

## Technology

Dewey<sup>14</sup> provides us with the concept of a technology in which the referent, that which is in the real world, referred to by the semiotic cycle of signifier and signified, the sign, reliant on context and part whole relationships, is unequivocal to those who know knowledge as it is 'meant to be'. The concept that this 'meaning to be' is predetermined by what is believed and supported by metaphysics is and was quite normal for us especially in architecture. Scott,<sup>15</sup> for example, wrote about fallacious beliefs that supported mechanical, romantic, ethical and biological explanations of spatial relationships. But as we have shifted to self-creation of a human environment, needs must drive this towards a conscious awareness of the value of a relationship, no longer assuming it to have a prior value in and of itself, but to play a part in an interpretation that includes a choice of focus and commitment in the hope of achieving a specific experience or set of experiences.