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This month

Our Christmas message this year comes from Buckminster Fuller, who in a lengthy interview with Michael Ben-Eli, looks back over the last half century.

In trying to sum up what he is trying to do, Fuller produced the following statement in the 'Saturday Review', 2 March 1968:

"Acutely aware of our beings' limitations and acknowledging the infinite mystery of the a priori universe into which we are born but nevertheless searching for a conscious means of hopefully competent participation by humanity in its own evolutionary trending while employing only the unique advantages inhering exclusively to the individual who takes and maintains the economic initiative in the face of the formidable physical capital and credit advantages of the massive corporations and political states and deliberately avoiding political ties and tactics while endeavoring by experiments and explorations to excite individuals' awareness and realization of humanity's higher potentials I seek through comprehensive anticipatory design science and its reductions to physical practices to reform the environment instead of trying to reform men being intent thereby to accomplish prototyped capabilities of doing more with less whereby in turn the wealth augmenting prospects of such design science regenerations will induce their spontaneous and economically successful industrial proliferation by world around services' managements all of which chain reaction provoking events will both permit and induce all humanity to realize full lasting economic and physical success plus enjoyment of all the Earth without one individual interfering with or being advantaged at the expense of another?"

Next month

The first of a series of monthly articles entitled 'Briefing' in which different categories of buildings are discussed by specialists in each particular field.

Report on Delft pneumatic symposium.
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