

Dear ACSF members,

In this second email I am sending you inspiring design work and news related to our ACS interests. While some of the news may be controversial, I believe it is worth considering.

As said in my prior email, some of this information has been offered by ACS members (thank you!).

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## **ARCHITECTURAL RECORD**

### **Building Type Study: Sacred Places**

While providing contemplative settings for meditation and prayer, houses of worship—whatever the faith—must also respond to the wide-ranging programmatic needs of the people they serve. These projects demonstrate architects' abilities to navigate distinct contexts while meeting the unique needs of vastly different congregations ( <http://www.architecturalrecord.com/topics/2131-spiritual> )

Baha'i Temple of South America <<http://www.architecturalrecord.com/articles/11651-bahai-temple-of-south-america>>

Sun Worshiper: A building with a complex skin blooms in the foothills of the Andes thanks to a multinational, multidisciplinary team.

Jumaa Mosque and Sacred Heart Cathedral

<<http://www.architecturalrecord.com/articles/11650-jumaa-mosque-and-sacred-heart-cathedral>>

Acts of Faith: London-based John McAslan + Partners designs a mosque in Qatar and a Roman Catholic church in Kenya.

Congregation Beit Simchat Torah <<http://www.architecturalrecord.com/articles/11649-congregation-beit-simchat-torah>>

A Place to Call Home: After more than four decades, a congregation finally gets a synagogue tailored to its needs.

St. Paulus Catholic Church <<http://www.architecturalrecord.com/articles/11648-st-paulus-catholic-church>>

Light in the Darkness: A church in the Black Forest provides a tranquil retreat for parishioners.

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## **Houston's Buffalo Bayou Park opens to the public**

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### **A sacred space under a rare hill**

Darkness, water and beauty: At long last, the Cistern opens

The Cistern at Buffalo Bayou Park is a former drinking water reservoir built in 1926 for the City of Houston. As one of the city's early underground reservoirs, it supported the municipal water system's goals of fire suppression (water pressure) and drinking water storage. After operating for decades, an irreparable leak was discovered and after a few years, the reservoir was decommissioned in 2007.

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/life/article/A-sacred-space-under-a-rare-hill-7420780.php>  
<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Houston-s-Buffalo-Bayou-Park->

[Cistern-to-open-to-7404503.php](http://buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/the-cistern/)

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### **Cruise 2017: Gucci and Dior take over Westminster Abbey and Blenheim Palace**

Instead of roaming wide across the world, key luxury brands have chosen to present their 2017 resort season wares in and around London. They're imbued with a touch of eccentric Britishness – but they're geared to the rich tastes of the capital's burgeoning number of billionaires, both residents and tourists, says Alexander Fury

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/fashion/features/cruise-2017-gucci-and-dior-take-over-westminster-abbey-and-blenheim-palace-a7063506.html>

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### **This New Religion Is Causing an Existential Crisis at American Colleges and Universities, NYU Prof Says**

There's a new religion exploding on the campuses of American universities and colleges, says Thomas Cooley professor of ethical leadership at New York University <<http://www.stern.nyu.edu/faculty/bio/jonathan-haidt>> , Jonathan Haidt. And if it isn't stopped, it might just be better to shut them all down in the next 10 or 20 years.

The religion of fundamental social justice sweeping across college campuses is so alarming, intense, and dripping with such extreme liberal fundamentalism, says Haidt, it has created an existential crisis for American academia while punishing heretics with public shame.

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/new-religion-causing-existential-crisis-american-colleges-nyu-prof-says-164502/#oYFociVle5EGrbcu.99>

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### **"Sacred Spaces" at Rubin Museum of Art, NY; "Sacred Realm" at MOIFA**

[http://www.santafenewmexican.com/pasatiempo/art/art\\_reviews/sacred-spaces-at-rubin-museum-of-art-ny-sacred-realm/article\\_3d87dd67-6a0b-506e-a02a-08d8b6c5f230.html](http://www.santafenewmexican.com/pasatiempo/art/art_reviews/sacred-spaces-at-rubin-museum-of-art-ny-sacred-realm/article_3d87dd67-6a0b-506e-a02a-08d8b6c5f230.html)

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### **Devils Tower honors sacred site during June, asks climbers to stay off**

<http://www.blackhillsfox.com/content/news/Devils-Tower-honors-sacred-site-during-June-asks-climbers-to-stay-off-381724361.html>

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### **Jewish Eruv: What is it and why could it be implemented in north London?**

A coalition of synagogues is seeking approval to build a Jewish eruv in north-west London. The plans would see fishing wire suspended from poles in 40 locations across six miles of Camden, including parts of Finchley Road, Primrose Hill and Hampstead.

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/jewish-eruv-what-it-why-could-it-be-implemented-north-london-1563139>

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### **Alex & Allyson Grey's Art Temple Wants to Awaken Your Divinity**

65 miles north of New York City, a spiritual revolution has taken place. Thousands of people per year make their pilgrimage to the green hills of Wappinger, New York for spiritual awakening, for healing, for community. Inside a temple that rivals those that came centuries before it, monumental paintings by Alex Grey are on view, reflecting elements of the cosmic spirit. Paintings depicting Chaos, Order and Secret Writing by Allyson Grey vibrate in an essentialized worldview that transcends time. The spirit of visionaries including William Blake and Timothy Leary resonate with both the human and the divine.

This is Entheon, a spiritual center at the forefront of a sensory reawakening. The only obstacle now is, it hasn't been built—yet. Today, many are coming together to change that.

<http://thecreatorsproject.vice.com/blog/entheon-temple-visionary-art-kickstarter>

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### **Sacred Space Online Learning re-imagines religious education, spiritual formation, and online connections**

Sacred Space Online Learning <<http://www.sacredspaceonlinelearning.com/>> (or SSOL – pronounced “soul”) is a newly-launched website dedicated to providing a wide range of cost-free spiritual, religious, and faith-based resources for anyone seeking information and connections.

SSOL is a kind of library and the heart of SSOL is an expansive database with search functionality that allows you to easily locate materials. The materials that make up the database come from a wide range of organizations who create religious, spiritual, or faith-based materials in an interactive and/or on-demand fashion.

<http://religionnews.com/2016/05/18/sacred-space-online-learning-re-imagines-religious-education-spiritual-formation-and-online-connections/>

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