

# BEYOND SUBJECT - BEYOND OBJECT

### a hot spring in tamina gorge







'In western culture... it is considered important to clearly differentiate between any two distinct phenomena. But by dividing all existence in to either yes or no, interior or exterior, mind or body, the warmth that lies at the border between the two extremes is lost, sacrificed to rationality.'

'We are composed of matter and live in the midst of matter. Our objective should not be to remove matter, but rather to search for a form of matter other than objects. What that form is called – architecture, gardens, computer technology – is not important. Until a new name is given to that form, I will call it the An-

### 'To be precise, an object is a form of material existence distinct from its immediate environment.'

'To be precise, a subject is a form of human existence distinct from its immediate environment.'

- Kengo Kuma

- In sympathy with Kuma



### AN ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANTI-OBJECT DOMAIN

objects. Discreet/ masking points of entry.

Prevention of overall views, from within the site or its buildings.

### A SENSORIAL CREATION OF THE ANTI-OBJECT

Darkness. 'Distracting' sensorial contact.

### ENGAGEMENT WITH EXISTING CONTINUA OF NATURE

Minimisation of structure. Resonance of the structure with surroundings. Softening of separating edges.

### A STRUCTURAL CREATION OF THE ANTI-OBJECT

# ANTI-OBJECT TECHNIQUES

A summary of the anti-object techniques found in \*Ginzan Onsen Fujiya and Horai Onsen Bath House

Concealment of the building, or site, through its placement in the terrain, or enclosure by other unrelated

Immersion in water, texture on bare feet, splashed water on skin, encountered steam, temperature change, dimensional constraints - or 'pressure', etc.

- Incompleteness of structural elements (I.e. they continue elsewhere).
- Separation of source from effect, particularly in regard to lighting.
- Merging of spaces through the visual overlap produced by different kinds of screens.
- Softness of transitions accomplished both through screens and material choices.
- Multiplicity of elements, instead of their singular use.
- Complexifying of the perceived through the 'lensing' effect of uneven glass, or reflections.







## 'QUI NE RENONCE PAS À TOUS SES BIENS ET NE MARCHE PAS À MA SUITE, NE PEUT ÊTRE MON DISCIPLE'









### THAT EVENT)

A charged leaving behind of the outside world, and an entry into an unknown one. A charged moment of darkness and enclosure before the expansion at the Horai bathing house.

#### (STRIPPING) A STRIPPING OF THE PERSONAL, FROM MEMORY.

Staying away from home. Time spent in non-personal space Views avoid anything that would remind of a previous life.

## ANTI-SUBJECT TECHNIQUES

### (STRIPPING) A STRIPPING OF THE PERSONAL, PHYSICALLY

Distance from home environment and belongings. Leaving of shoes at entrance. Minimal space for the display of personal items. Abandonment of clothes to bathe. Separation of the storing of clothes and the bathing area.

*"The taste of the apple ... lies" in the contact of the fruit with* the palate, not in the fruit itself; in a similar way ... poetry lies in the meeting of poem and reader, not in the lines of *symbols printed on the pages* of a book."

JORGE LUIS BORGES

### (CONTACT) A DIRECT, SENSORIAL CONNECTION WITH SURROUNDINGS.

the body..

### A LAYERING ON OF THE NON-PERSONAL.

Bathing minerals are kept on the body after bathing. Communal clothes may potentially be worn. Locally grown food may be ingested.

#### DRAMATIC PASSAGE, THAT REINFORCE THE FEELING OF BEING IN THE PRESENT (BEYOND

Material texture on bare skin, splashed water on skin, steam, temperature change, water pressure on

Dimensional constraints - or 'felt' pressure.







# POTENTIAL











-	Sample point type	Discharge temperature (°C)	Flow rate (L/s)	Reservoir geology	рН
-	Spring	36.5	39.7	Triassic limestone	7.34

























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# PHYSICAL PURIFICATION IN ROCK

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# MENTAL PURIFICATION IN REMOVED LOCATION

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# DISSOLUTION OF BATHING IN VAST VALLEY

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# DISSOLUTION OF SLEEP IN SOUND OF WATER

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