

## PERSONAL VIEWS

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A few words about a particular method of conservation in historic or archaeological milieu.

Bysides appropriate and specialised technologies (and sometimes with the help of both these technologies), a method of conservation could be found in an ARCHITECTURAL INTERVENTION, revertible, significant and contemporary in spirit.

This method can, in particular cases, help to preserve authenticity of existing structures, through a VISUAL SIGN of our time, which continues architecture of the past without disturbing it.

It's important, from the beginning, to select a convenient system of protection, according to its plastic occupation of the site, for a certain duration, and not only for a short period.

More Generally, in historic, archaeological or vernacular milieu, it's most important to preserve the permanent values of the earth architecture and not only of its constituent materials.

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1. Turkey is a rich country from the point of view of its antiquities and historical values. Also, structural technology seen in ancient monuments still continue even today, as traditional examples.
2. Therefore, we should handle this subject in two ways:
  - a) An ancient monument that has survived through history should be exposed and preserved.
  - b) Control and observation of the preservation of a living traditional architectural complex so that it will not become corrupted with the desire of delivery technology.

3. Before a historical ancient mudbrick structure is excavated, its continuous conservation and preservation methods should be specially studied.
4. Living, traditional, mudbrick architectural structure should be maintained without its corruption with the desire of introducing new technology and material and therefore disappearing completely.
5. Maintenance should be applied in such a way that:
  - a) Inhabitants living in such a structural system should have all their proper social status and for special conditions the buildings should gain new social functions in order to survive, and not be deserted.
  - b) Traditional structural techniques used in the past should be developed and their usage areas should become enlarged.
  - c) Mudbrick has different physical characteristics compared with other structural materials, and therefore its present quality should be improved with inorganic based compounds.
5. Archaeologists, architects and chemists should collaborate for the preservation of ancient mudbrick monuments; practical experiments and laboratory researches should be delivered to application zones and aid should be given to specialists in this field in order to raise their technical knowledge.
7. The results of the researches should be extended from technical applicants to simple operators by preparing regulations that contain structural and treatment knowledge, and for the efficiency of these regulations supporting and restricting requirements should be undertaken as soon as possible.