

Ajan, Architectures office.

P.O. Box 19615-614

Tehran, Iran

Tele: 011 98 21 865069

May 28th, 1994

Dear Mr. Alexander,

I hope you remember me; I spoke to you on one Sunday morning in January, on my way to Iran. To refresh your memory, I will tell you a little about who I am and why I called you. After living in United States for fifteen years, I returned home in 1992 and began work with an architecture office. I am not an architect however, (I had studied Sociology and Communications) but what this group was doing interested me immensely. Searching for the subtle yet deep and very real connection with the truth of our nature, which has been abruptly cut off in our modern life, has been my interest for a long time. I found Iran with many of such answers in different layers of it's culture wether in food or in approaches to emotional needs or in architecture.

Finding this group was fortunate for me. Mr. Javadi as the head of this group, has similar views and has spent the past fifteen years in an extensive research and recording of different aspects of our old but dyeing architecture. He had come across your books few years back and thinks it a miracle that someone in a different world understands and appreciates the way architecture was done right here.

As I mentioned to you we are translating your " A New Theory ..." which is nearing completion, we shall send you the first copy when published. As a non-architect I have enjoyed every bit of struggle in it's translation. You speak with such sensitivity of a problem and it's possible solution that is not limited only to architecture. I would like to ask you for your help in translation of the word whole; the closest words in Persian are "finished" and "perfect" and they don't quite seem right.

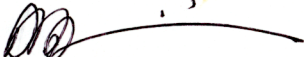
We would very much like to invite you to Iran; you would like seeing great examples of your theories every where. I was happy to hear your interest in such a trip, would it be a real possibility for you?

A few questions: Did "Nature of Order" ever got published? "Linz Cafe" is the only book we are missing from that series, and I could not find it in LA; could you possibly tell us how we could get it ? It was delightful to hear about your latest book on carpets, could you briefly tell us about it? Is there anything here we could send you?

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Javadi, written to you a while back and was meant to be sent in Persian, but I decided to save you the trouble and translate it! It is an emotional letter and perhaps rather vague, but we both felt it is best to send it as is.

I can not truly express our feelings about making a connection with you, we might be strangers to you but you are a very familiar friend to us.

Warmest regards,



Anushe Mirabedini