. The challenge has always been to unite a diverse population and specialty and pace them to a similar rhythm. Yet on the next project, a diverse population is set forth yet again, which challenges the architect. In addition, all specialty must follow the architect's philosophy and concept. The framework is set by the Architect into creating something physical and tangible.

The General is the role model of all within its structure (the military). They delegate and they set forth new philosophy that strengthens an Army. Precedented by past leaders, they are the masters of frameworks, logistics, and strategy. The diversity of Generals with different philosophies creates a diversity of strategies. Not of a Chess, nor Poker, but of a strong understanding of how holistic a General may be in acquiring strategies from anything they observe and feel within the real world.

Humanities and Philosophies — both the General and the Architect are one. An Engineer would look at a statistic and conclude from the numbers — which there are nothing wrong, but a General and an Architect would understand the context, philosophy, ideals, and agenda of what the statistic is trying to achieve. The topic of Humanities are greatly underappreciated by non-capable leaders. One must understand how philosophy, and the unpredictability of Humans.

Napoleon: "Morality is to the physical as three to one".

How would we imagine Alexander the Great without Aristotle's teachings? What is Sun Tzu never understood Philosophy nor Taoist principles? What if Carl von Clausewitz never studied Immanuel Kant's writings?

A great General and/or Architect should, and shall understand strong Philosophy. From Plutarch, Kant, Kafka, Aristotle, and more. The more we understand who we are, the stronger and fruitful all lives will be for the best society and its defenses — as to conclude for national safety. The Architect creates the Physical and The General creates the power. Both can be unison for the strongest of its citizen and its society.

Working together, A trojan horse surprise means nothing without the physically-built trojan horse. Nor does the pivotal defensive aspects of Hagia Sophia without its defenders. What can we create from such a unison that we have not seen yet?

Will there ever be a General or Architect that can think in unison to see its strongest potential?

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