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["Call a brick wall a brick wall": A collection of responses that Laurie Baker made to questions on himself and his philosophy and architecture. \[images\]](#)- Frontline magazine (India)

[Call for abstracts: "Tectonics Making Meaning" international conference and student design competition in Eindhoven, the Netherlands in December; deadline: May 15-](#) University of Technology Dept. of Architecture, Building and Planning (Eindhoven)

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