

# Stone: From Technique to Technology

## Part 2: From Late Roman to Gothic

The Classical Style  
–  
used ROUND arches



Stoa of Eumens  
Acropolis, Athens  
197 BCE





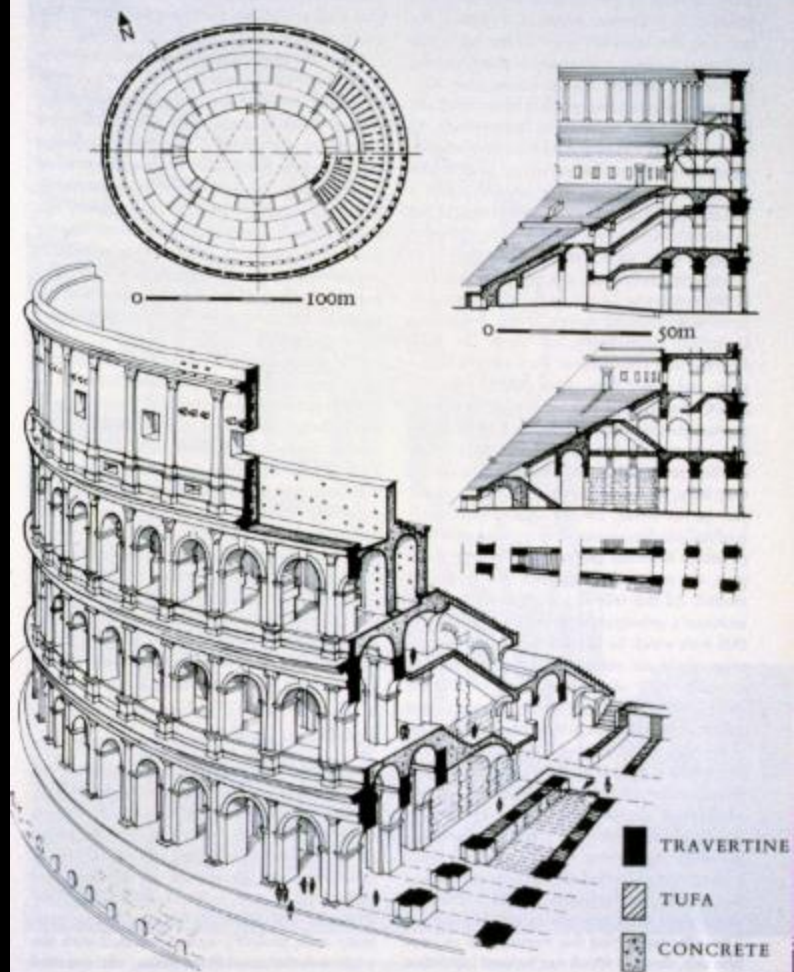




Coliseum/Flavian Amphitheatre  
Rome, Italy  
70 CE



31. Rome, Amphitheatrum Flavium (Colosseum), inaugurated in 80.  
Plans, sections, and sectional view



















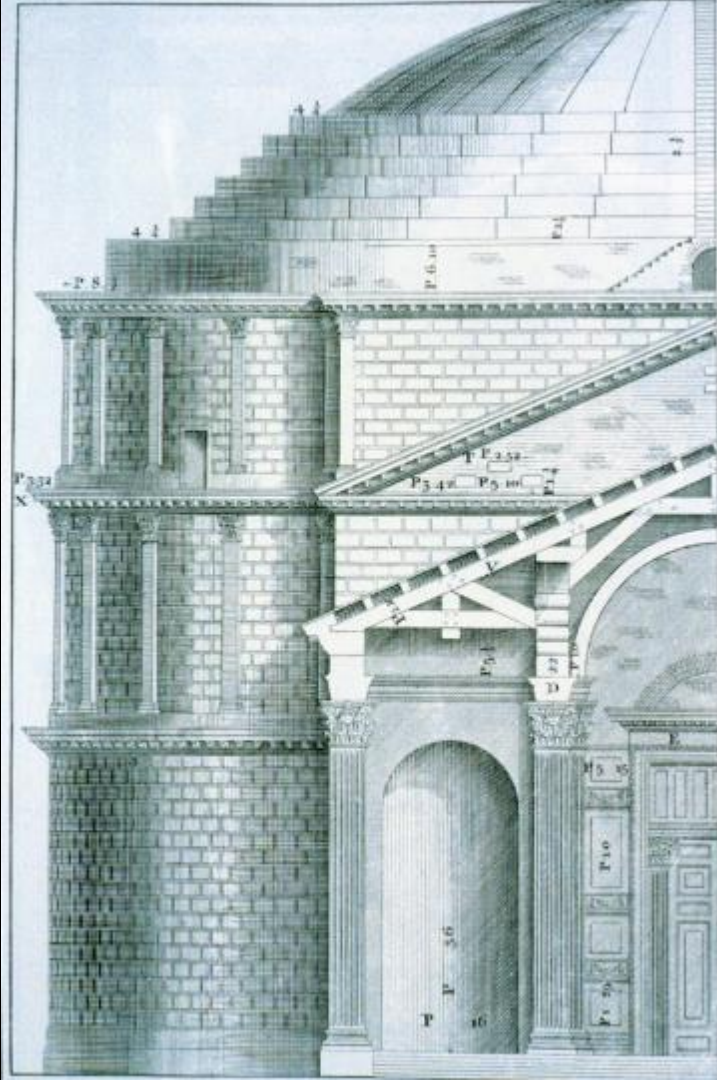
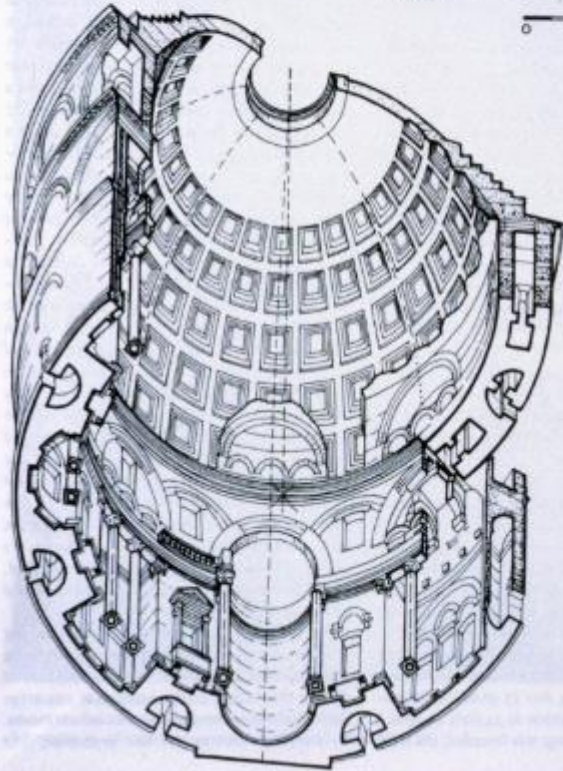
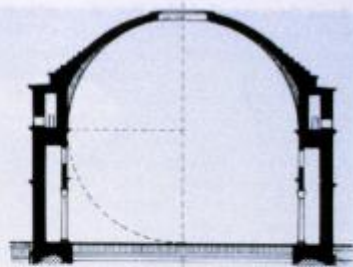
Palatine Hill  
Rome, Italy





Pantheon  
Rome, Italy  
113 CE

Axonomic view and section. The stippled area in the section (here shown slightly exaggerated) represents the masonry added below the structural intrados of the dome so as to complete the visual curvature of the coffering





























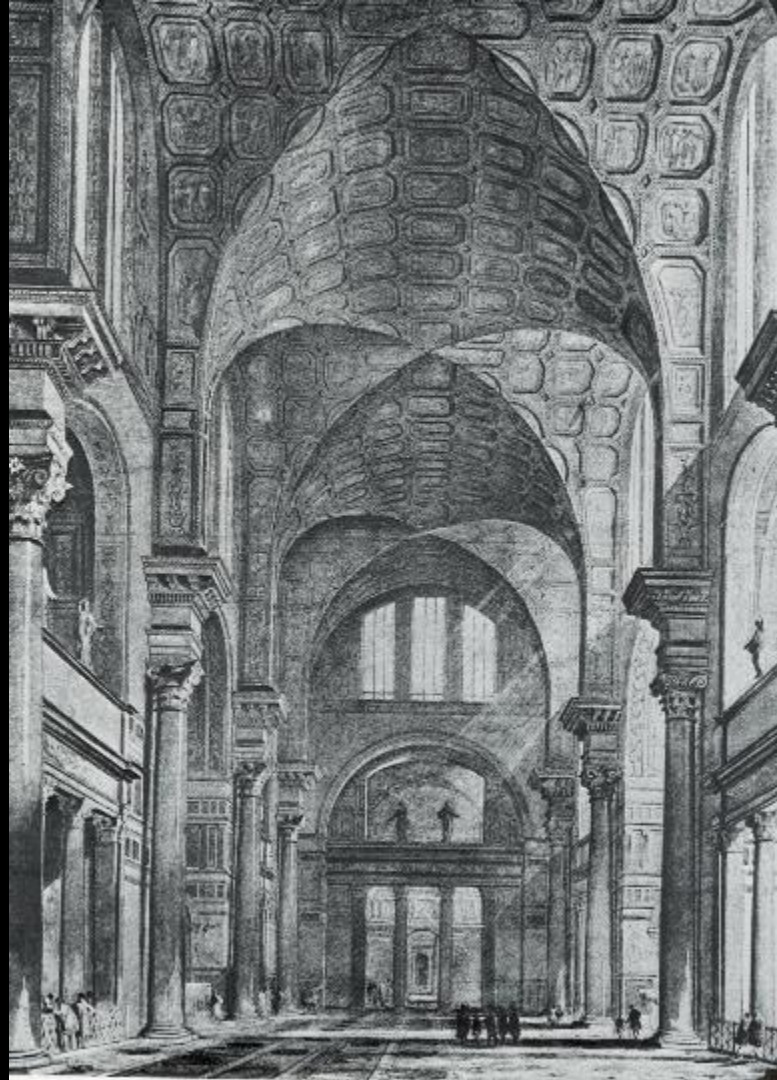






Baths of Caracalla  
Rome, Italy  
212 CE



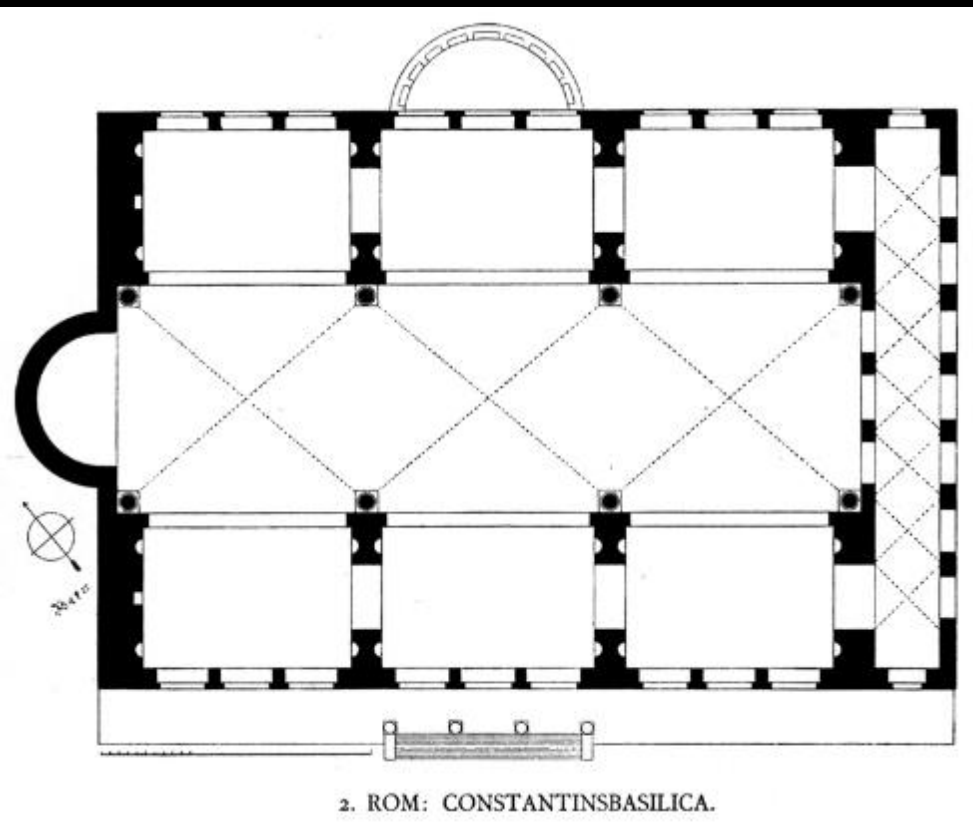








Basilica of Maxentius and Constantine  
Rome, Italy  
312 CE















Arch of Septimius Severus  
Roman Forum  
203CE





Arch of Constantine  
Roman Forum  
315 CE

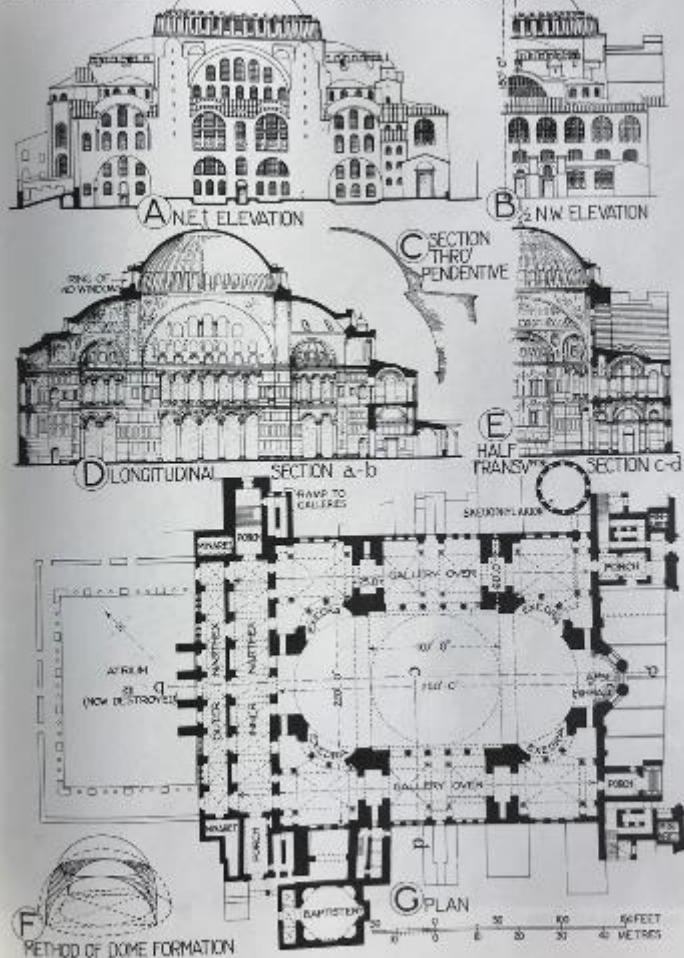






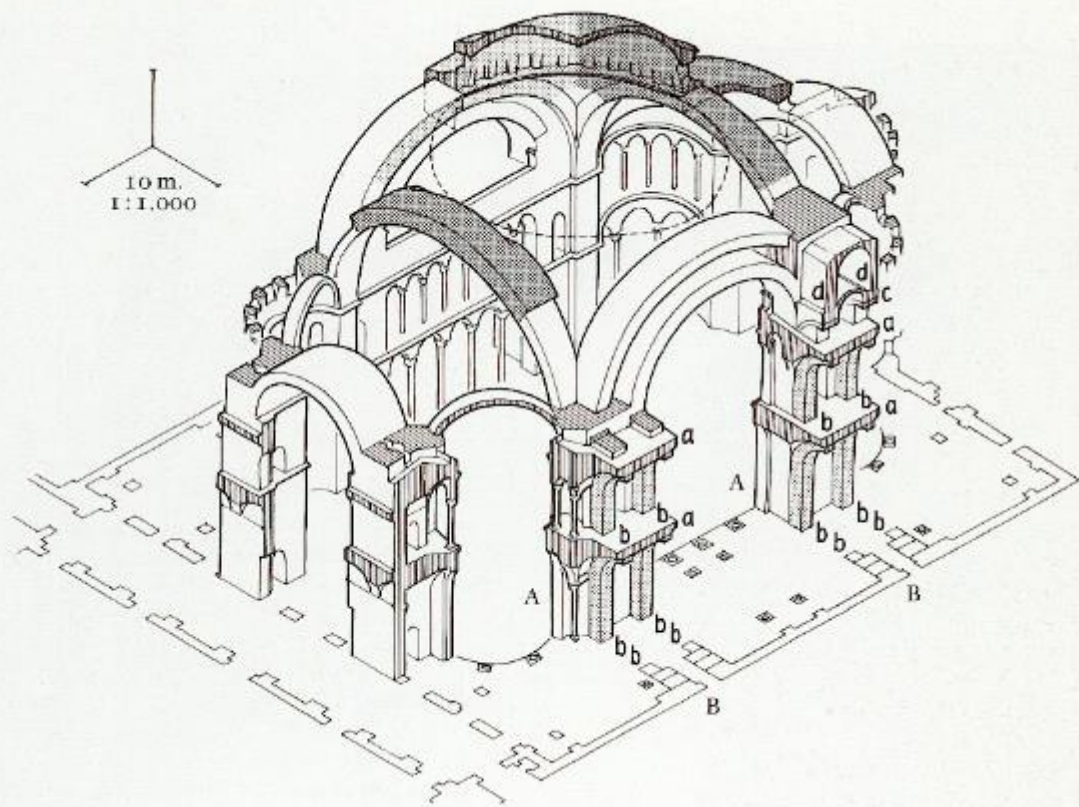
Hagia Sophia  
Constantinople/Istanbul, Turkey  
537 CE

# S. SOPHIA CONSTANTINOPLE





16.6 St Sophia,  
Istanbul, part cut-  
away isometric sketch  
from the south-west  
showing the basic  
structure as now  
existing. Lightly-  
stippled elements are  
sixth-century additions  
to, or, in the case of  
the dome, modified  
reconstructions of,  
the original form. Heavily-  
stippled elements are  
later reconstructions,  
tenth-century at the  
west and fourteenth-  
century at the east.









St. Mark's Basilica  
Venice, Italy  
978 CE







Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba  
Cordoba, Spain  
784 (Islam) 1236 (Catholic)









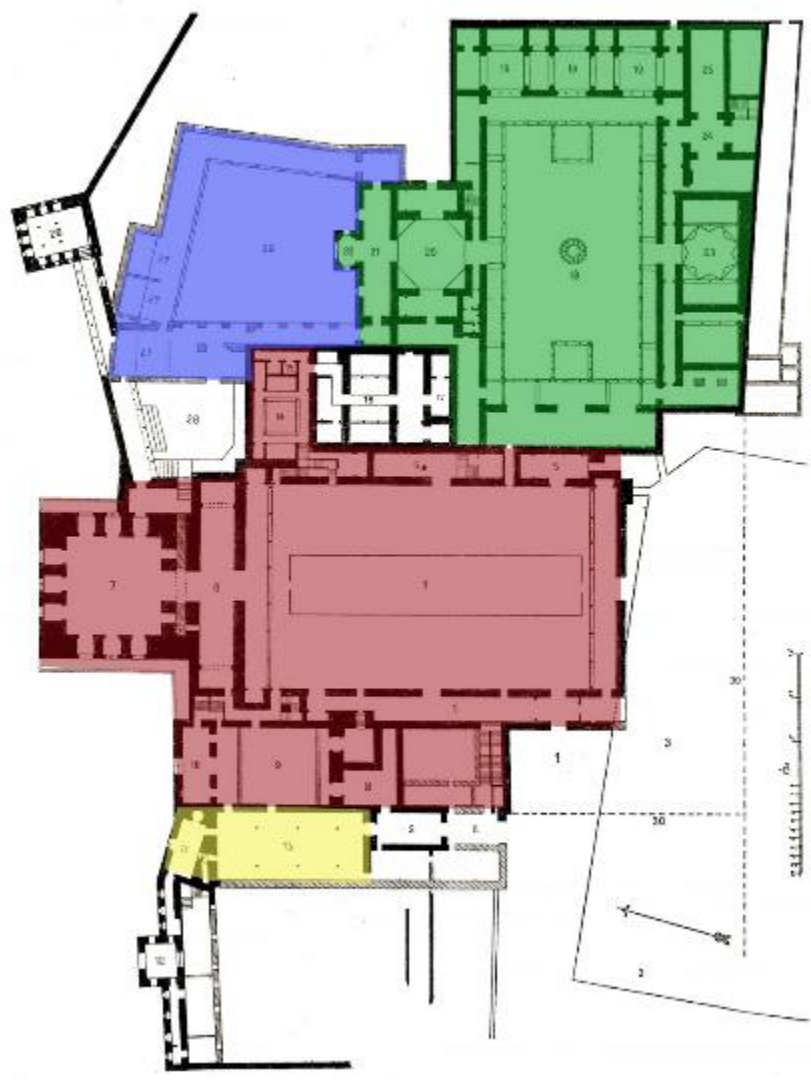






The Alhambra Palace  
Granada, Spain  
Moorish  
1333 CE























































Medieval Architecture  
Including  
Romanesque and Gothic  
round arches vs pointed arches  
6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> century



Chateau de Chillon  
Montreux, Switzerland  
Started 1005 CE













Saint-Philibert de Tournus  
Tournus, France  
11<sup>th</sup> century



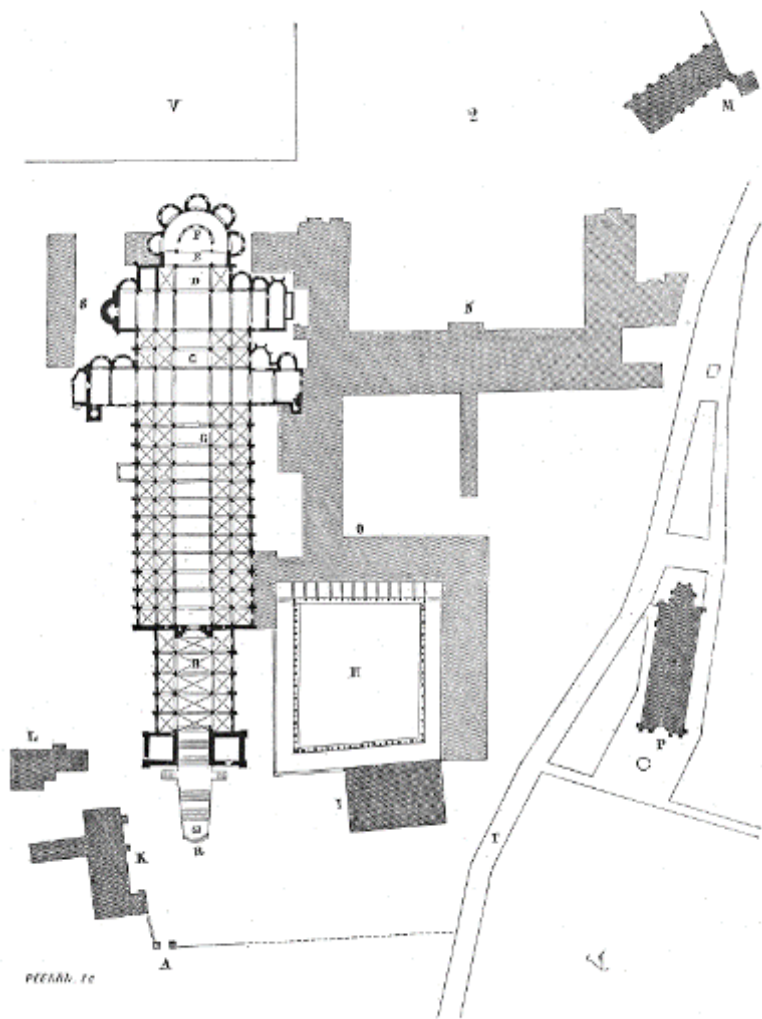






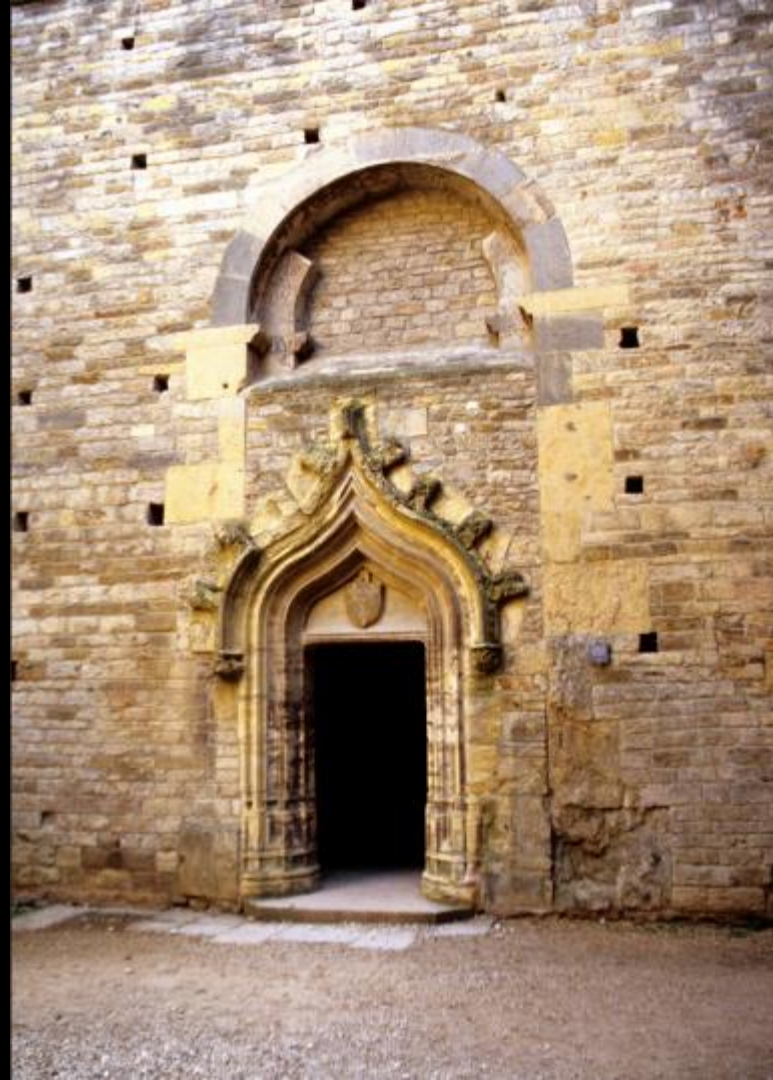






Cluny Abbey  
Cluny, Saône-et-Loire,  
France  
12<sup>th</sup> century





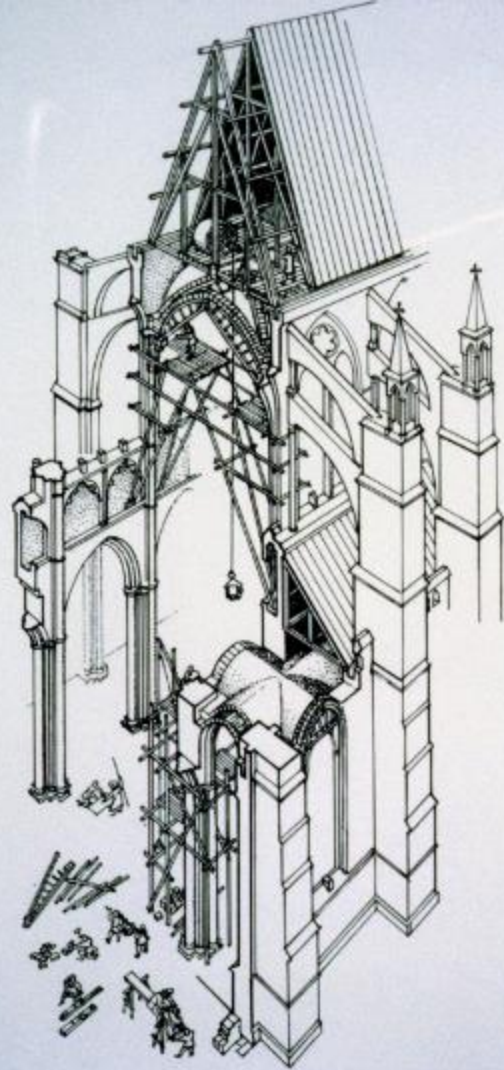






MEDIEVAL STRUCTURE:  
**THE GOTHIC VAULT**

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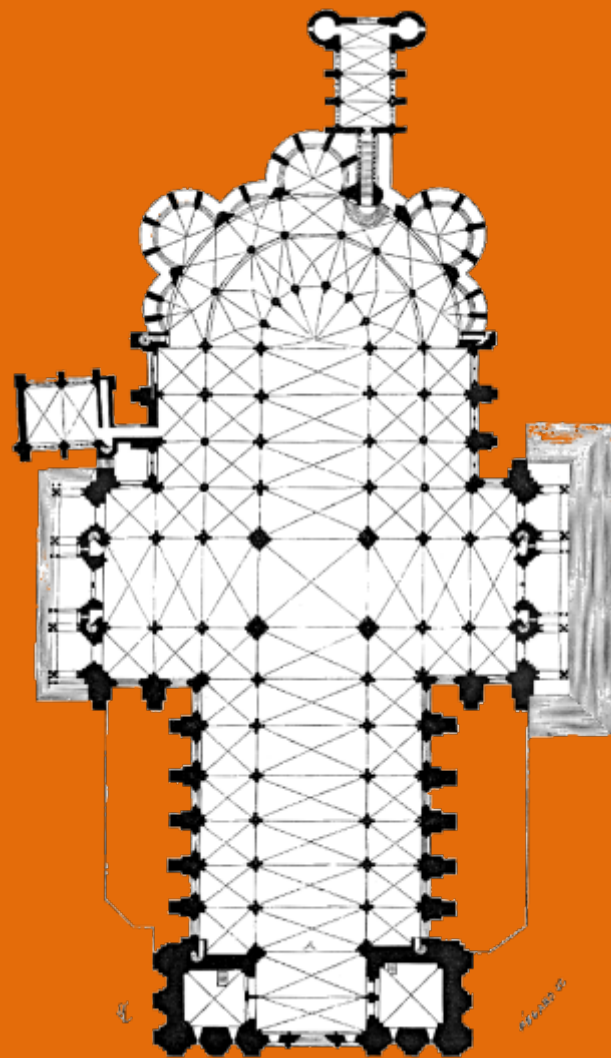






Chartres  
Cathedral  
Chartres, France  
1194 CE

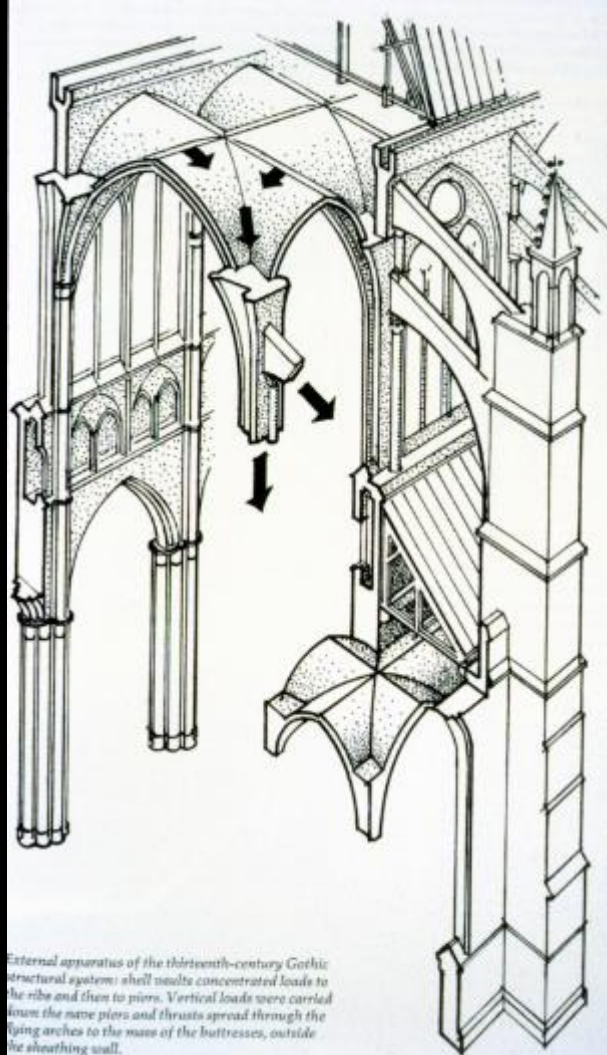
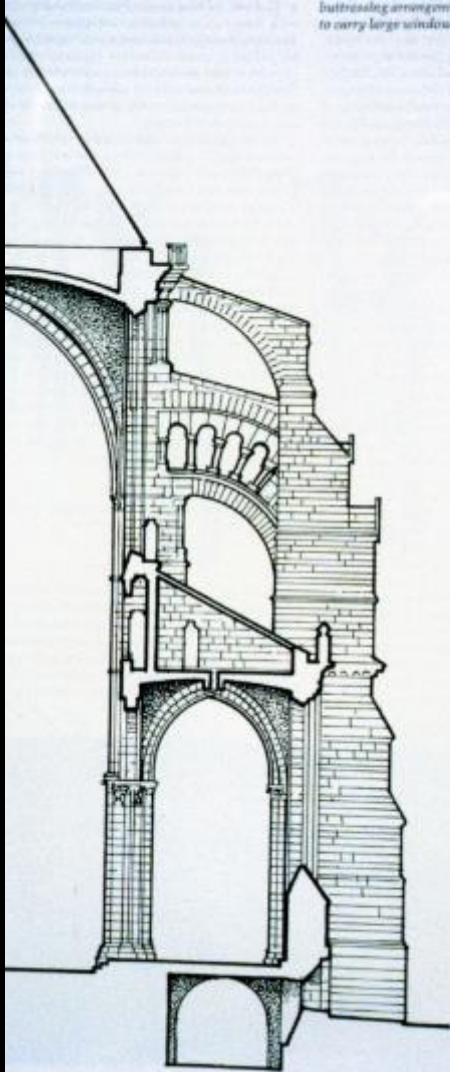








buttressing arrangement let the clerestory east  
to carry large windows.



External apparatus of the thirteenth-century Gothic  
structural system: shell results concentrated loads to  
the ribs and then to piers. Vertical loads were carried  
down the nave piers and thrusts spread through the  
flying arches to the mass of the buttresses, outside  
the sheathing wall.

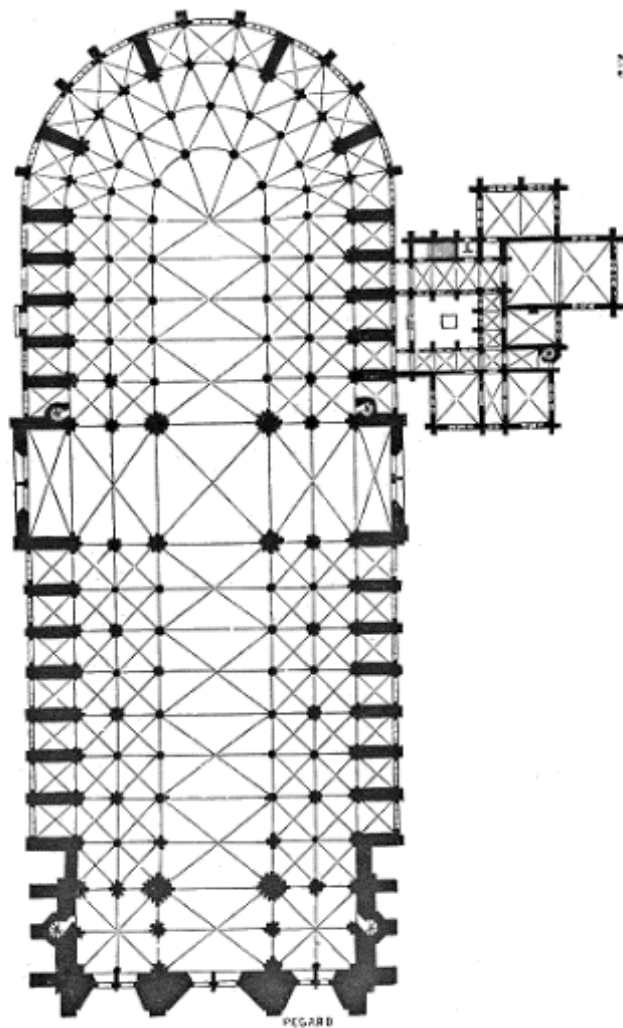






Notre-Dame de Paris  
Paris, France  
1163 CE

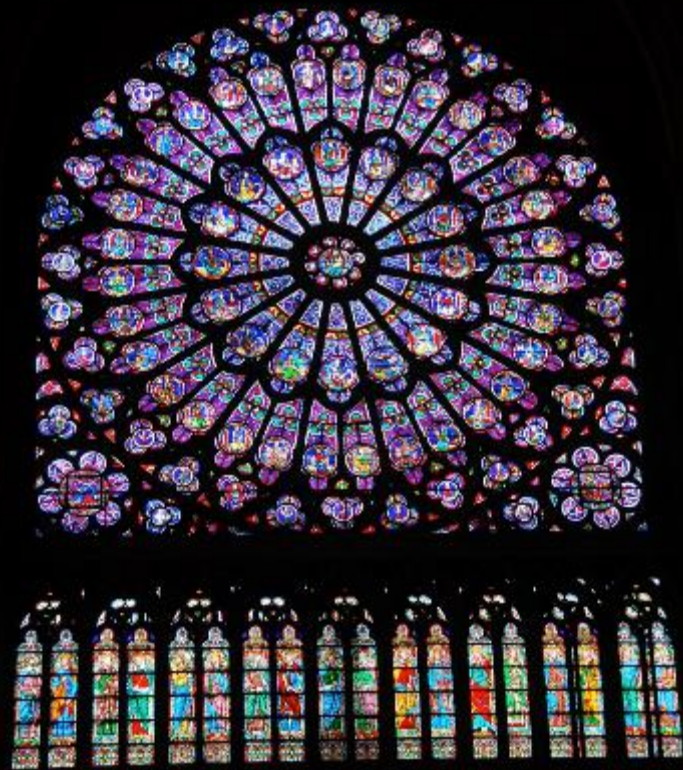








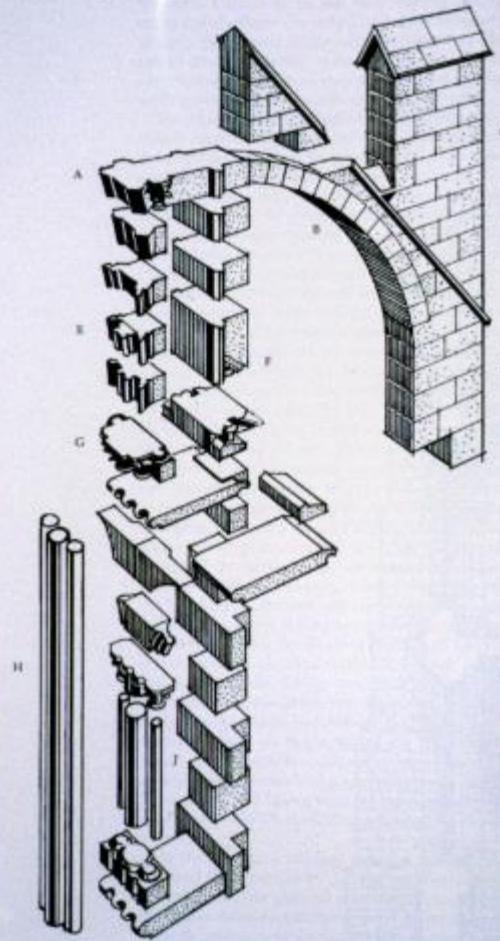








Thirteenth-century Gothic masonry engineering in the nave wall of Notre Dame, Dijon, c 1225. (after Viollet-le-Duc)





















Cathedral at Bayeux, France  
Norman-Romanesque Style  
1077





















## Bayeux Tapestry 1077

The Bayeux Tapestry is an embroidered cloth nearly 70 metres long and 50 centimetres tall that depicts the events leading up to the Norman conquest of England concerning William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold, Earl of Wessex, later King of England, and culminating in the Battle of Hastings.

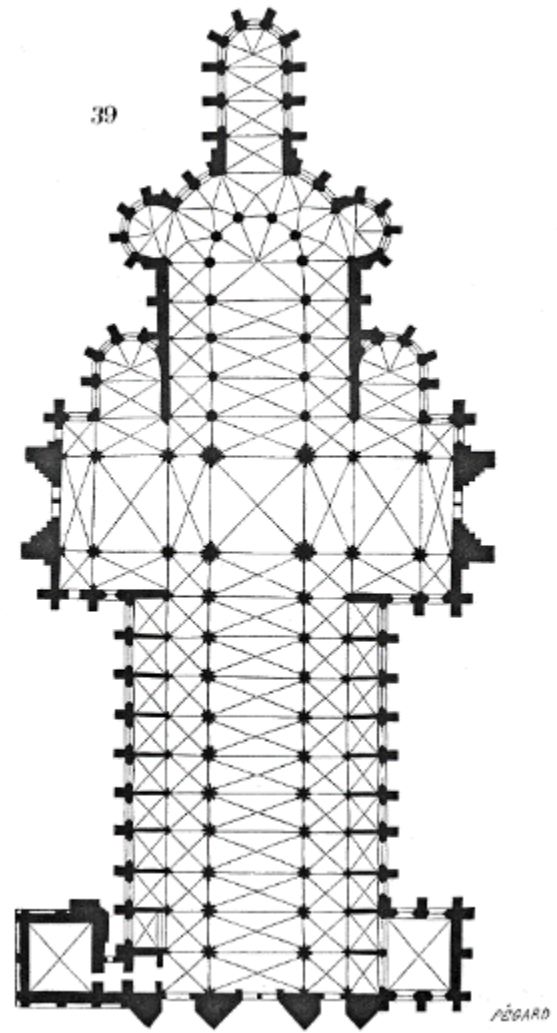








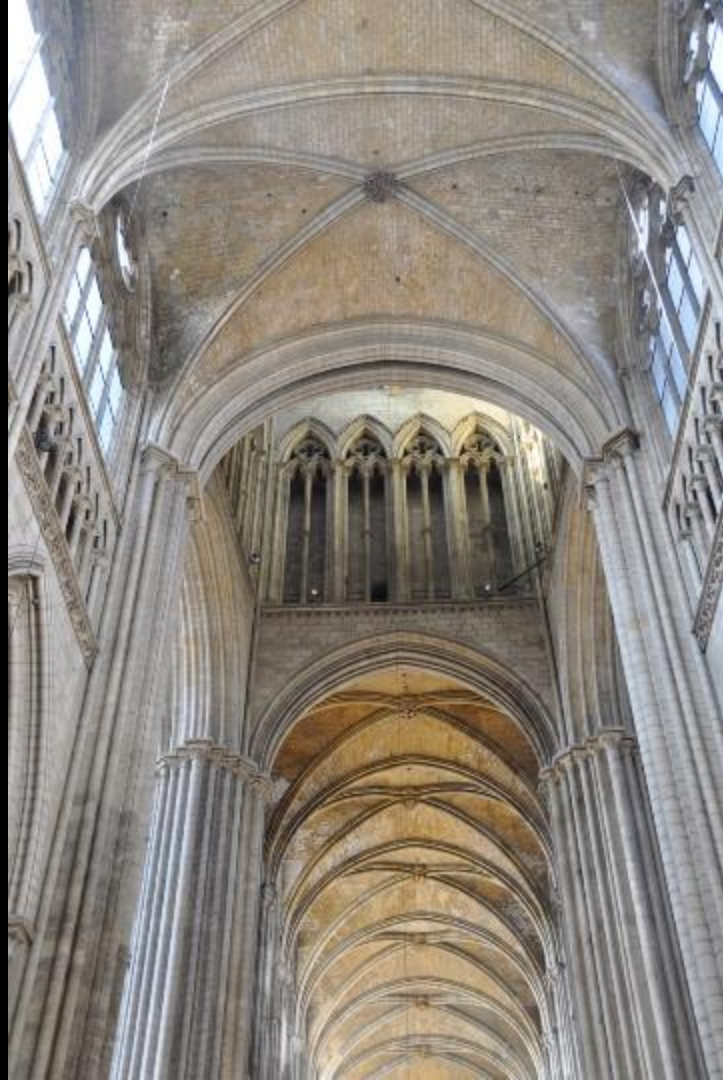
Rouen Cathedral  
Rouen, France  
High Gothic  
1000 to 1500 approximately





























Westminster Abbey  
London, England  
1245 CE













St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle  
Windsor, England  
14<sup>th</sup> century





















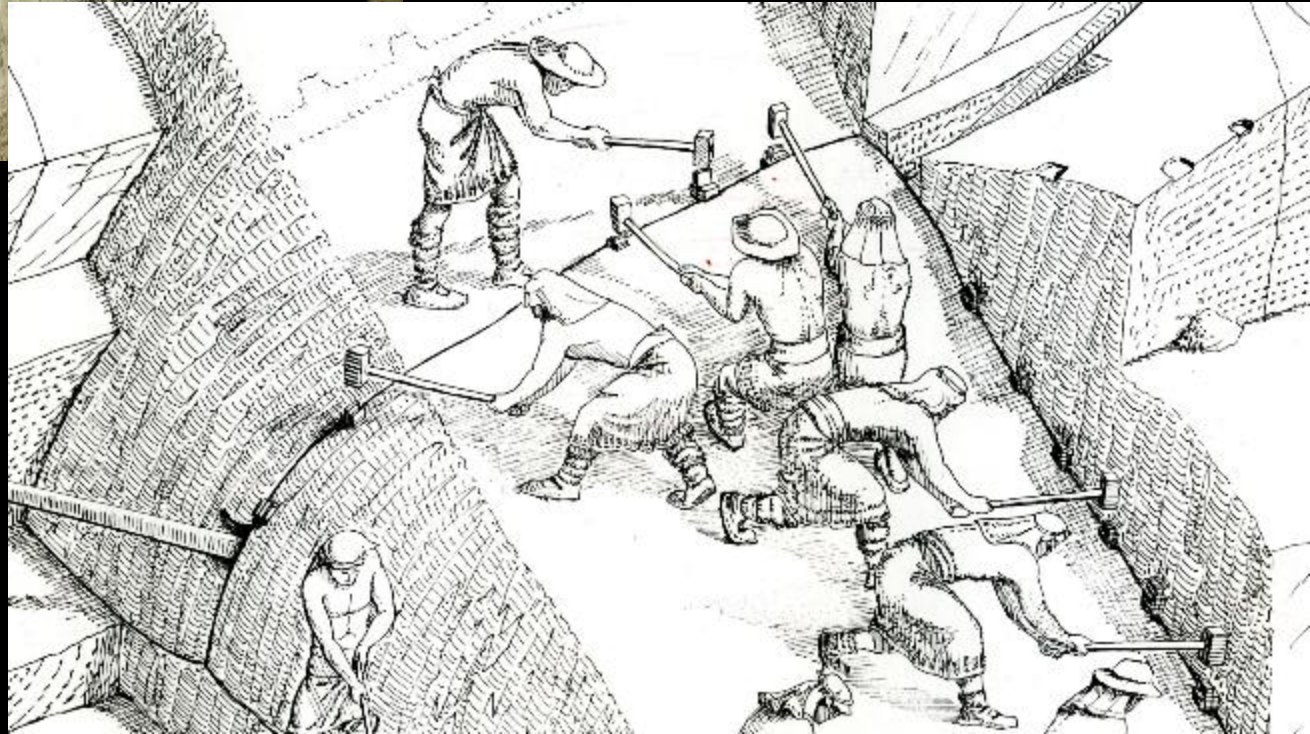


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Part 3: The Impact of Geometry and Mathematics  
Renaissance, Enlightenment to Modern



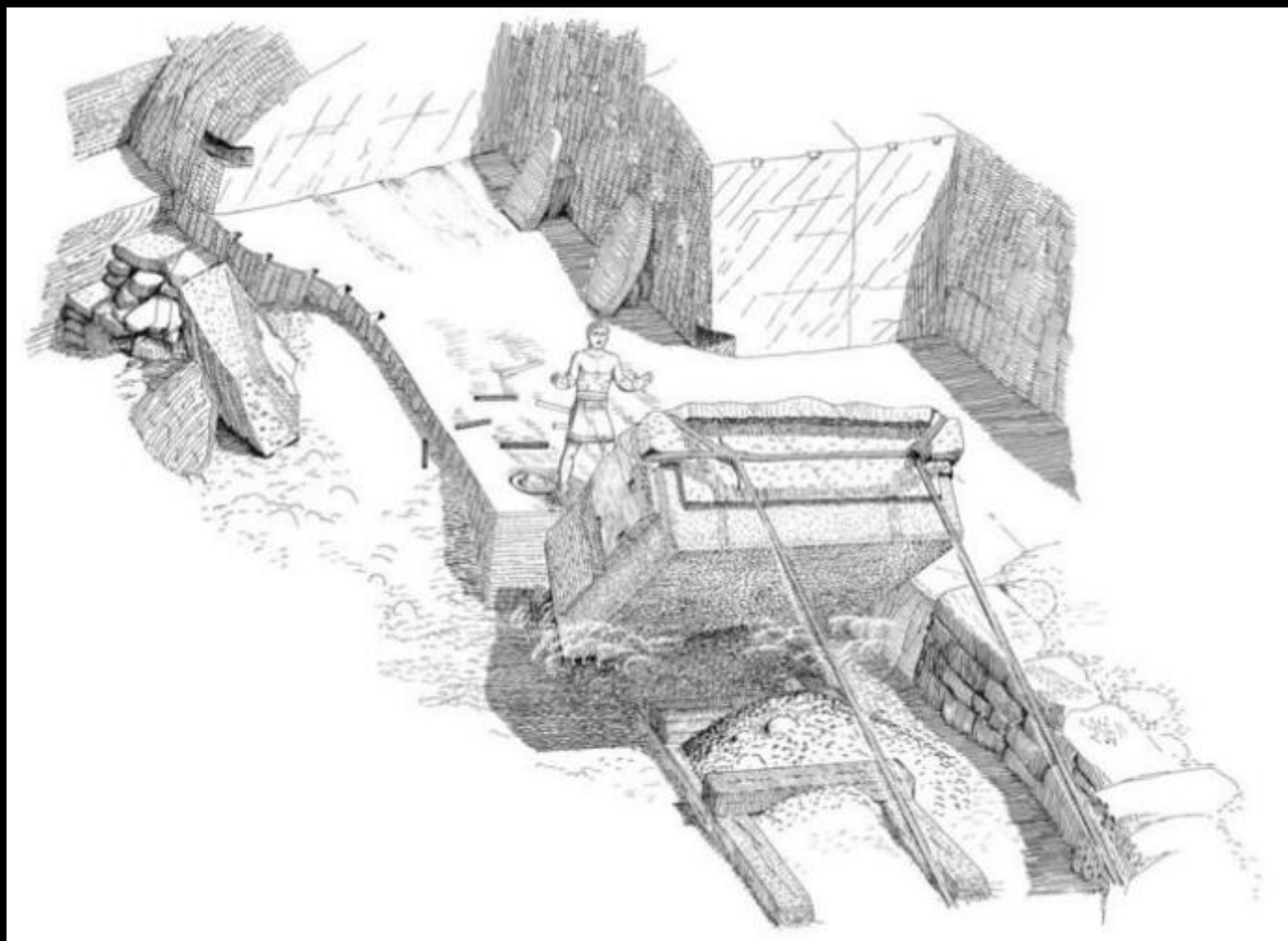
Two of the major  
impediments to  
building with stone are:  
Quarrying  
Carving







Not all stone that is naturally occurring is great to build with and quarrying is difficult







Tools needed to be made from iron which was not available in the early ages  
Carving improved when the tools could be made more precisely





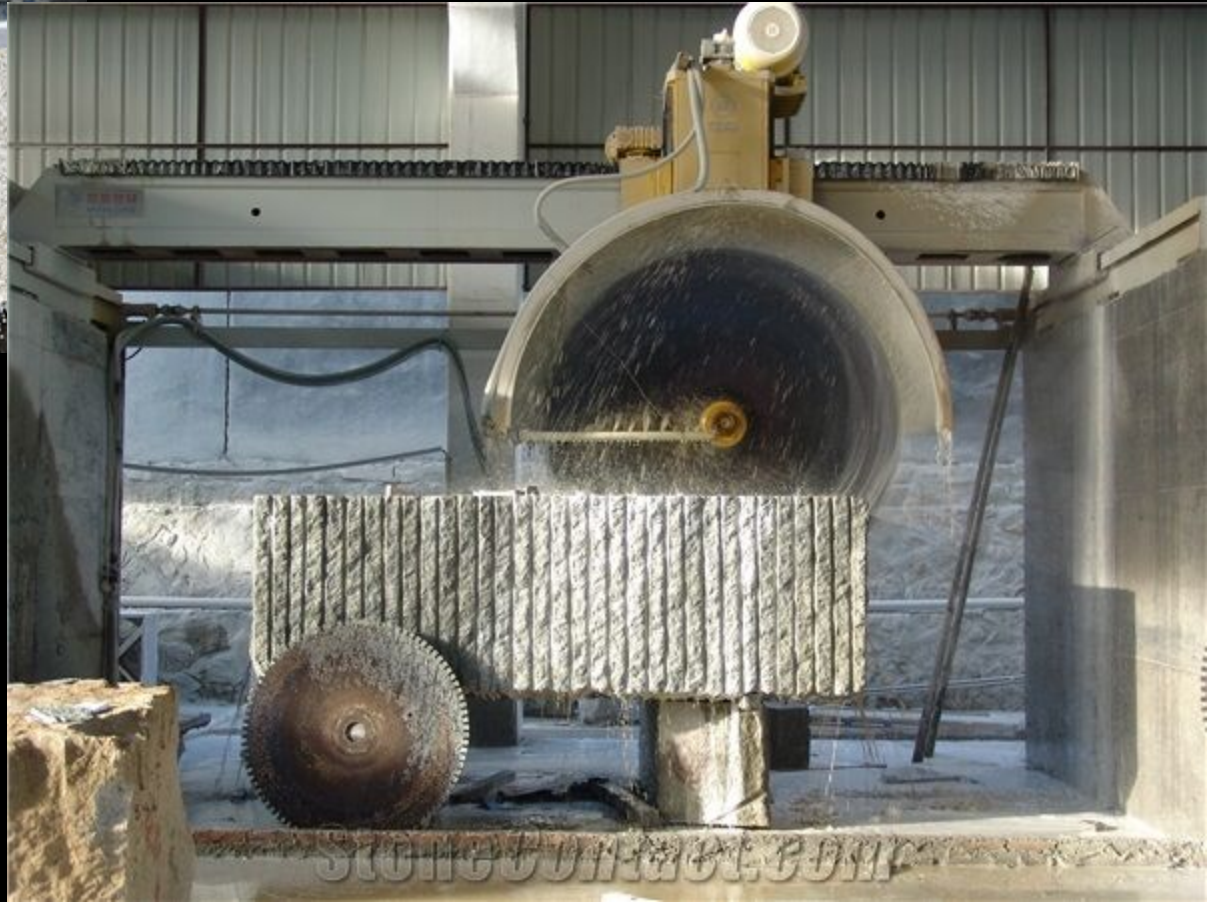
The ability to craft finer tools led to more fine detail in the building decorations and sculptures







Industrial diamonds are embedded into the tips of the 21<sup>st</sup> century saws that are used to cut stone.







5 axis CNC cutting machines can take information from a 3D model and cut the stone to a precise shape



How did inventions in  
mathematics impact the way that  
people "see" and represent in their  
"art"

How did that come to change the  
way we measure and are able to  
be more precise in our building  
methods.





Egyptian art:  
Flat, no perspective



Medieval representation:  
No ability to create  
"accurate" perspective

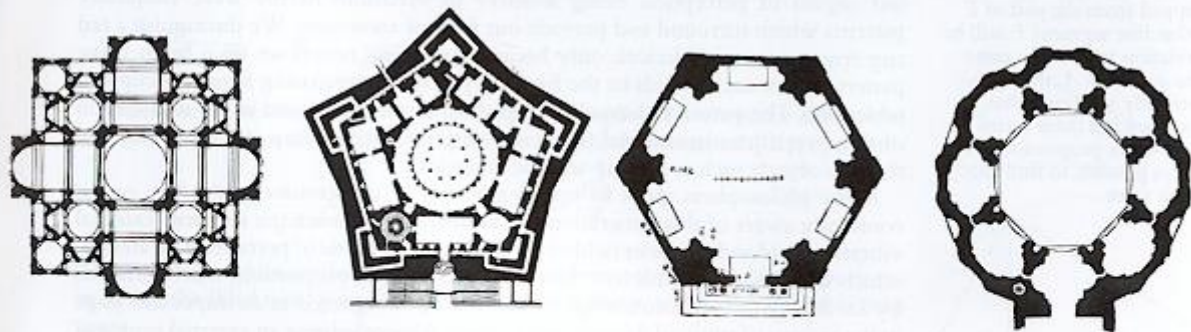
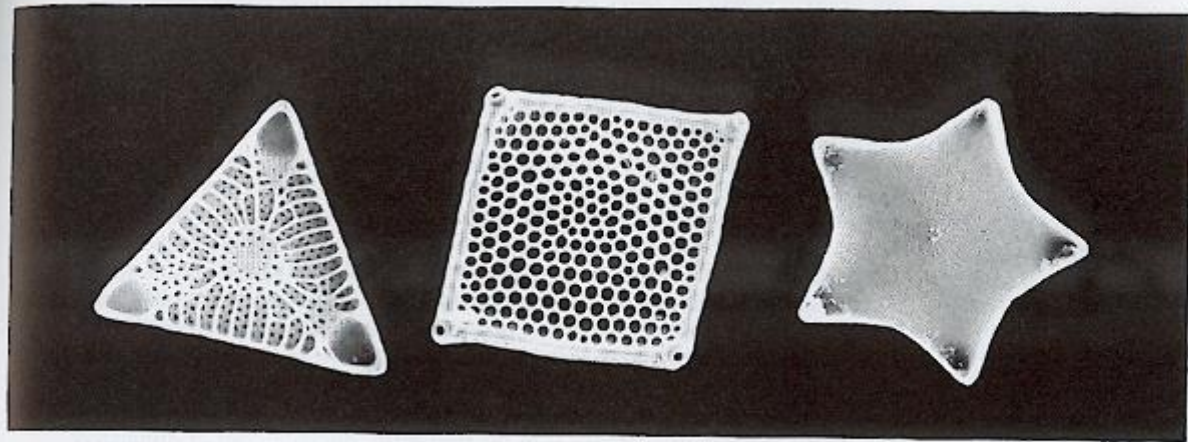


*Robert Lawlor*

*Philosophy and practice*

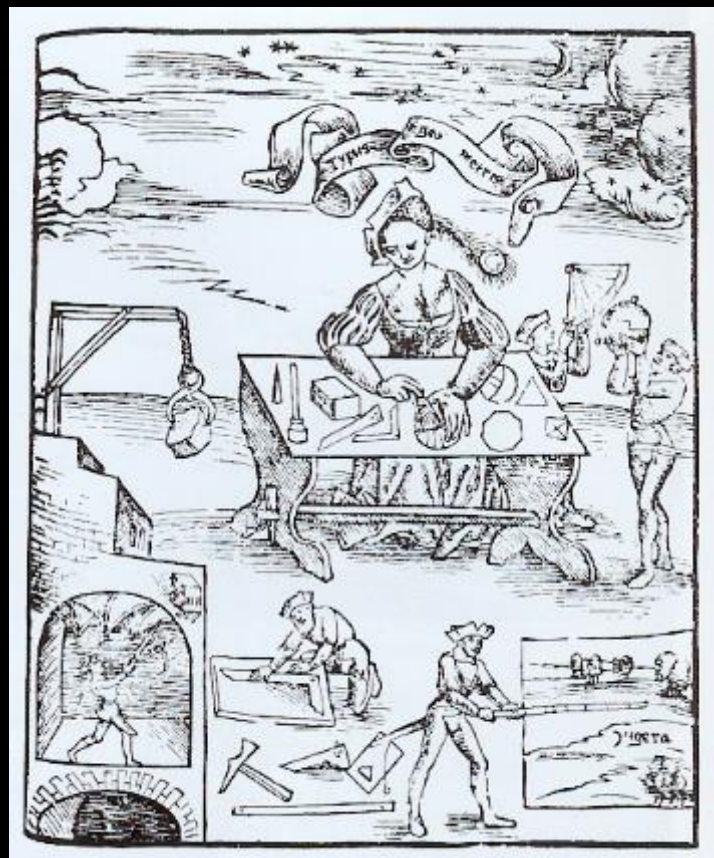
# *sacred geometry*





The numbers which emerge from the 3, 4, 5 'Pythagorean' triangle provide beautiful symmetries for natural forms. This series begins with a natural expression of the equilateral triangle and concludes with a series of symmetries used as the inspiration for ground plans in Renaissance architecture.



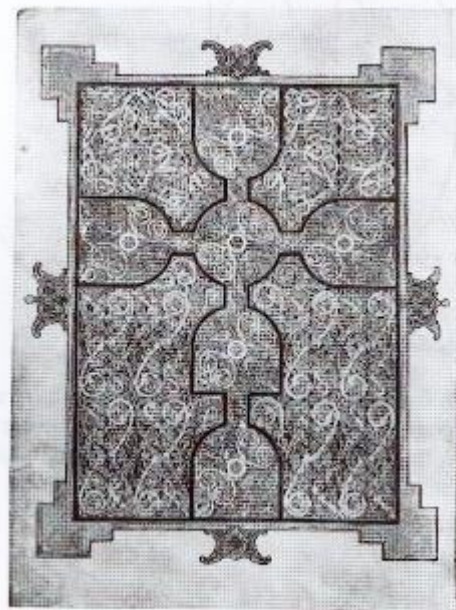
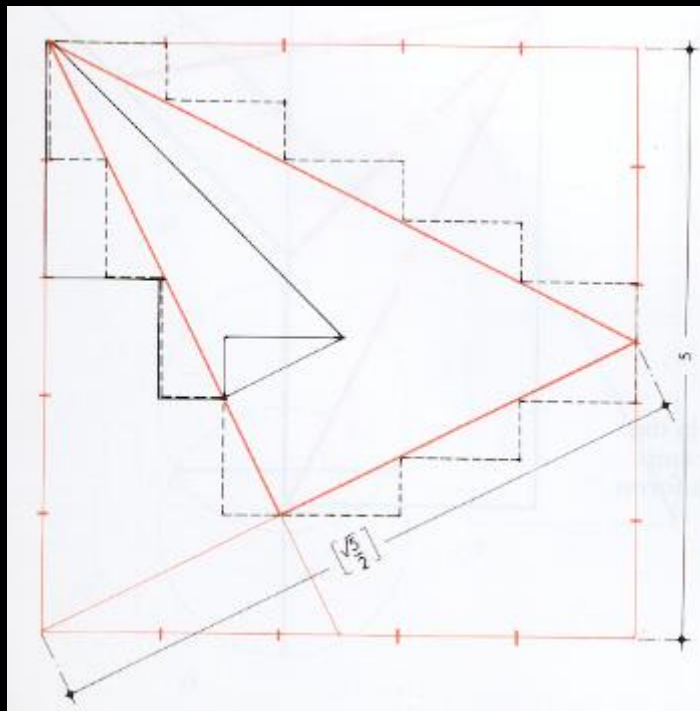




## Pythagoras (590-470 BCE)

In antiquity, Pythagoras was credited with many mathematical and scientific discoveries, including the Pythagorean theorem, Pythagorean tuning, the five regular solids, the Theory of Proportions, the sphericity of the Earth, and the identity of the morning and evening stars as the planet Venus.

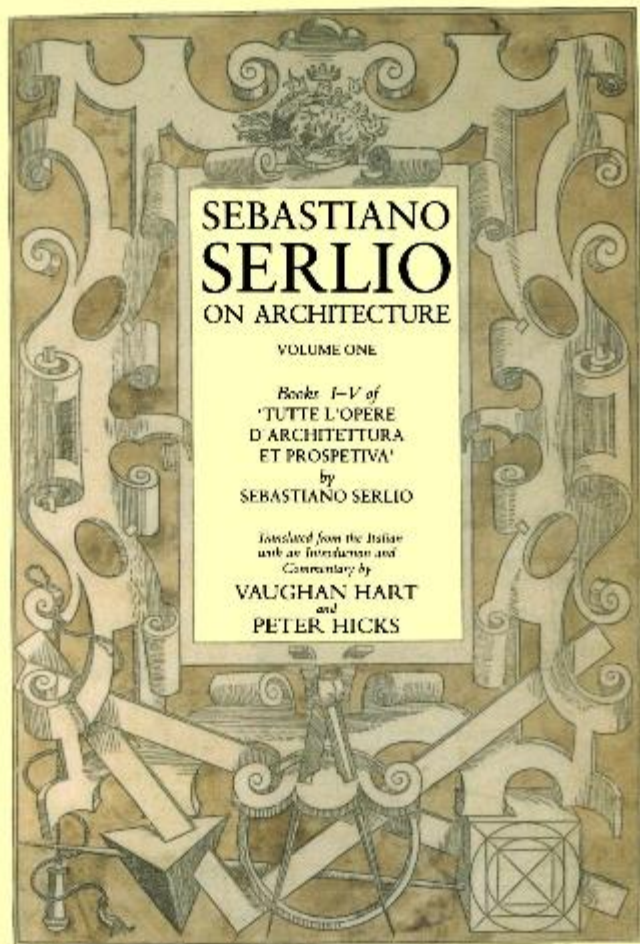




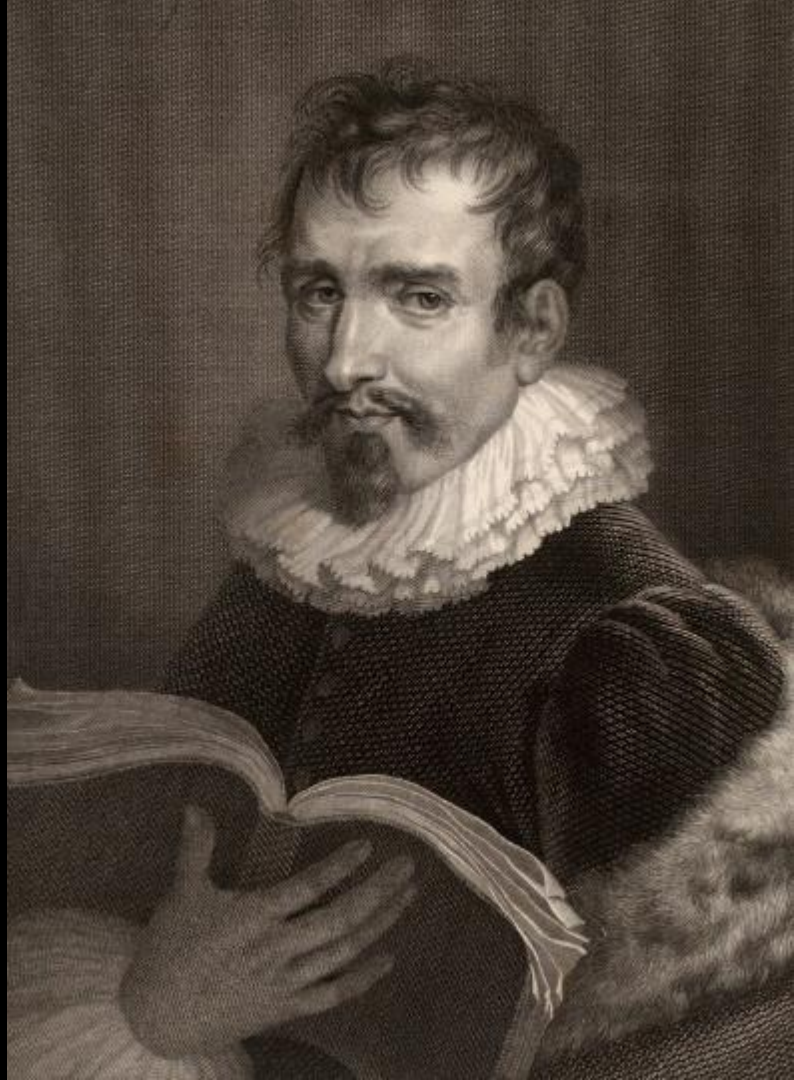
Design of a page  
from the Lindisfarne  
Gospels (c. AD 700)  
with proportions  
based on the 3, 4, 5  
triangle.

The Renaissance  
(Humanism)  
1400 to 1550 CE



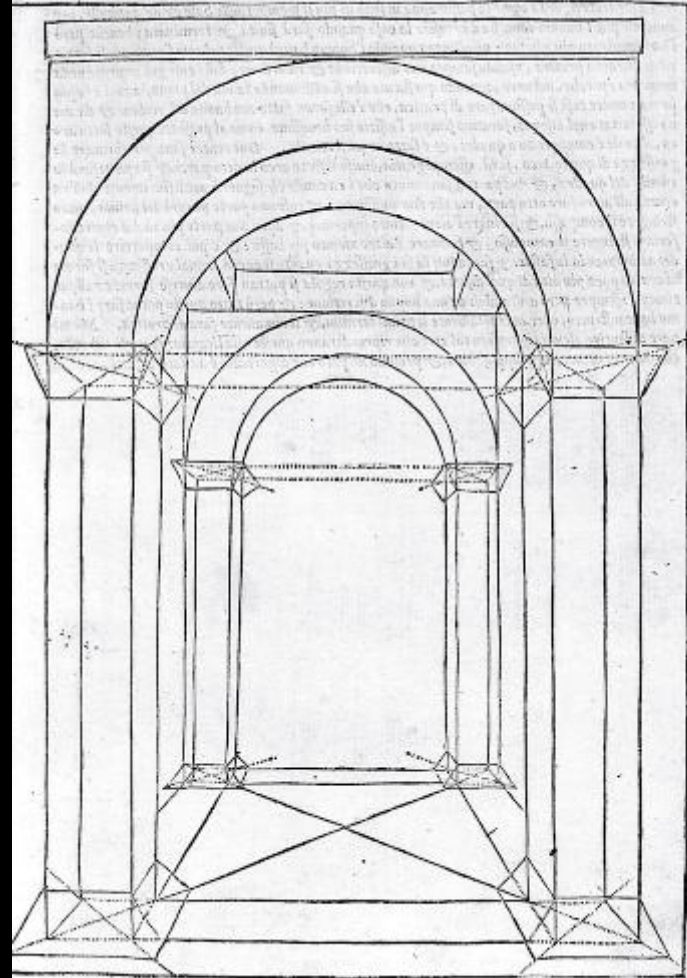
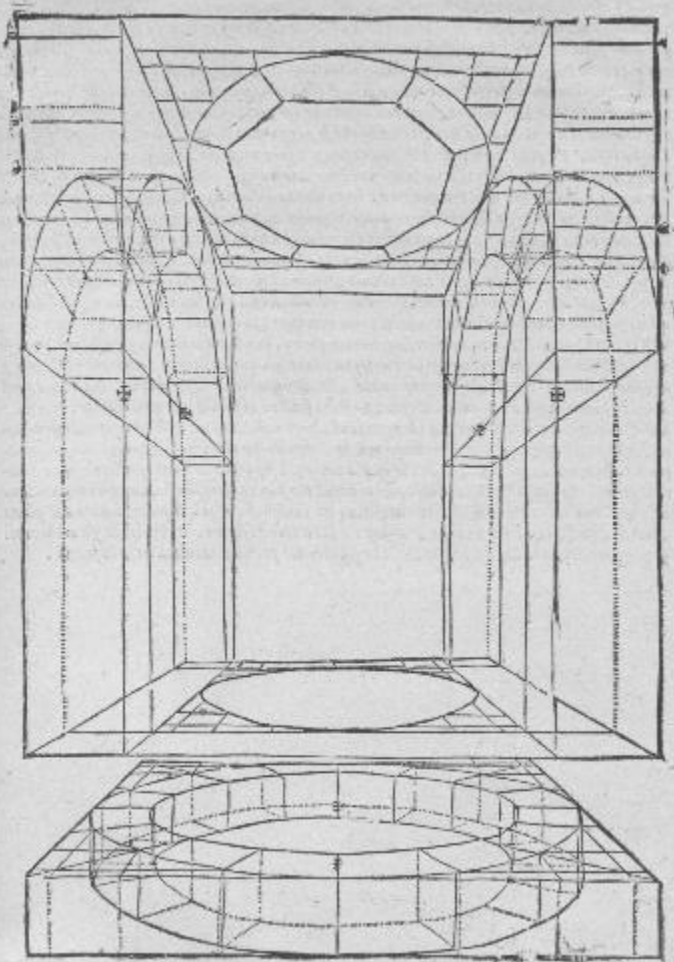


Sebastiano Serlio  
Italian Architect  
1475-1554

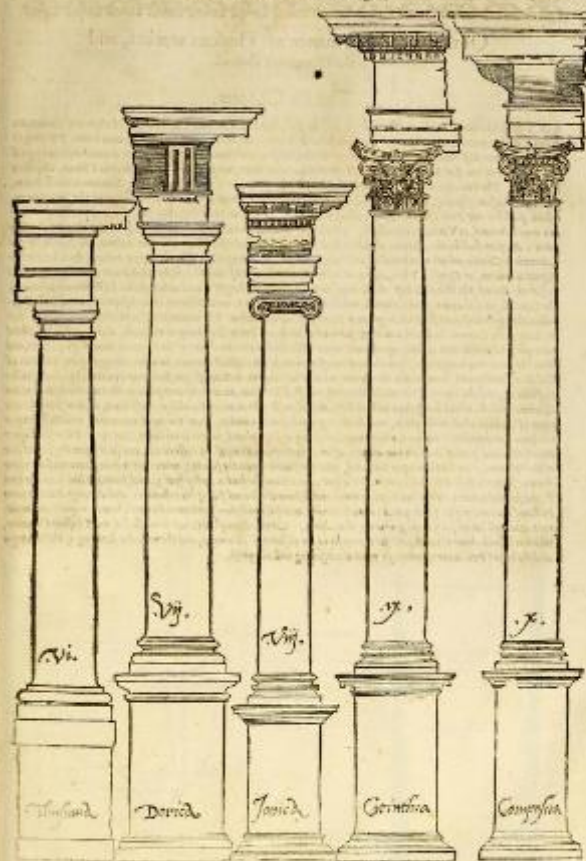
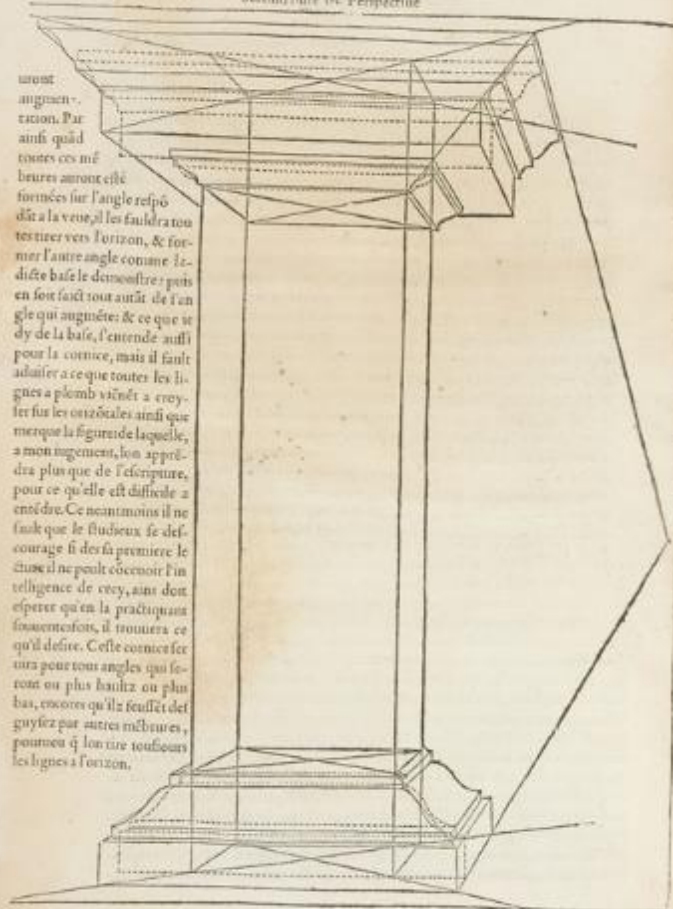






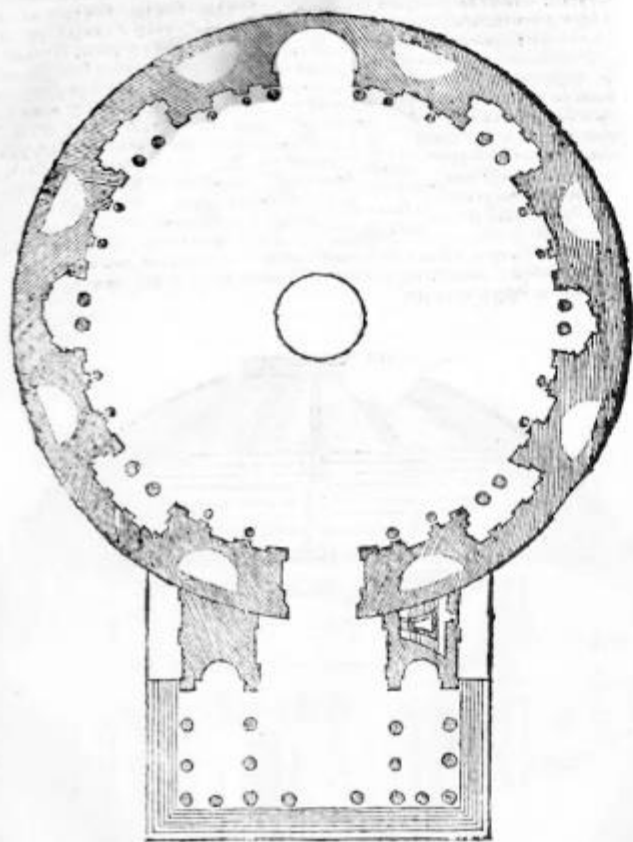


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## Piano del Pantheon:

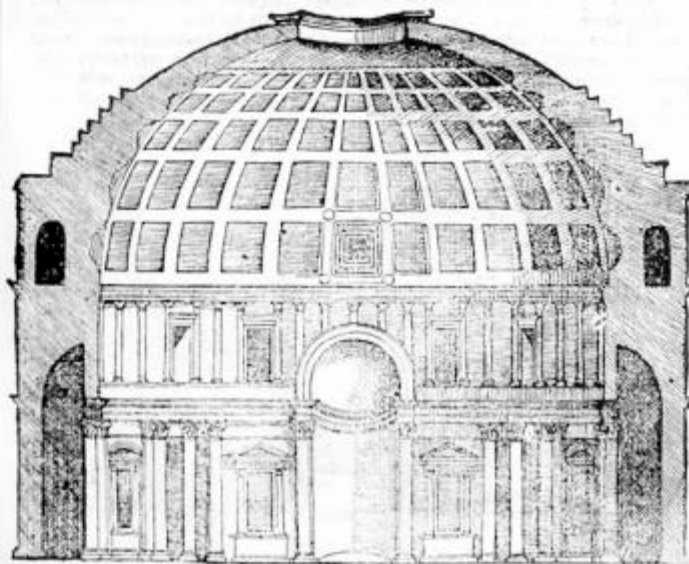


## La parte di dentro del Tempio.

Questa seguente figura dimostra la parte di dentro del Pantheon, la qual forma è tolosa dalle rotondità perfetta: perciocche tanto è la sua larghezza da muro a muro, quanto è dal pavimento fin sotto l'apertura, che come ho detto più adietro, è per diametro palmi CCXXII. & è tanto del pavimento alla sommità dell'ultima cornice, quanto da quella alla sommità della volta dove è l'apertura. Le riquadrature che sono in essa volta, si vogliono dire Cielo, sono tutte nel modo ch'è nel disegno: & è opinione che fossero ornati di lame di argento laminato, per alcune vestigie, che ancora si veggono: perche se di bronzo fossero stati tali ornamenti, per le ragioni dette più adietro, si erano stati spogliati gli altri bronzi, che ancor sono nel portico.

Non si maravigli alcuno se in queste cose che accennano alla prospettiva, non v'è scorcio alcuno, né grossezze, né piano: perciocche ho voluto levarle dalla pianta dimostrando solamente le altezze in misura, acciò che per lo scorcicare le misure non si perdino per causa de' scorcicini: bene poi nel libro di prospettiva dimostrerò le cose ne' suoi veri scorti in diversi modi, in superficie & in corpi, in varie forme, & gran copia di vari casamenti pertinenti a tal arte: ma nel dimostrare queste antichità per fermare le misure non v'ferò tal arte. Dalla cornice in giù non dirò hora le misure delle cose, perche più avanti a parte per parte dimostrerò le figure, & ne darò le misure minutamente.

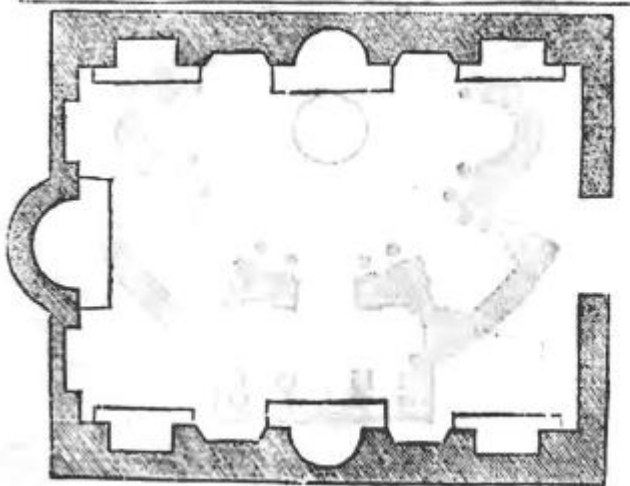
La cupola di mezzo ancora ch'ella sia benissimo accompagnata con tutta l'altra opera; nondi meno è opinione di molti che non sia antica: perche l'arco di essa viene a rüperre le cinque colonne, cosa che non v'erano li buoni antichi, ma che al tempio de' Christiani ella sia stata creata, ancor si conviene a' Tempj de' Christiani di haver v'n'altra principale: & maggior de' gli altri.



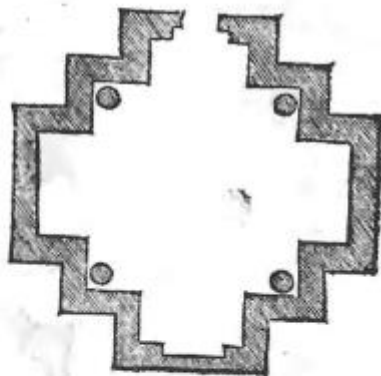




Il Tempio di sesto detto è fuori di Roma molto vicino, & la maggior parte di pietra cotta, & non è molto grande, ed è circondato di mura di tufo, & della facciata che per tutto sopra la camera tutti gli altri fuori in luoghi da Roma è di marmo, & di tufo. La misura di questo Tempio si produce per il viaggio, & però in non la posso altrimenti: ma l'Architetto si potrà veder del tutto in Roma, ma che si è in memoria che il Tempio di sesto non va guasta a più, così nella pianta, come nell'altare.

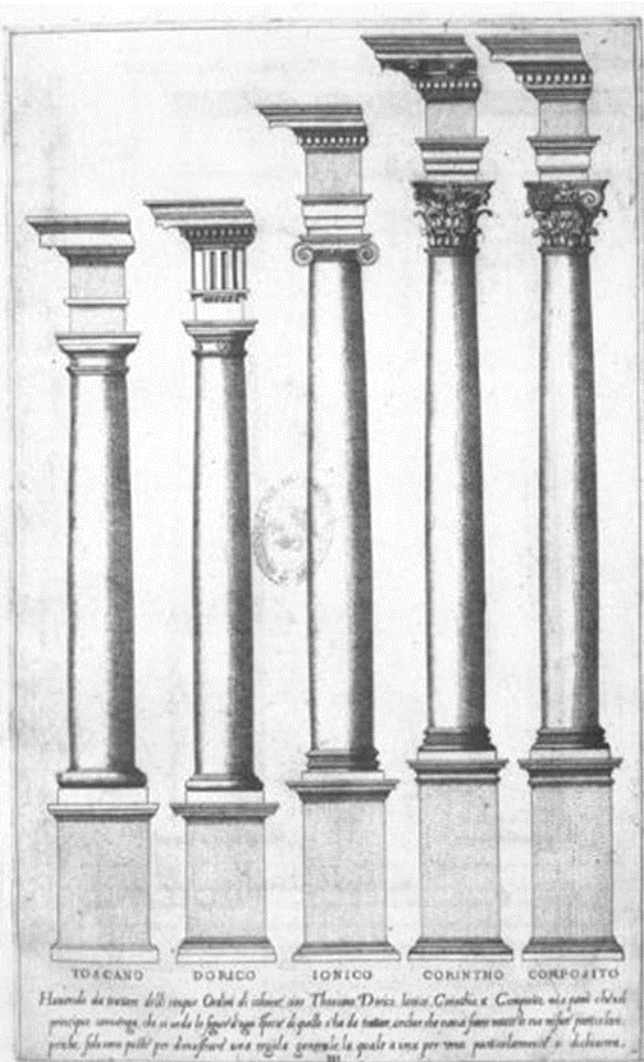


Il presente tempio è fuori di Roma, parte di pietra cotta, & parte di marmo, il quale è rovinato assai, & si giudica che fosse un sepolcro, & è di forma quadrata perfetta per ogni verso: da muro a muro è circa palmi trenta. La grossezza del muro è palmi due & mezzo. La larghezza delle capelle è palmi dieci. La porta è larga palmi cinque. L'altezza delle colonne con le basi, & i capitelli è palmi ventidue & mezzo. La grossezza d'esse è poco più di due palmi. L'architrave, il fregio, & la cornice è alta da palmi quattro, dalla cornice alla sommità della volta è da palmi undeci. L'altezza de gli archi delle capelle è palmi venti.





Andrea Palladio  
Italian Renaissance  
Architect  
1508 - 1580











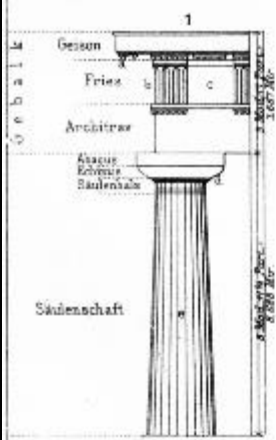
Korinthische Ordnung



Kapital u. Basis vom Monument des Lysikrates zu Athen.

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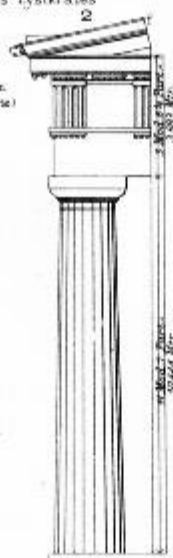
- a Misch (Dadensköpfe)
- b Triglyphen (Dreacklitz)
- c Metopen
- d Riemchen
- e Kannelirungen
- f Sima (Bambrose)



Vom Tempel in Eleusis



Kapital u. Basis vom Tempel der Athene zu Athen.



Vom Parthenon in Athen

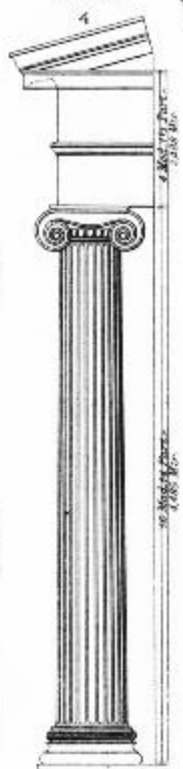


Vom Tempel des Menekles in Zeus

Jonische Ordnung



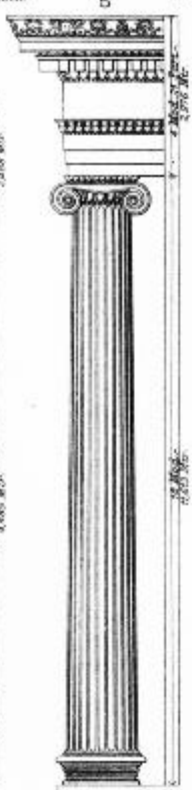
Kapital vom Tempel der Athene zu Priene



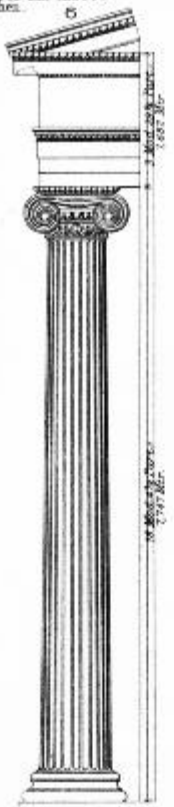
Vom Tempel am Ilisos in Athen



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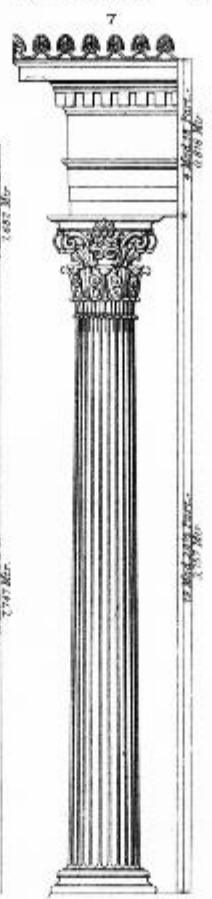


Vom Tempel d. Athene Polias in Priene



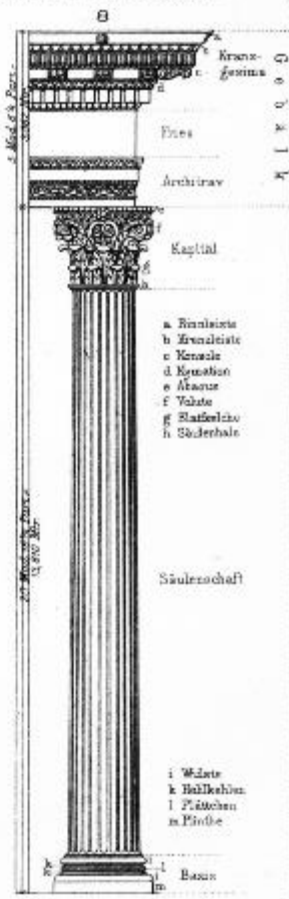
Vom Tempel d. Athene Polias in Athen.

Korinthisch



Vom Monument des Lysikrates in Athen.

Römisch-Korinthisch

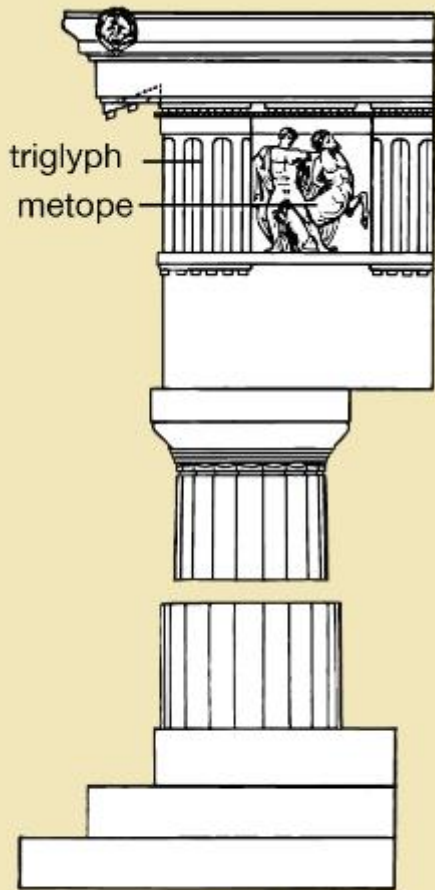


Vom Tempel d. Jupiter-Stator in Rom.

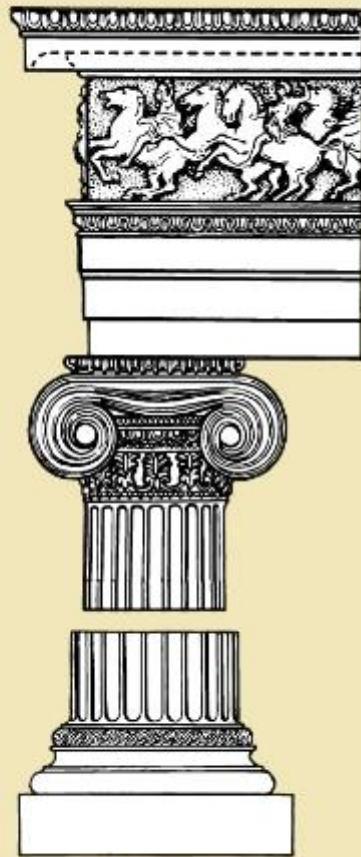
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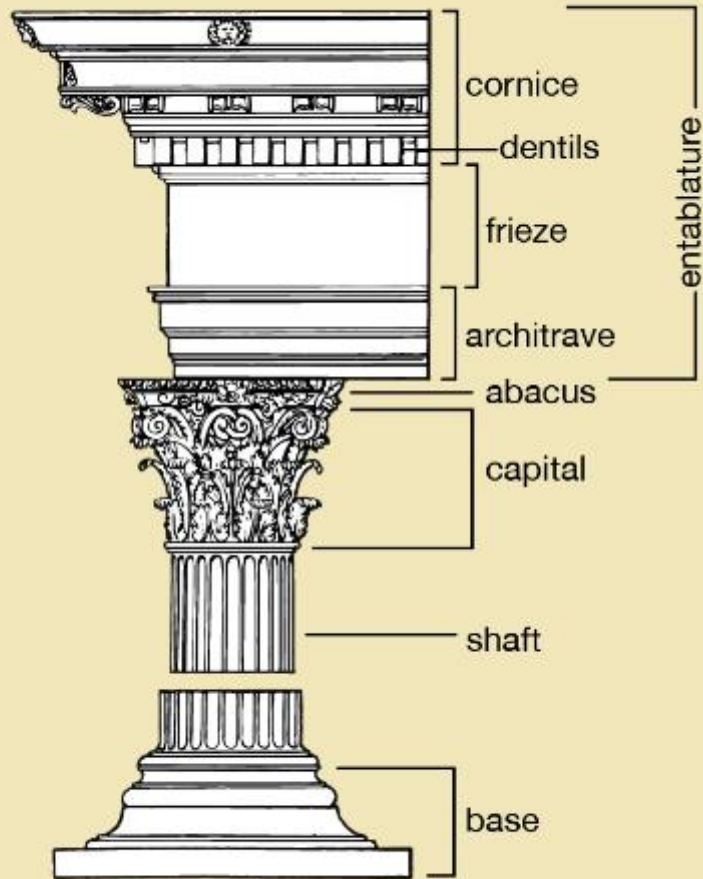
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**Doric**



**Ionic**



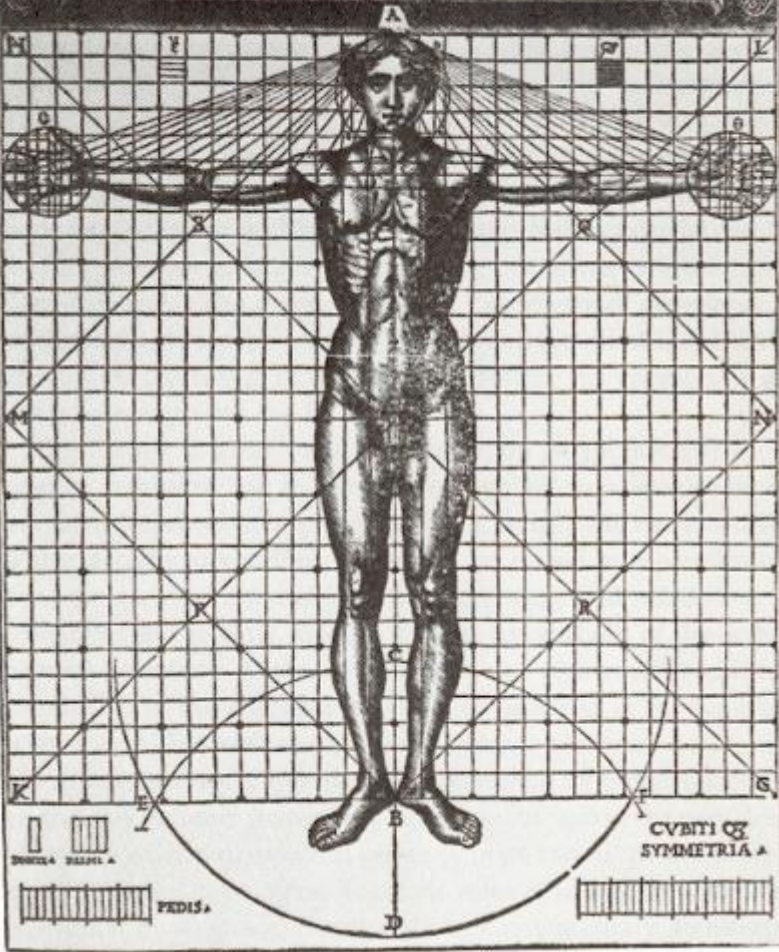
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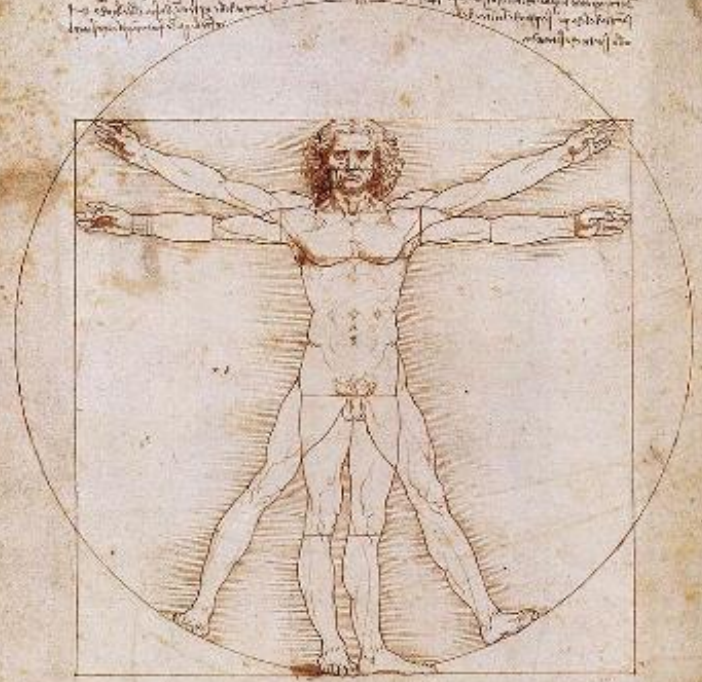
**Golden ratio**, also known as the golden section, golden mean, or divine proportion, in mathematics, the irrational number  $(1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ , often denoted by the Greek letter  $\phi$  or  $\tau$ , which is approximately equal to 1.618.

It is the ratio of a line segment cut into two pieces of different lengths such that the ratio of the whole segment to that of the longer segment is equal to the ratio of the longer segment to the shorter segment.

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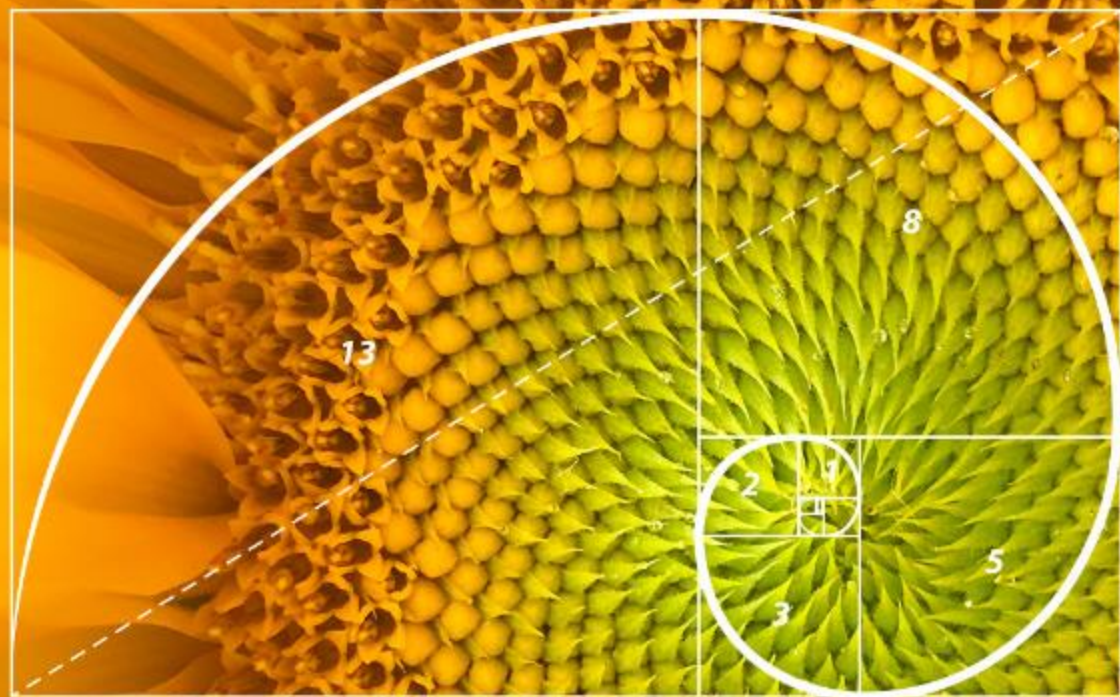


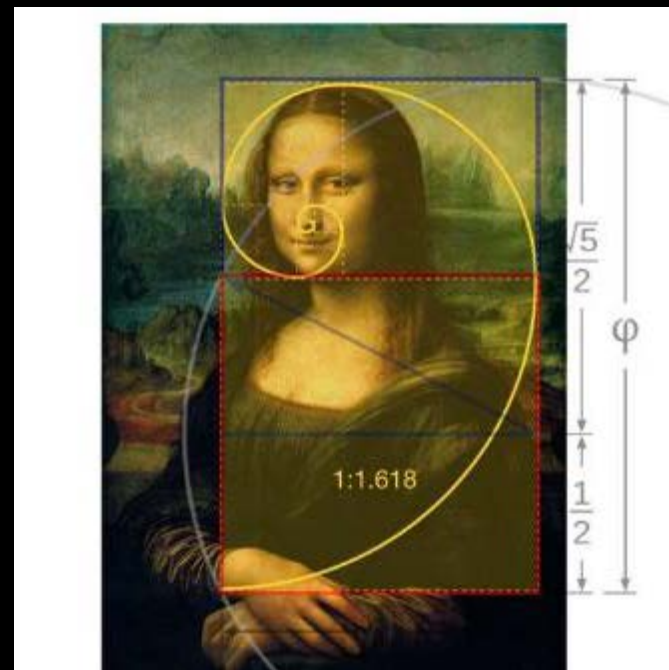
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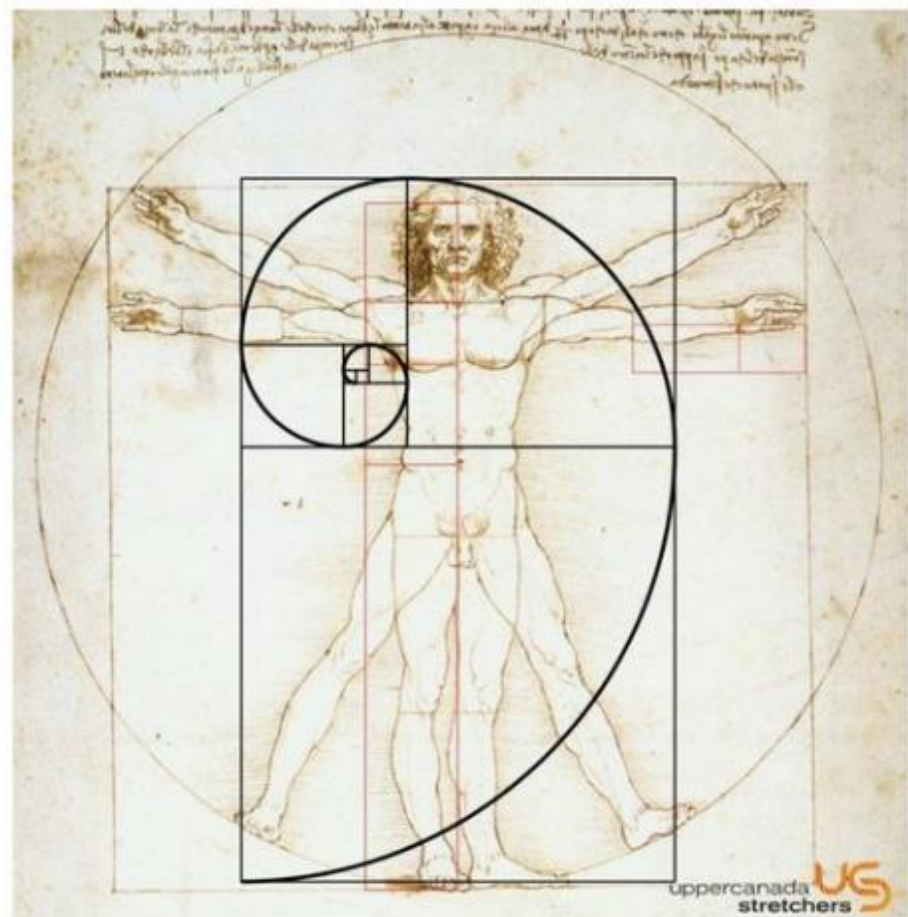
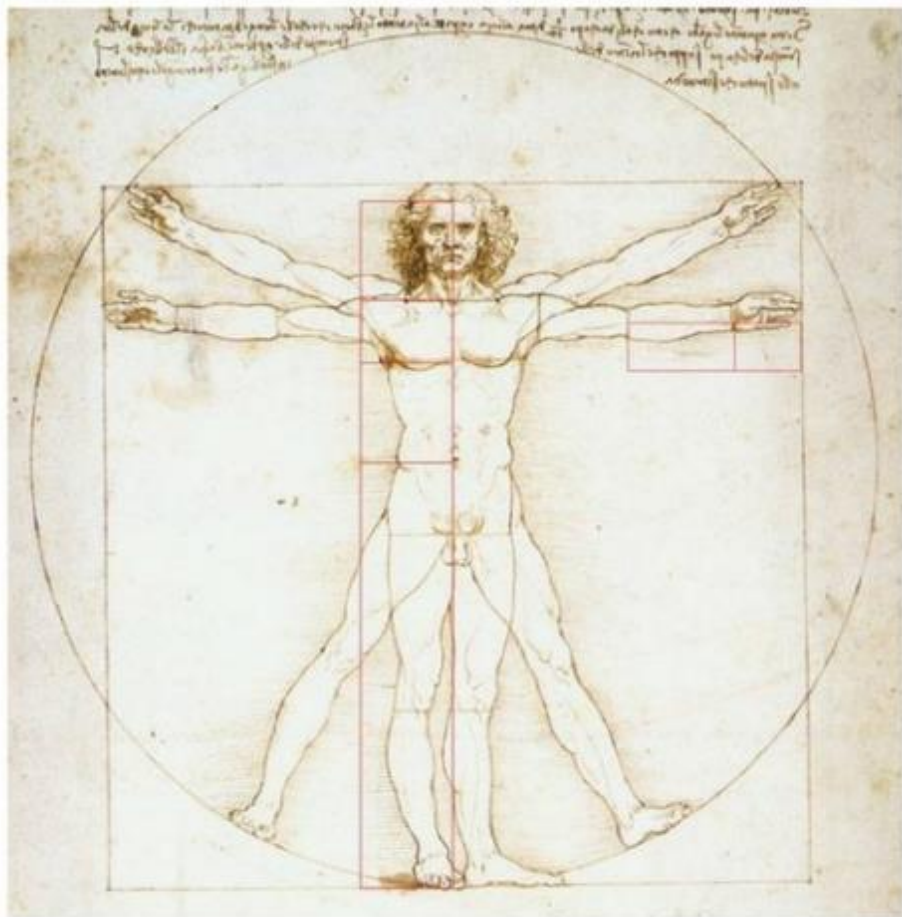
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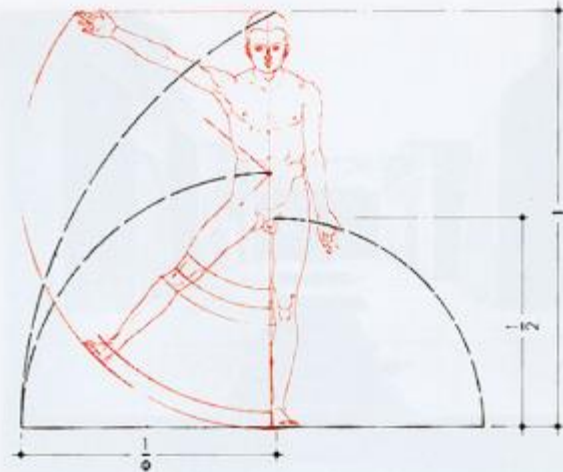
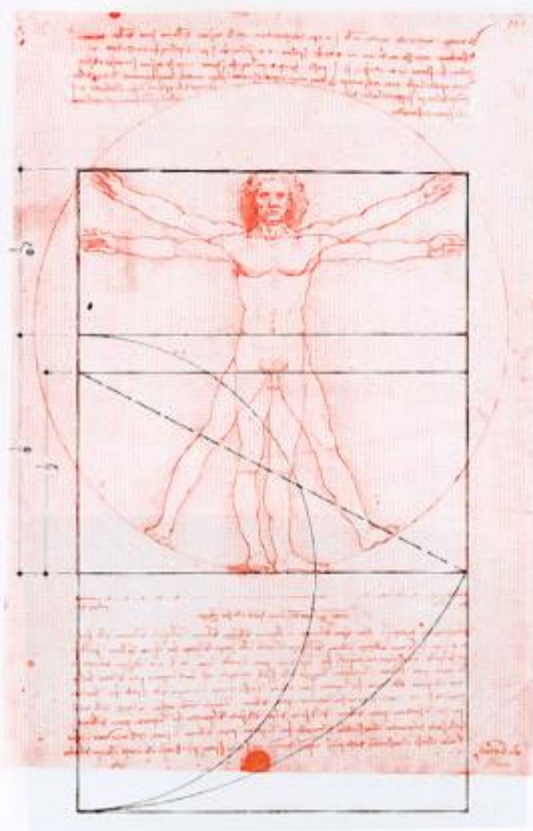




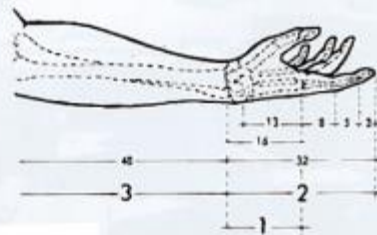








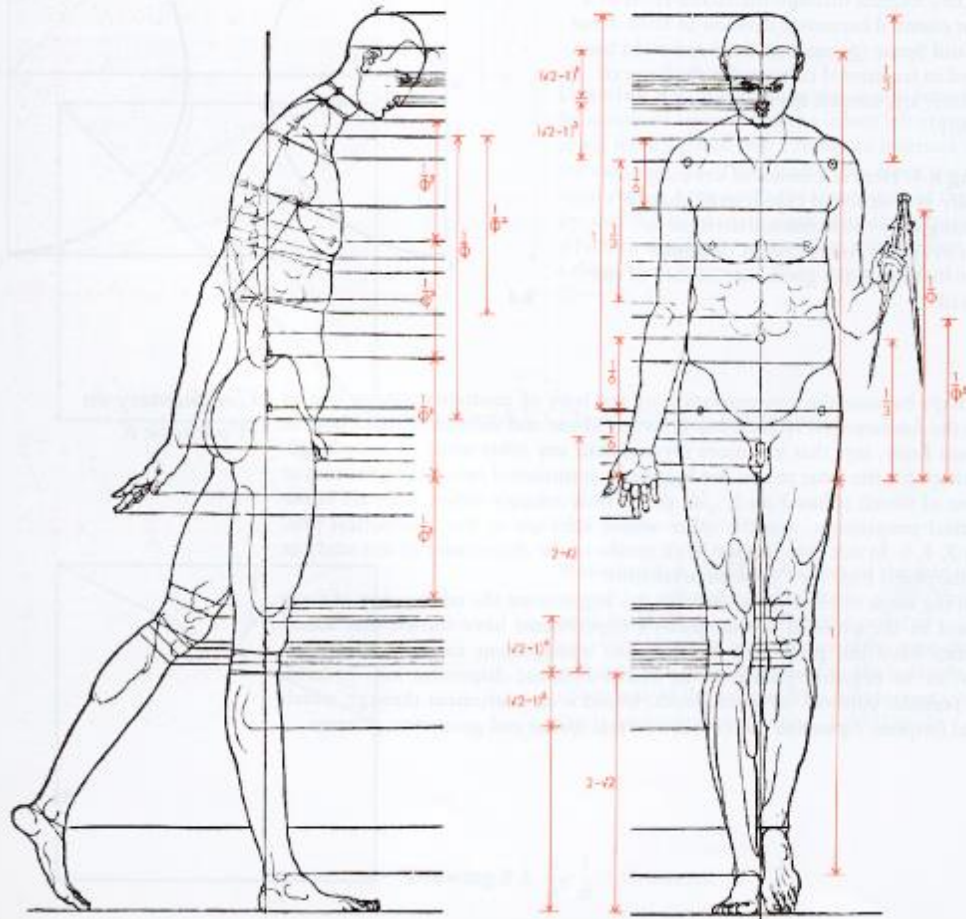
The canonical figures of both Leonardo da Vinci and Albrecht Dürer conform to the ancient biometric symbol of the body divided in half by the sex organ and by  $\phi$  at the navel.



The appearance of the Fibonacci Series in the relationships between the bone-lengths of the human finger, hand and arm is another instance of the numerous  $\phi$  relationships which occur in the human body.



Albrecht Dürer's human canon is entirely composed of proportions derived from the three unique divisions of Unity into the Arithmetic, Harmonic and Geometric Proportions.

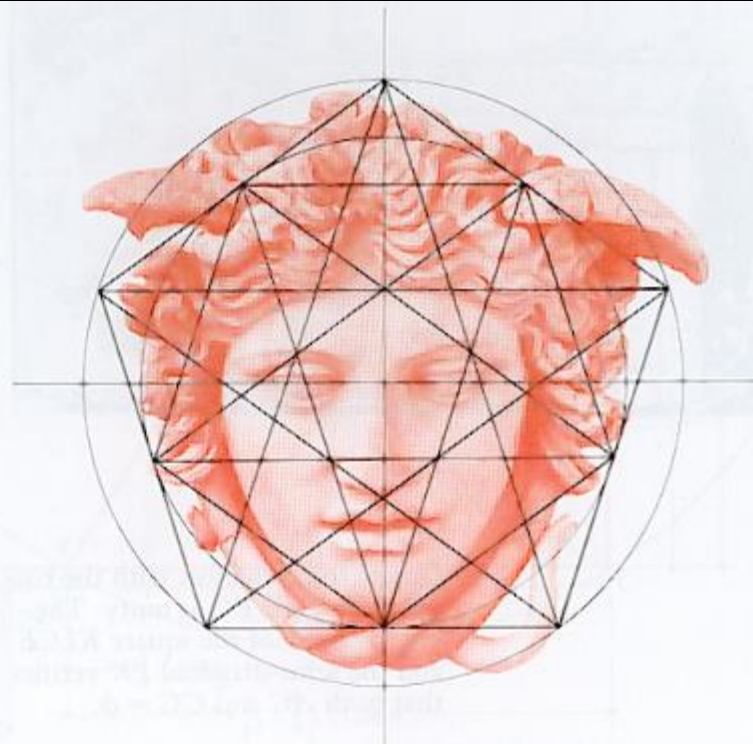
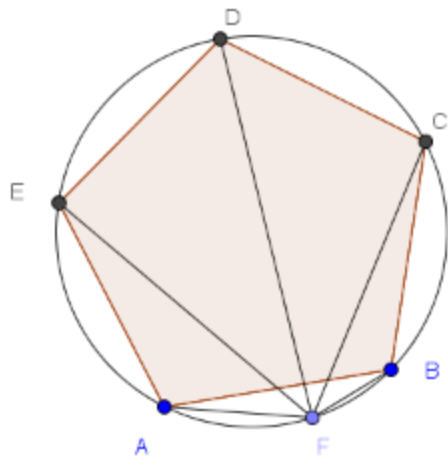


The Golden Divisions contained in the pentagram are shown to determine the proportions of this ancient mask of Hermes.

Let  $ABCDE$  be a regular pentagon.

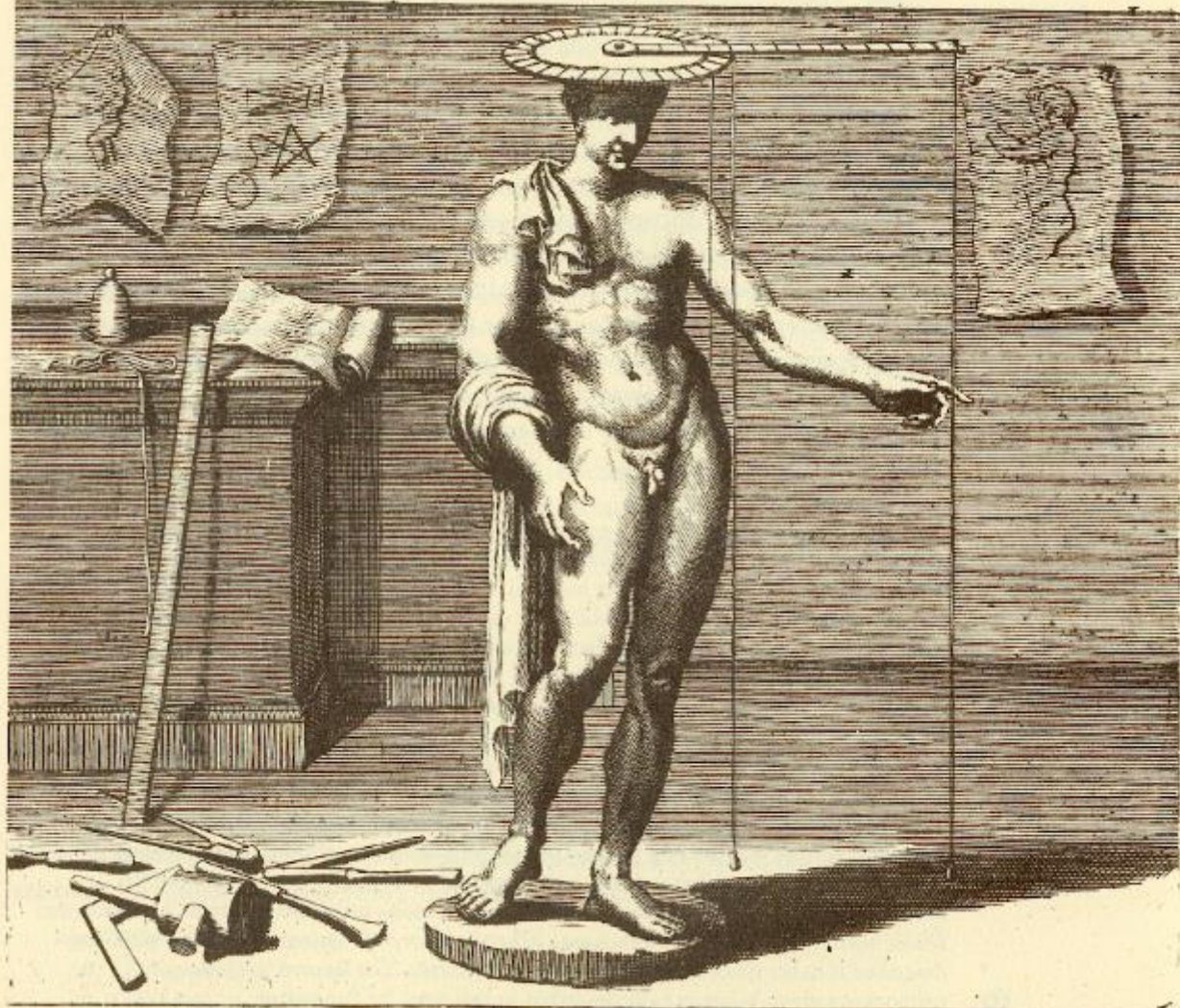
$$\varphi = \frac{FD}{FE + FC} = \frac{FB + FA}{FD} = \text{golden ratio} = 0.618033\dots$$

and  $FD + FB + FA = FE + FC$









Leon Battista Alberti  
Italian Renaissance Architect  
1404 - 1472

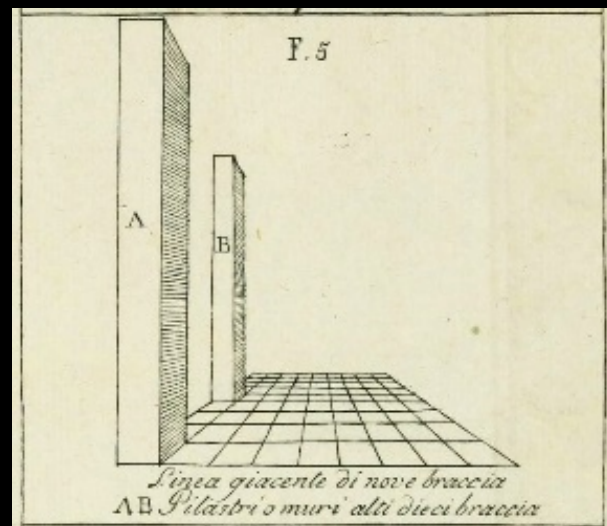
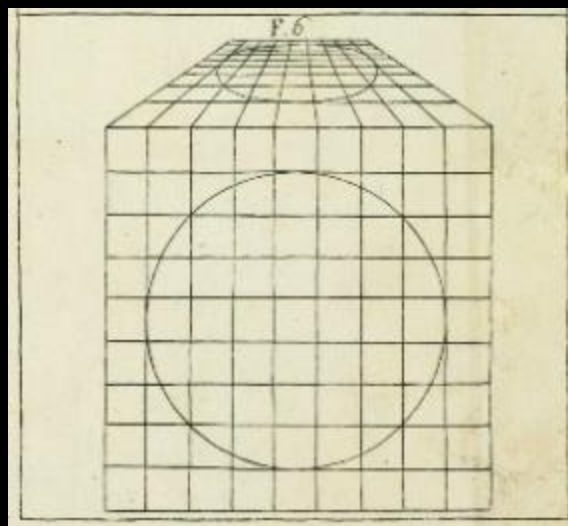
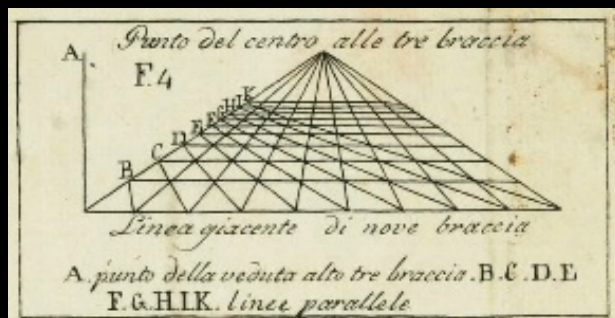




Because of the distortion of perspective inevitable in a photograph, we can only roughly indicate a few of the basic  $\phi$  proportions. But this entire edifice is based on  $\phi$  and  $\sqrt{2}$  relationships.

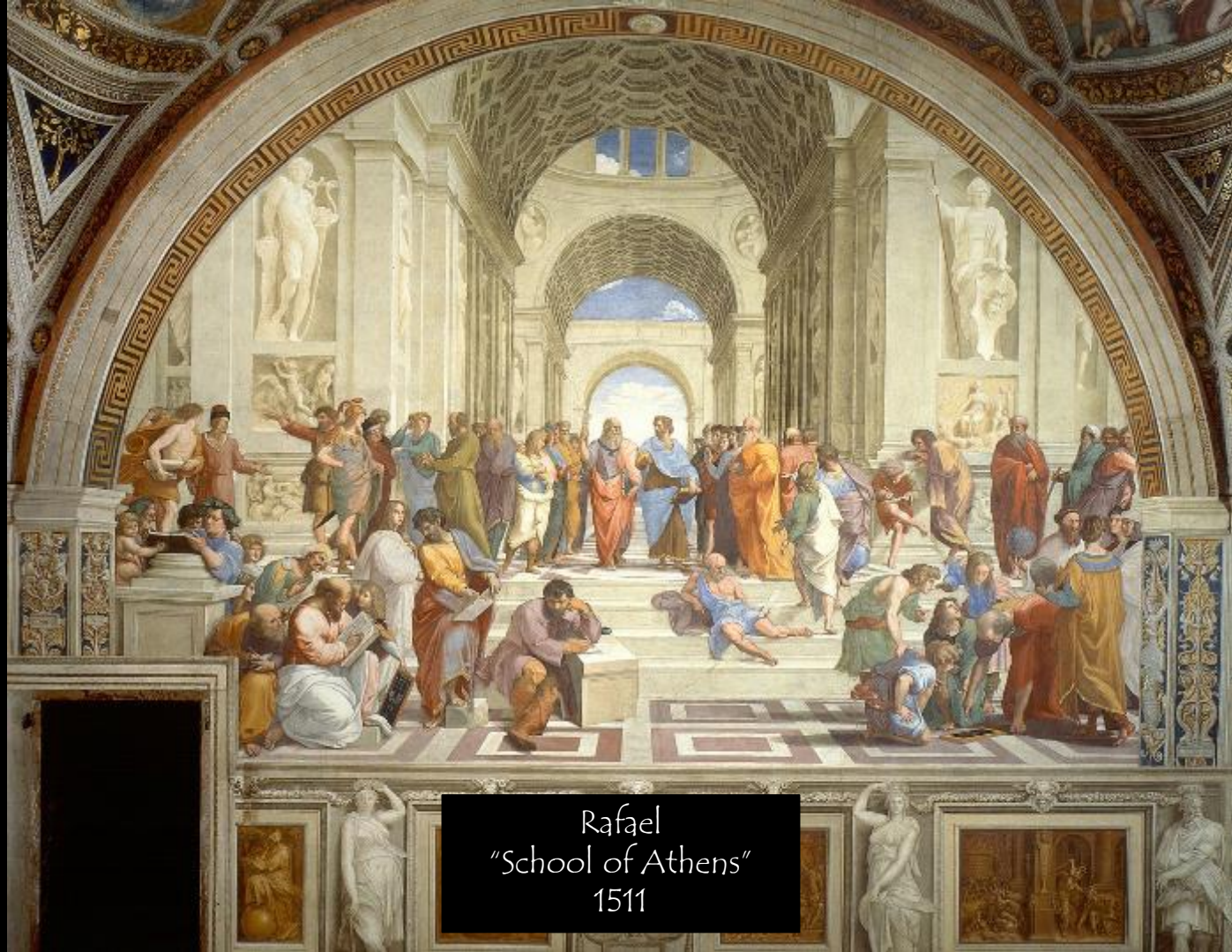




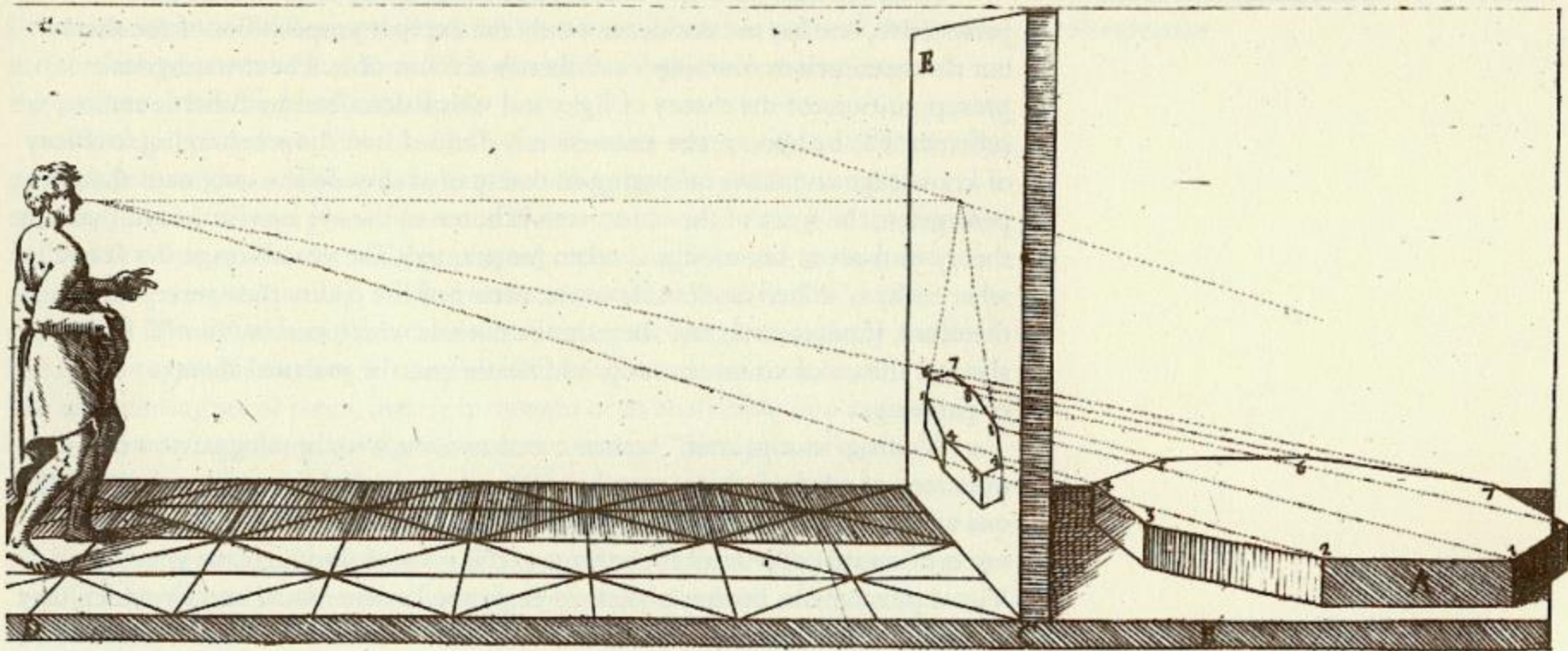








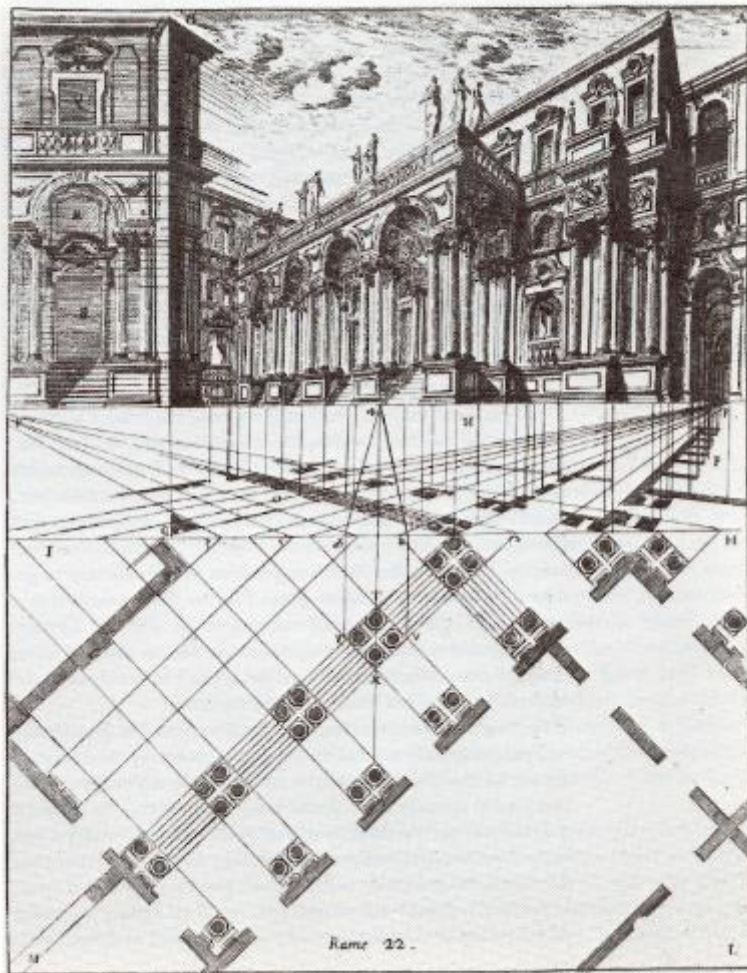
Rafael  
"School of Athens"  
1511

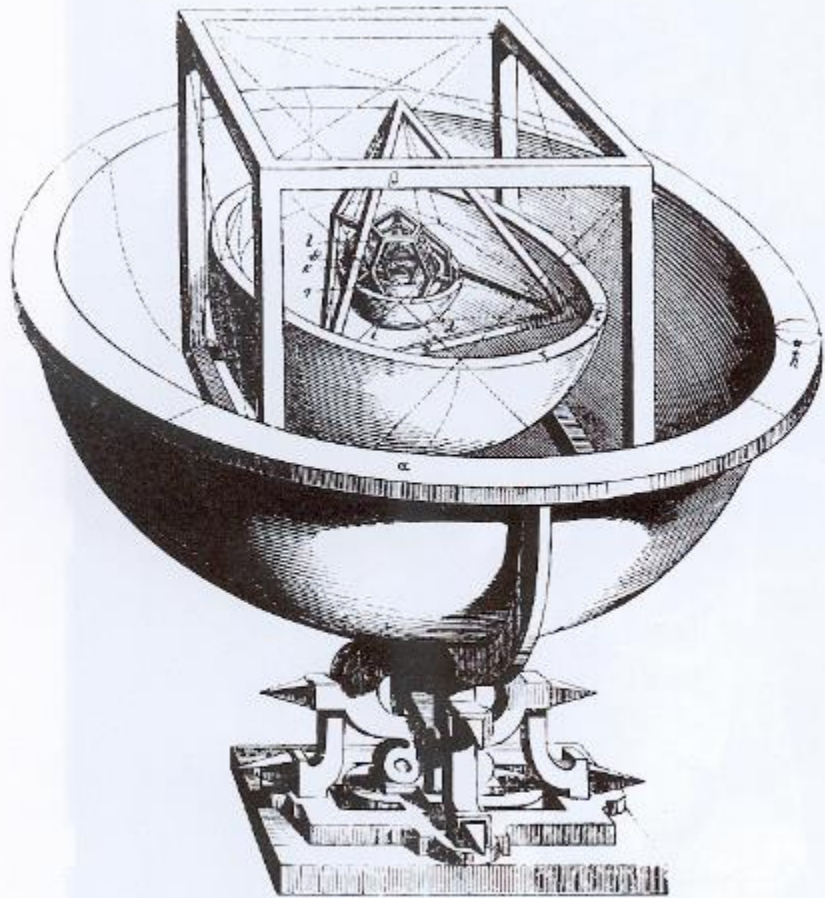


3. Seeing by means of visual rays.  
From Vignola, *La due regole della  
prospettiva pratica*, 1611.



An example of F. Galli-Bibiena's *scena per angolo*,  
from his own *Architettura Civile*.





Kepler's version of the solar system was as one Platonic solid within another, the radii of the intervening concentric spheres relating to the orbits of the planets.

Johannes Kepler  
1571-1630



Renaissance marked a  
return to Classicism



Pazzi Chapel  
Florence, Italy  
Filippo Brunelleschi  
1443







Ospedale degli Innocenti  
Florence, Italy  
Filippo Brunelleschi  
1419







Donato  
Bramante

Tempietto  
Rome 1502



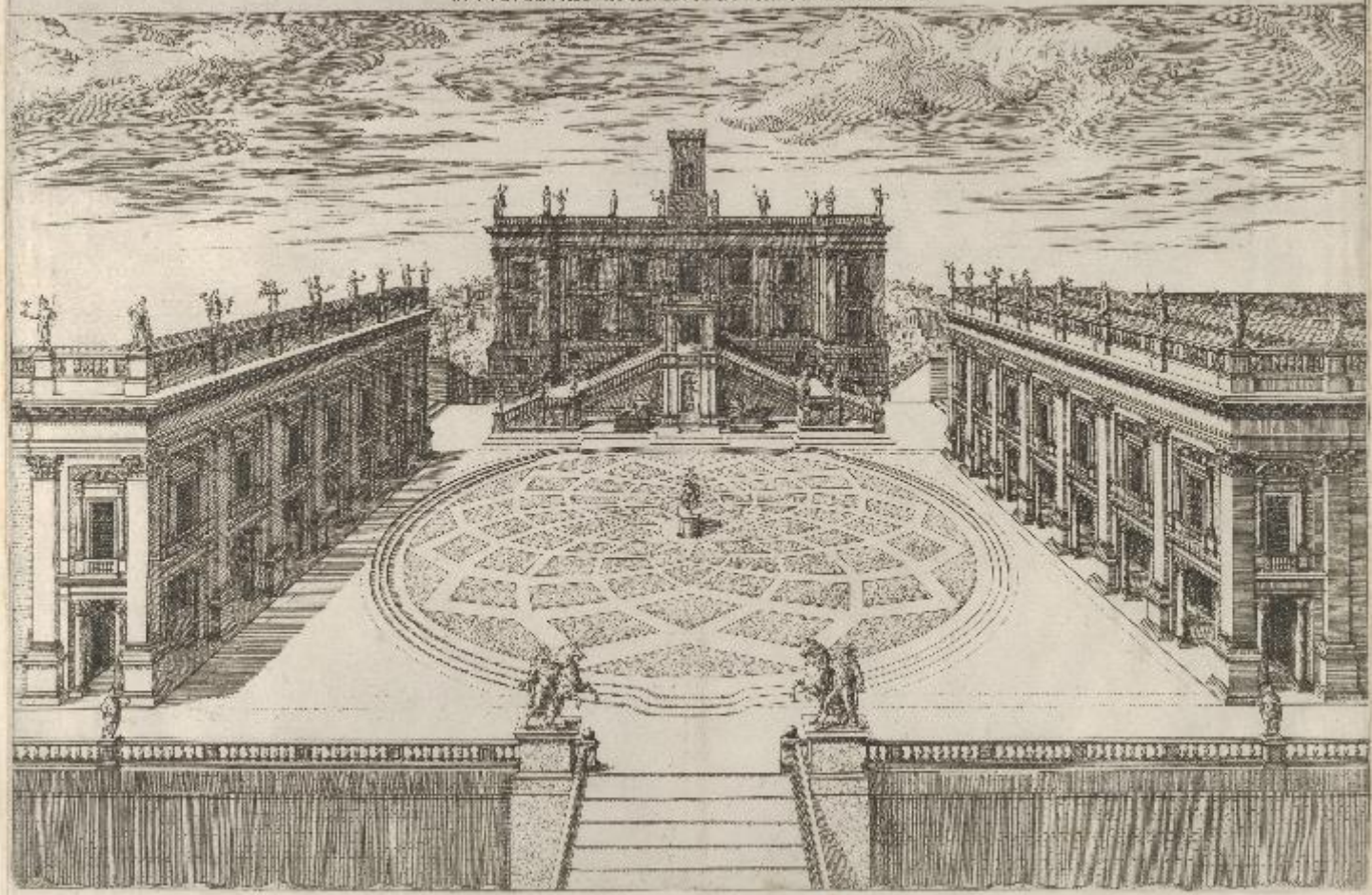






Capitoline Hill, Rome  
Michelangelo (1475-1564)

CAPITOLIUM SCIOGRAPHICA EX IPSO EXEMPLARI MICHAELIS ANGELO BOASDOTTA STEPHANO DE PLIRAC PARISIENSI ACCURANTE EMULINATA  
ET IN LUCEM ADITA RONAE ANNO SALVTIS MDCCLXIX



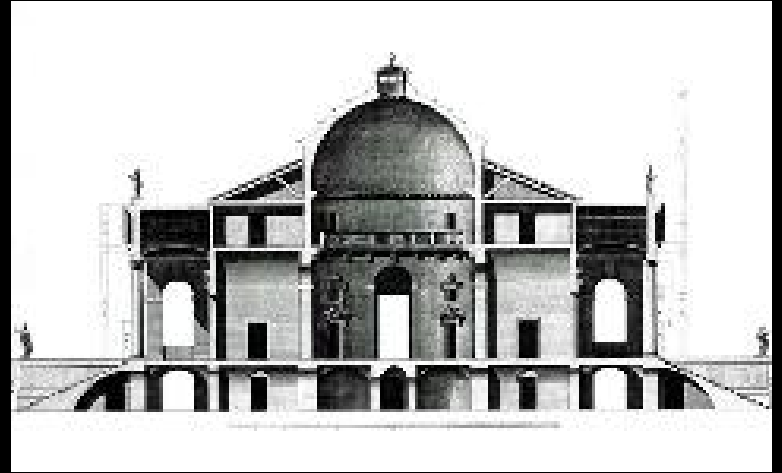
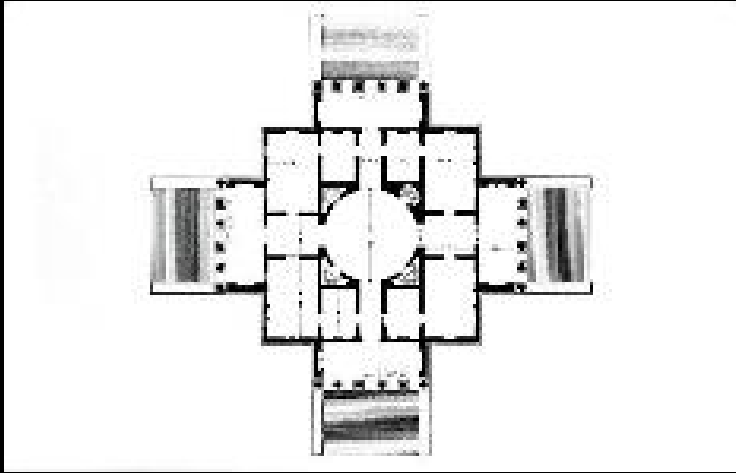




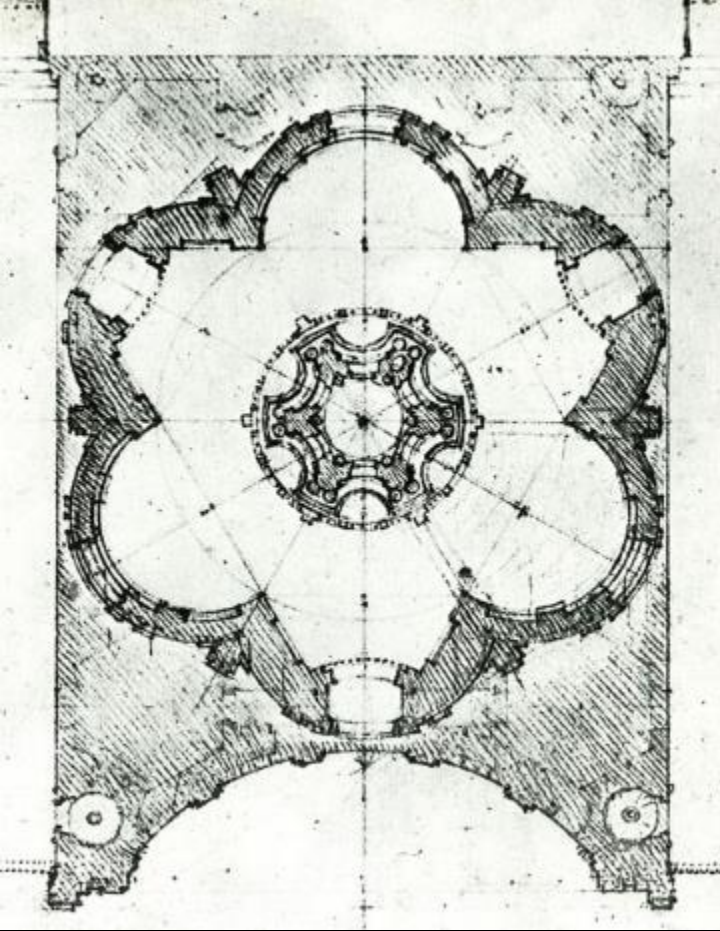
Villa Rotonda  
Vicenza, Italy  
Andrea Palladio  
1592





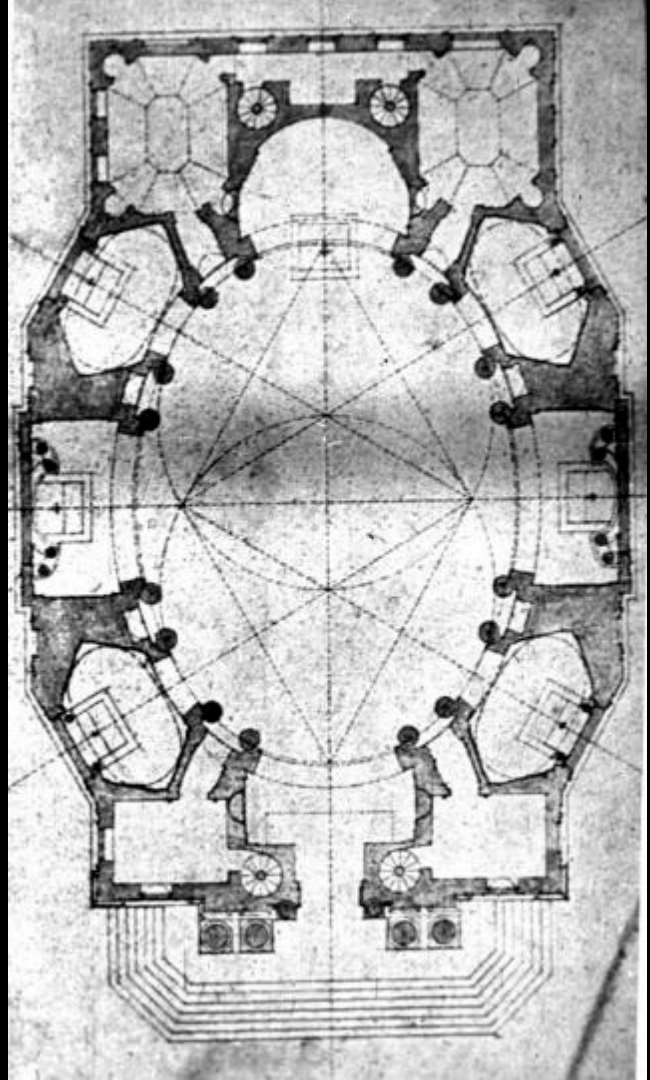


St Ivo alla Sapienza



Baroque Style  
brought about  
more complex  
geometries  
exemplified in the  
work of Francesco  
Borromini  
1599-1667

San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane







Francesco Borromini  
St. Ivo all Sapienza  
Rome  
1642-1660









San Carlo alle  
Quattro Fontane









The Enlightenment  
1685-1815



St. Martin in the Fields  
London, England  
James Gibbs  
1726





St. Paul's Cathedral  
London, England  
Christopher Wren  
1711















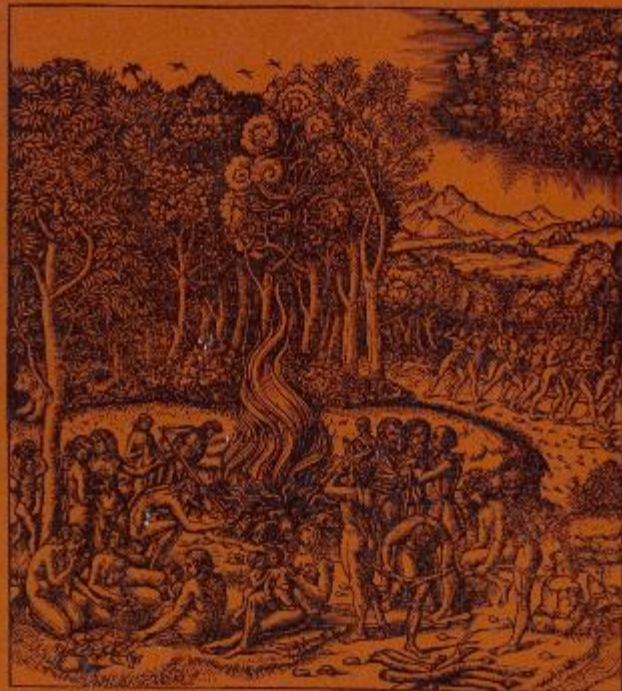


# On Adam's House in Paradise

THE IDEA OF THE PRIMITIVE HUT  
IN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Second edition

JOSEPH RYKWERT



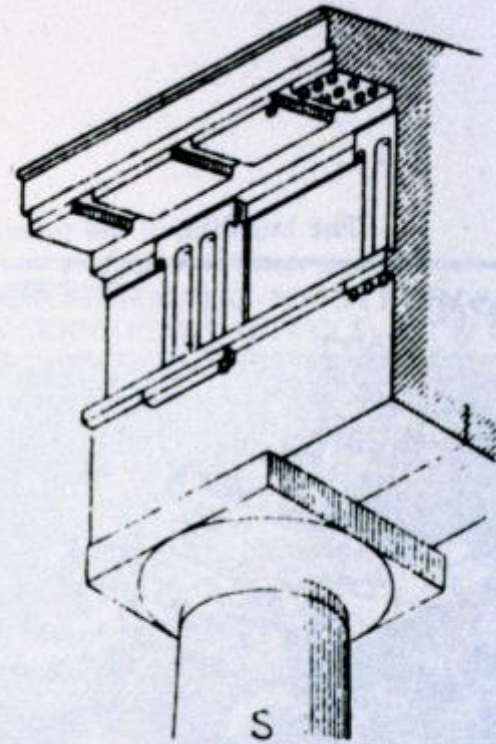
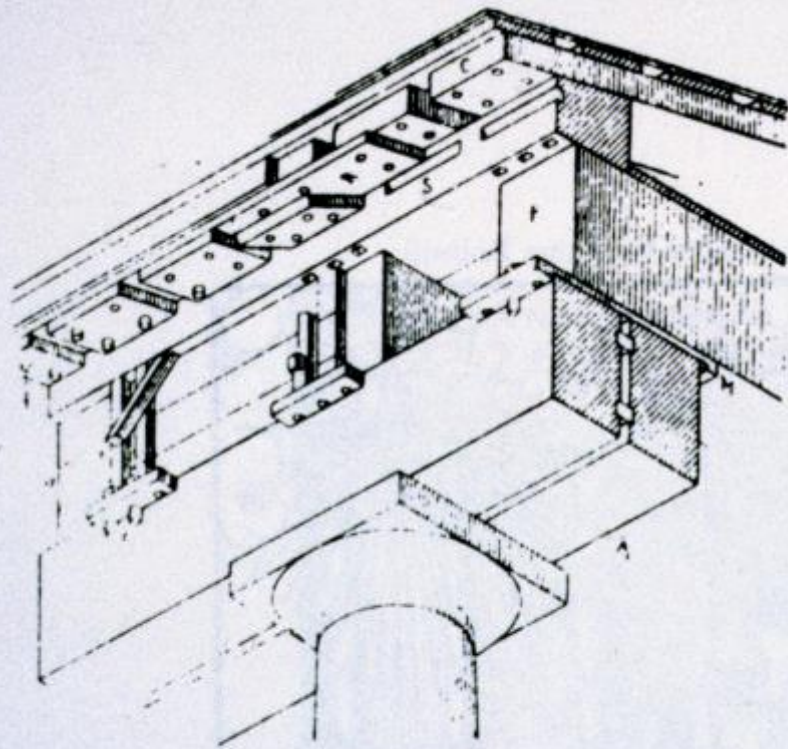
The personification of architecture  
and the primitive hut, after Laugier



Abbe Marc-Antoine Laugier  
Jesuit Priest and architectural theorist  
1713 to 1769

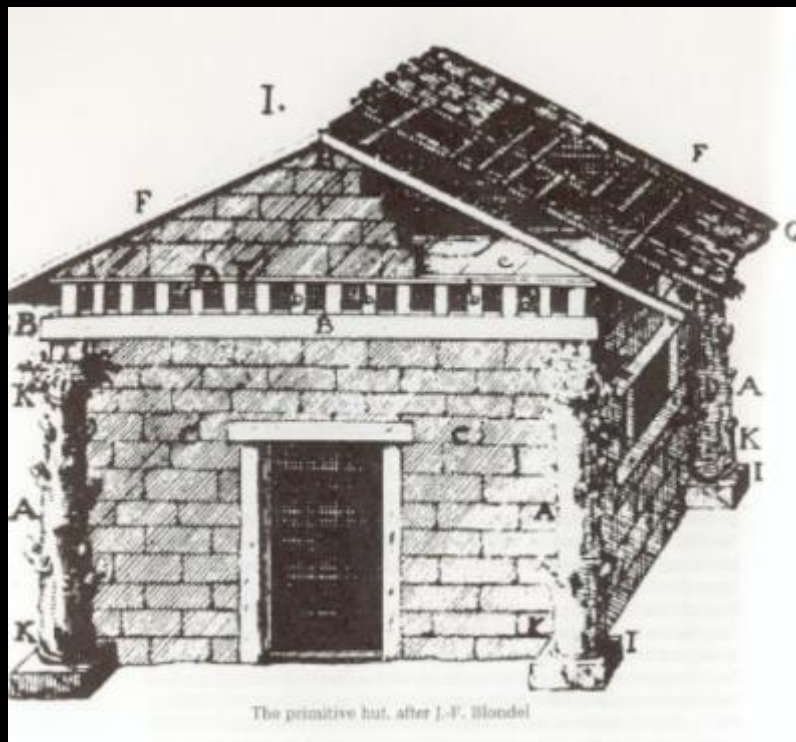






Stone and reconstructed timber origin of Doric order, after Choisy



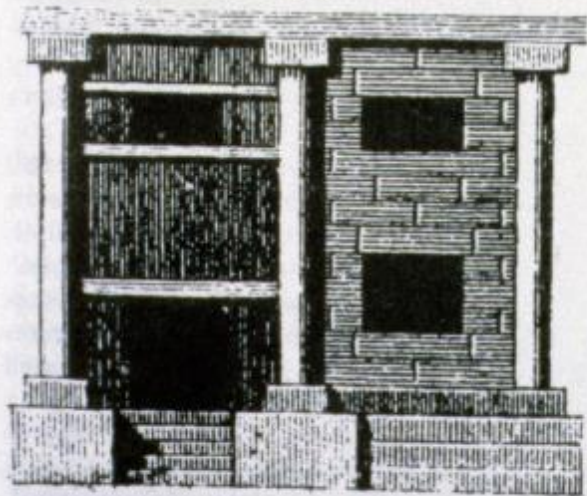


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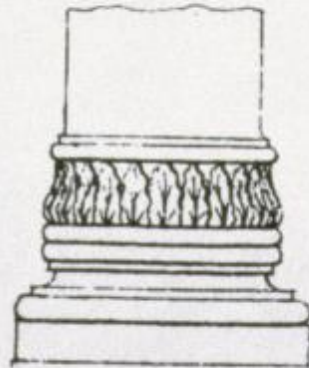




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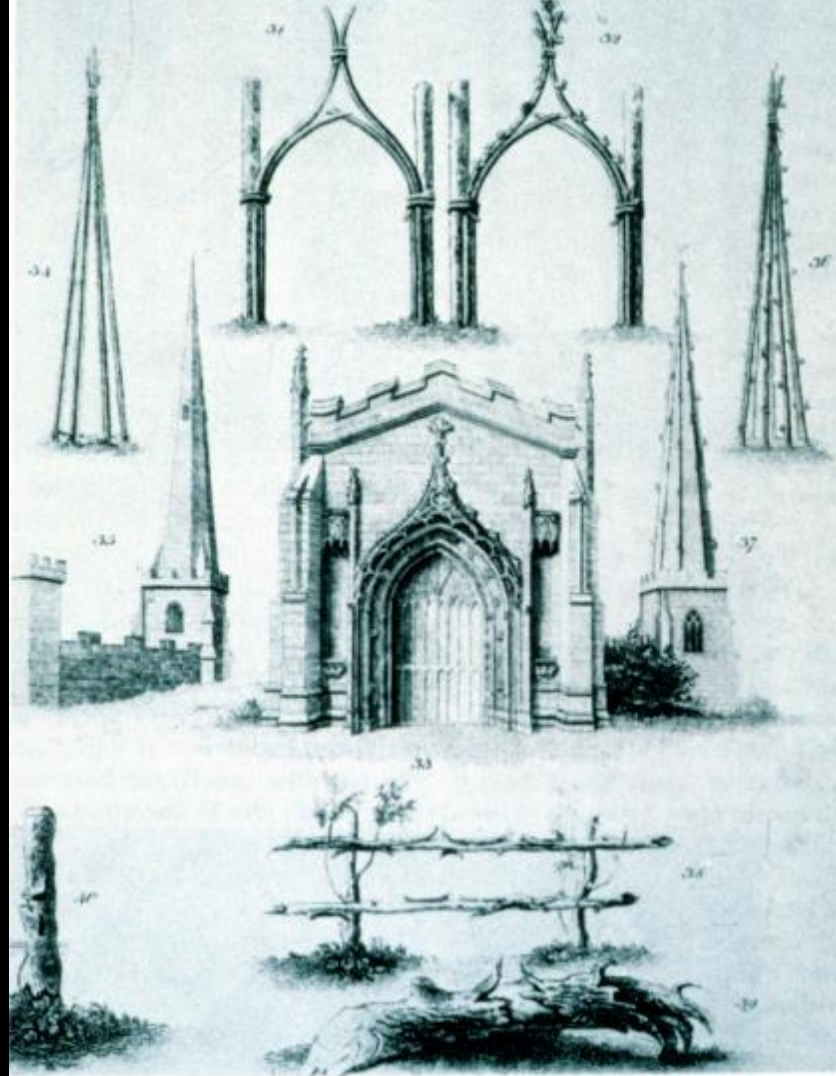
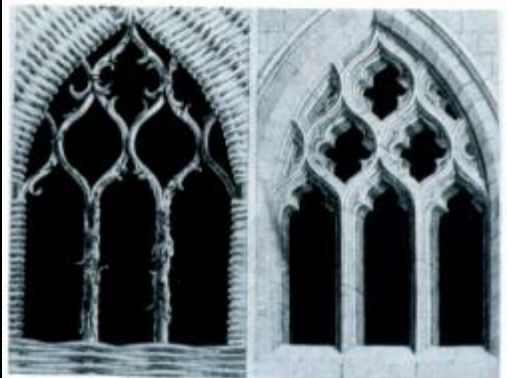
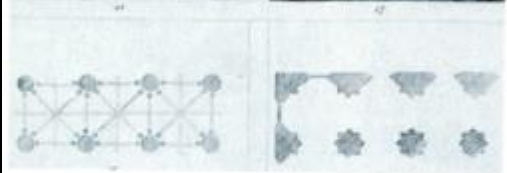
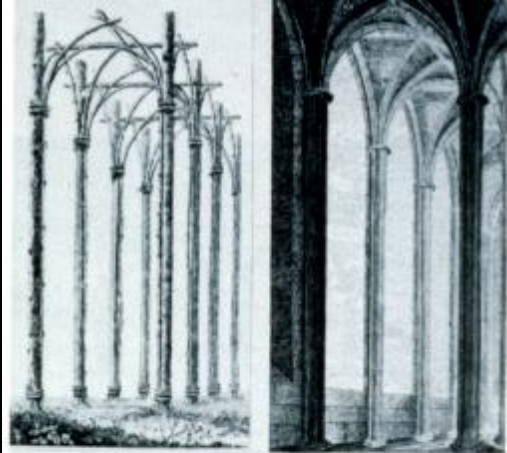


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Primitive huts and the origin of the orders, after Milizia







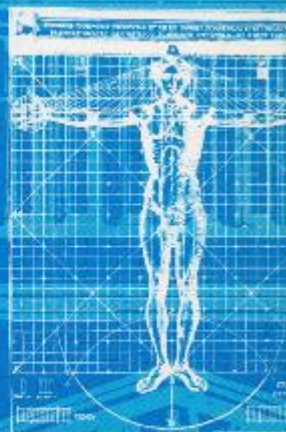
Barcelona Cathedral  
Barcelona, Spain  
1298





# Architecture and the Crisis of Modern Science

Alberto  
Pérez-Gómez

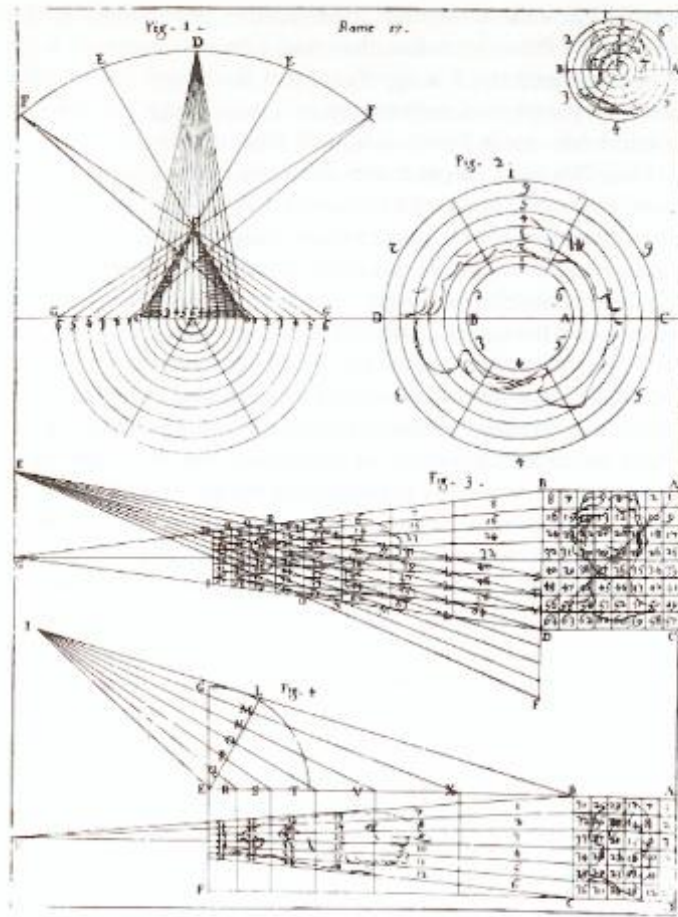






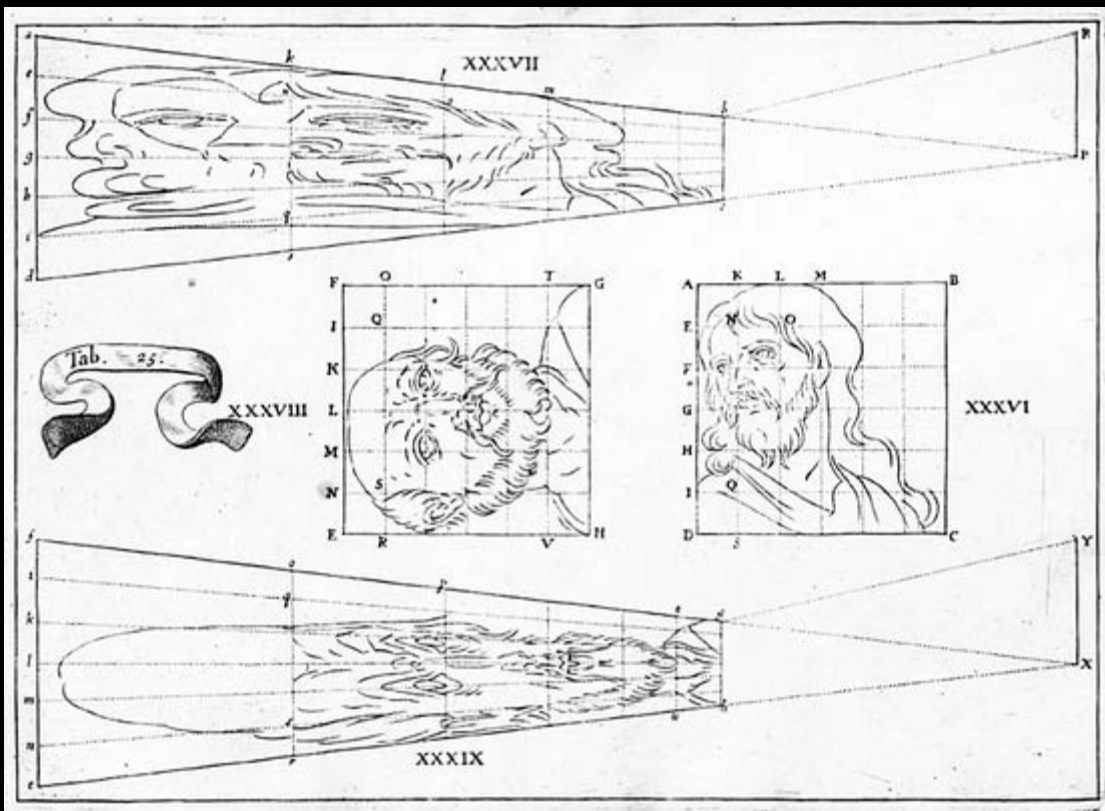
anamorphosis





Anamorphosis as a scientific curiosity, from F. Gallibiena's *Architettura Civile*.







Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Rome, Italy  
1650













Château de Chenonceaux  
Chenonceaux, France  
Philibert de l'Orme  
1559

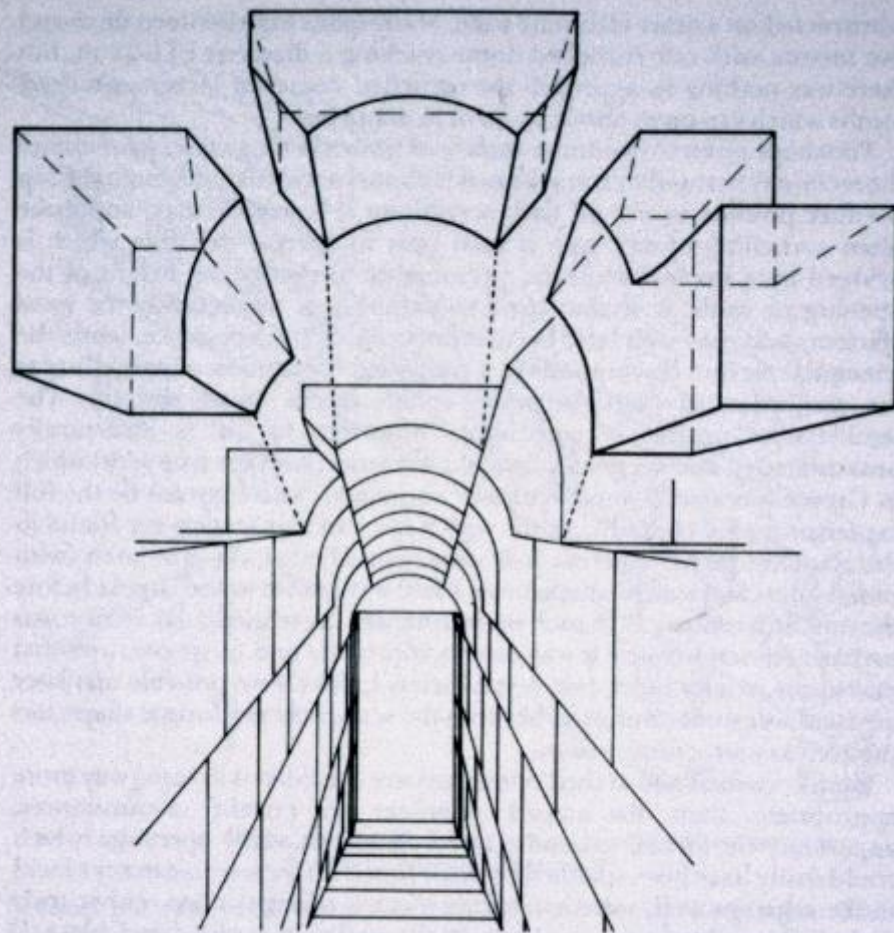












68 Temple of Apollo at Didyma (c. 300 B.C. and later): sloping barrel vault above ramp to altar court; perspective view, partly exploded to show shape of vaulting blocks







Palace of Versailles  
France  
Philibert Le Roy  
1631













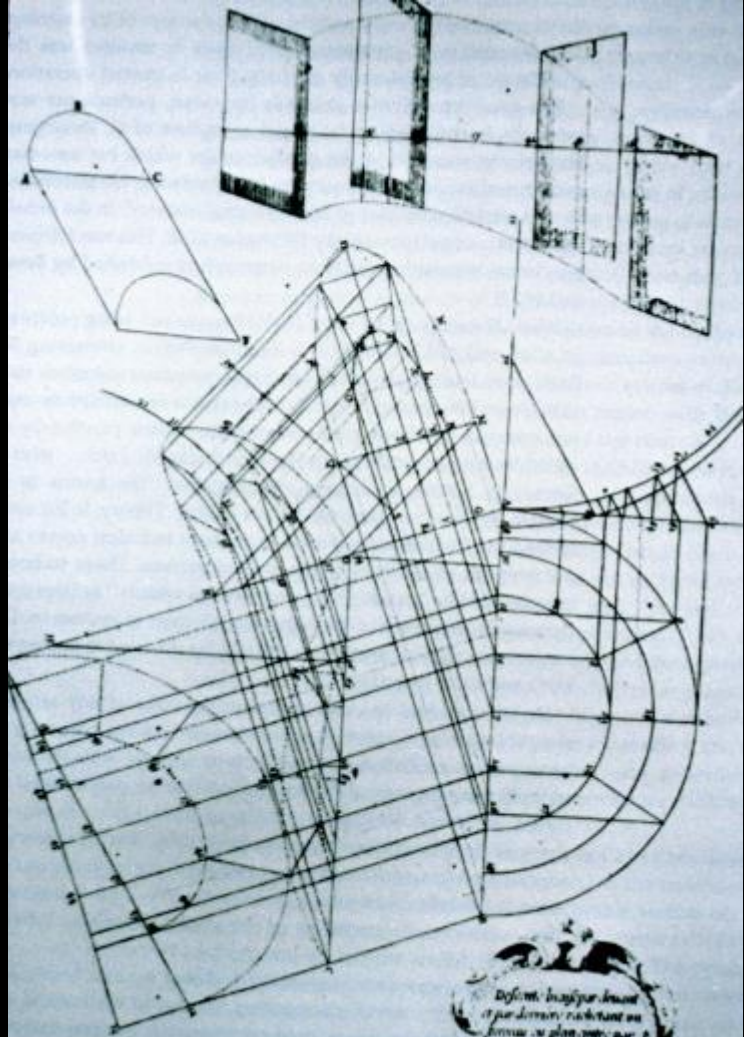




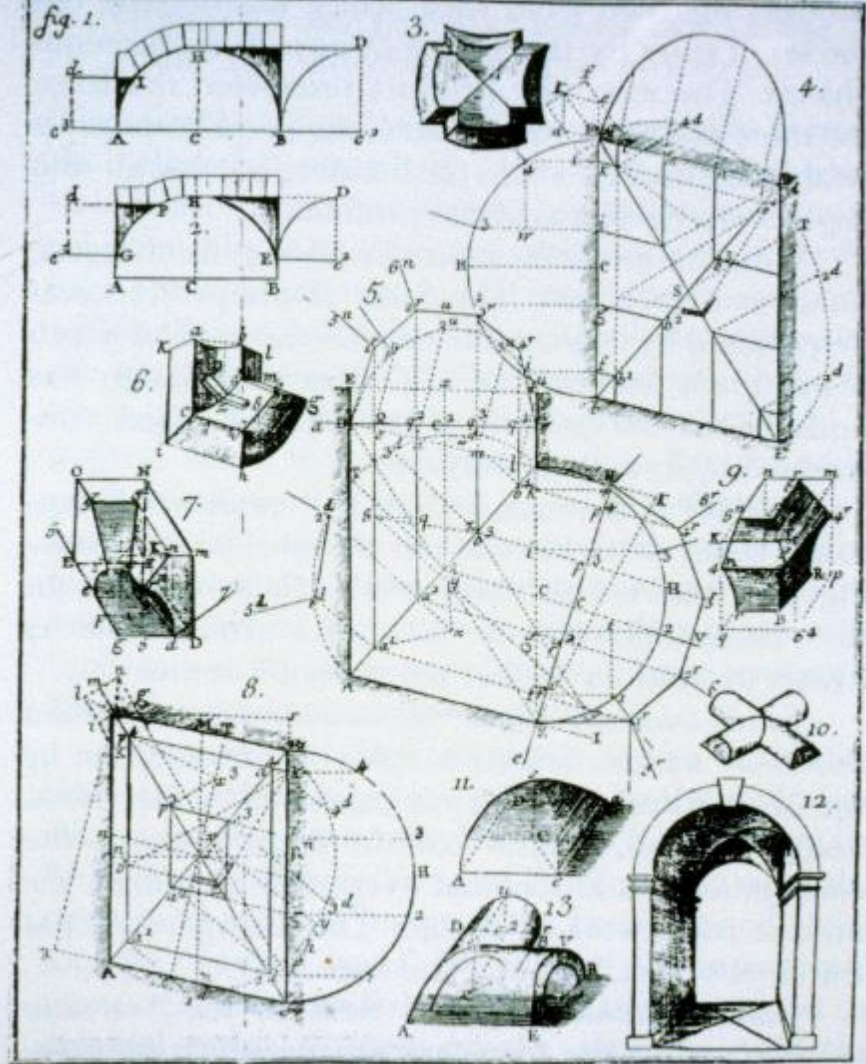


Stereometry deals with the  
measurements of volumes  
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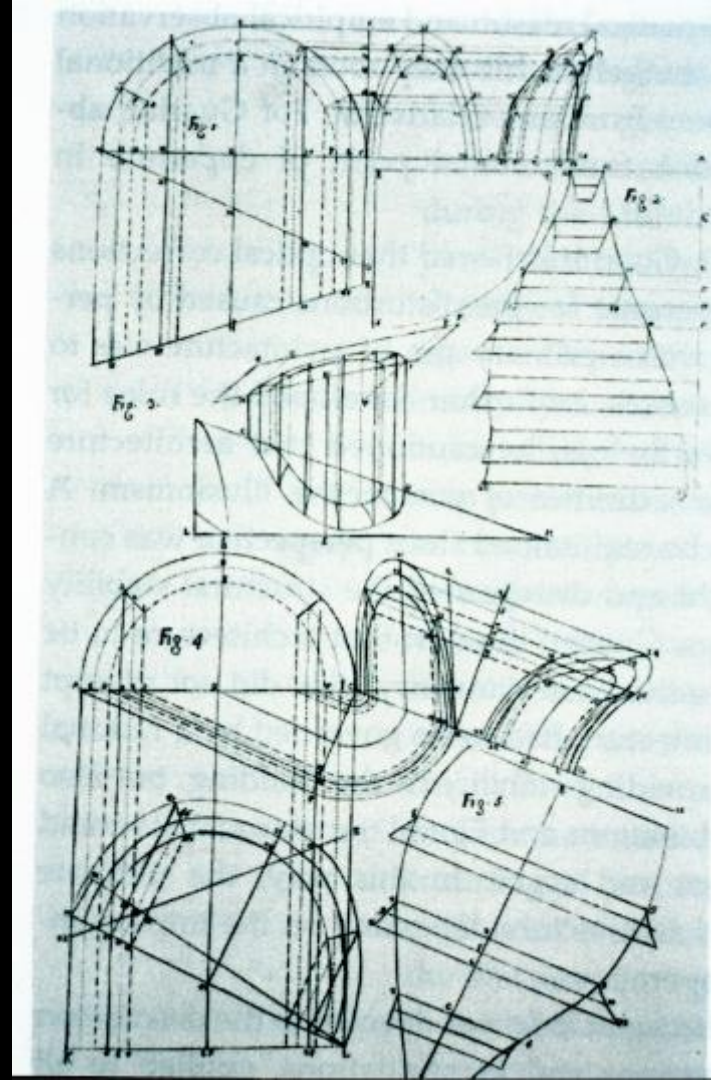
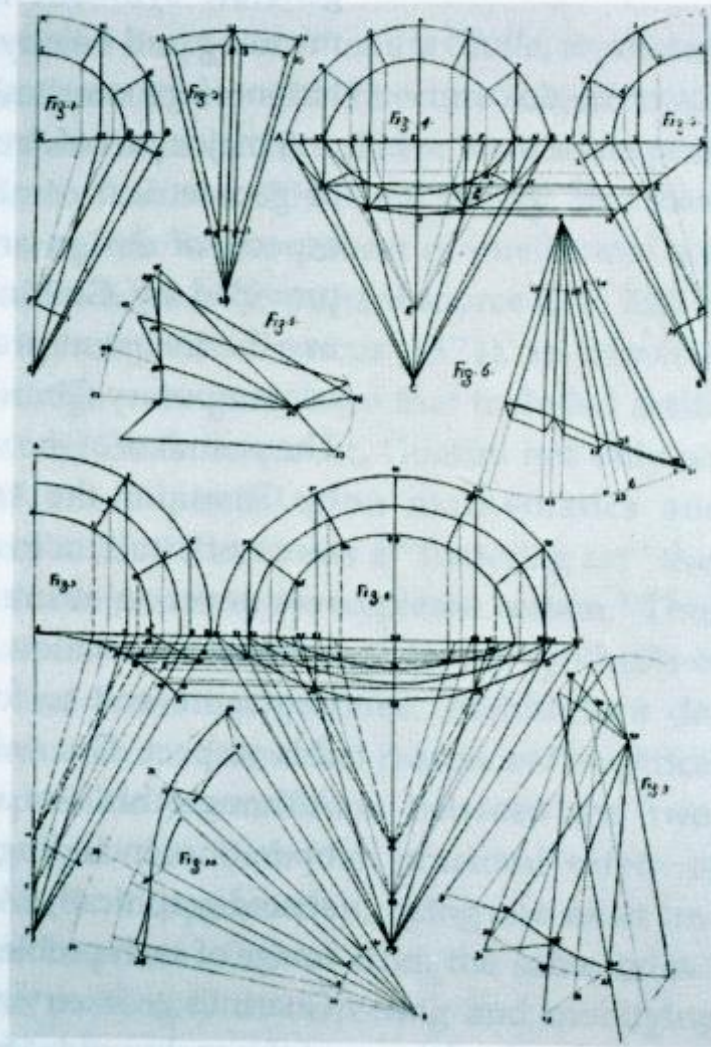
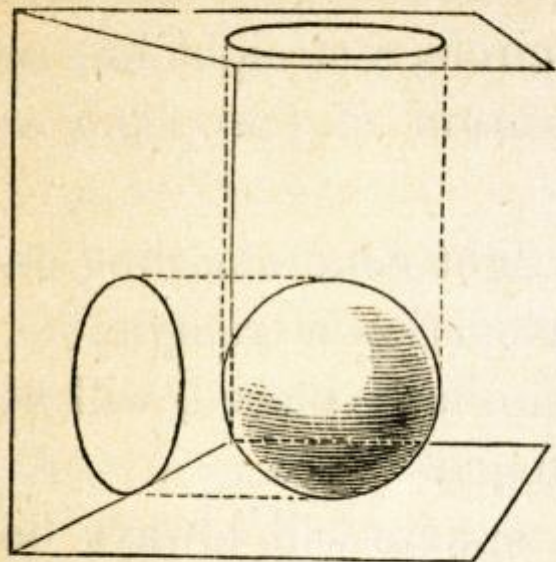


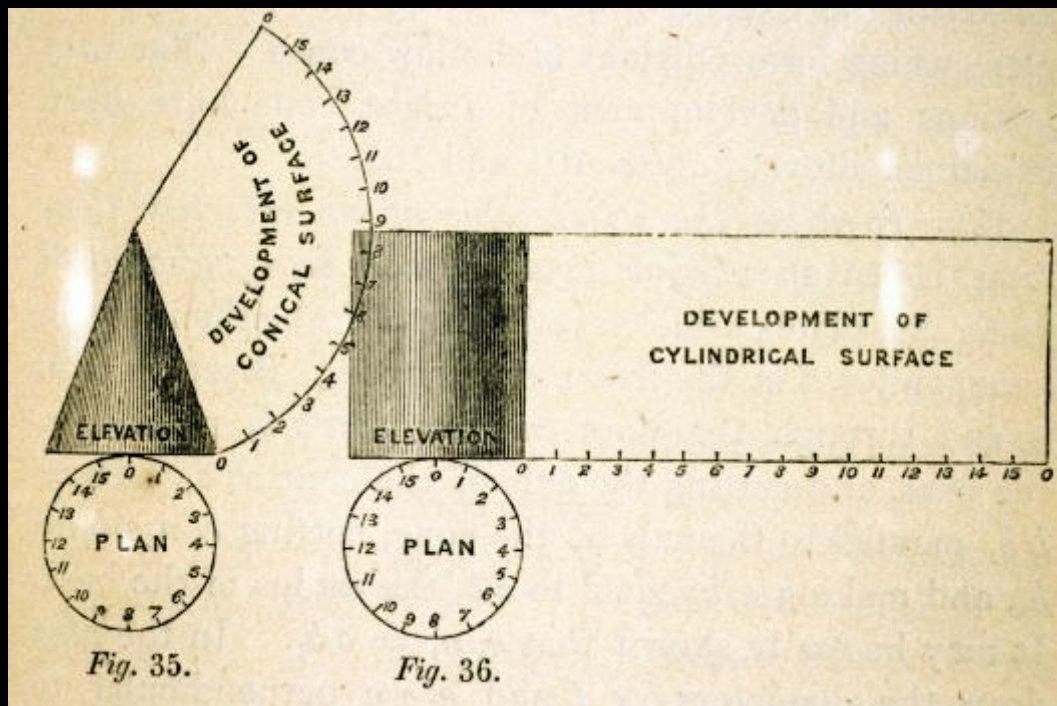


Fig. 34.



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Perspective view.

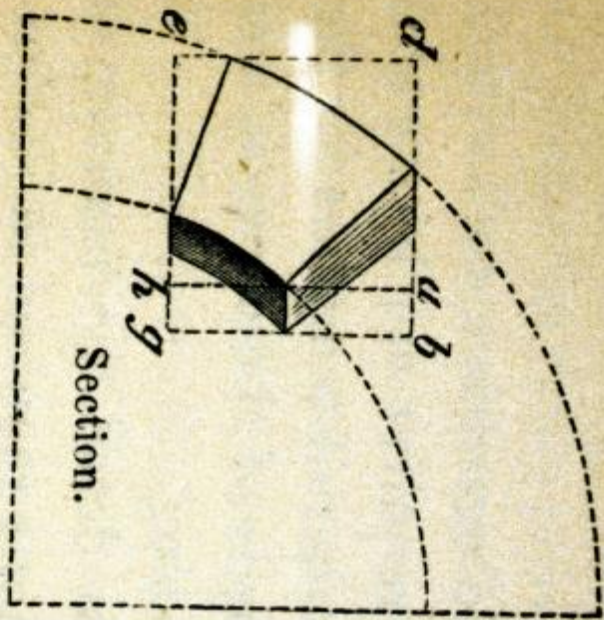
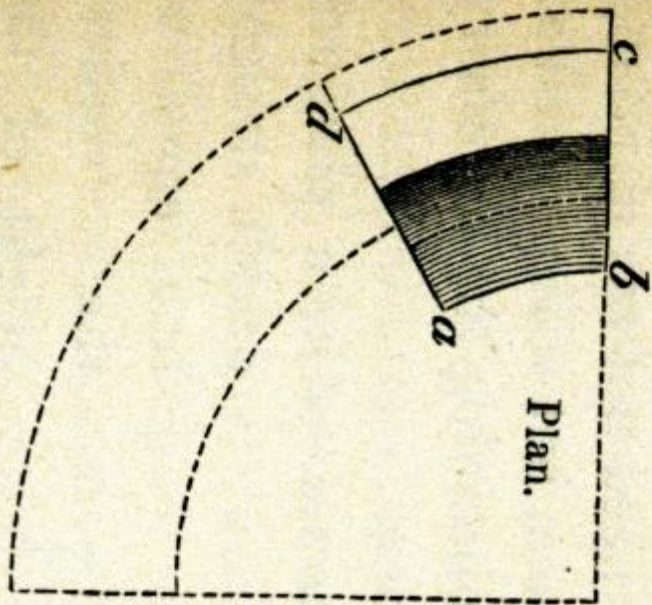
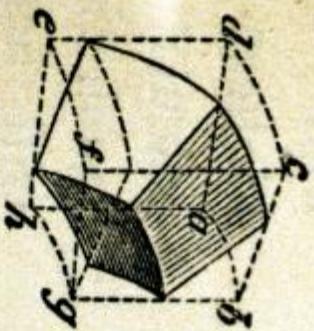
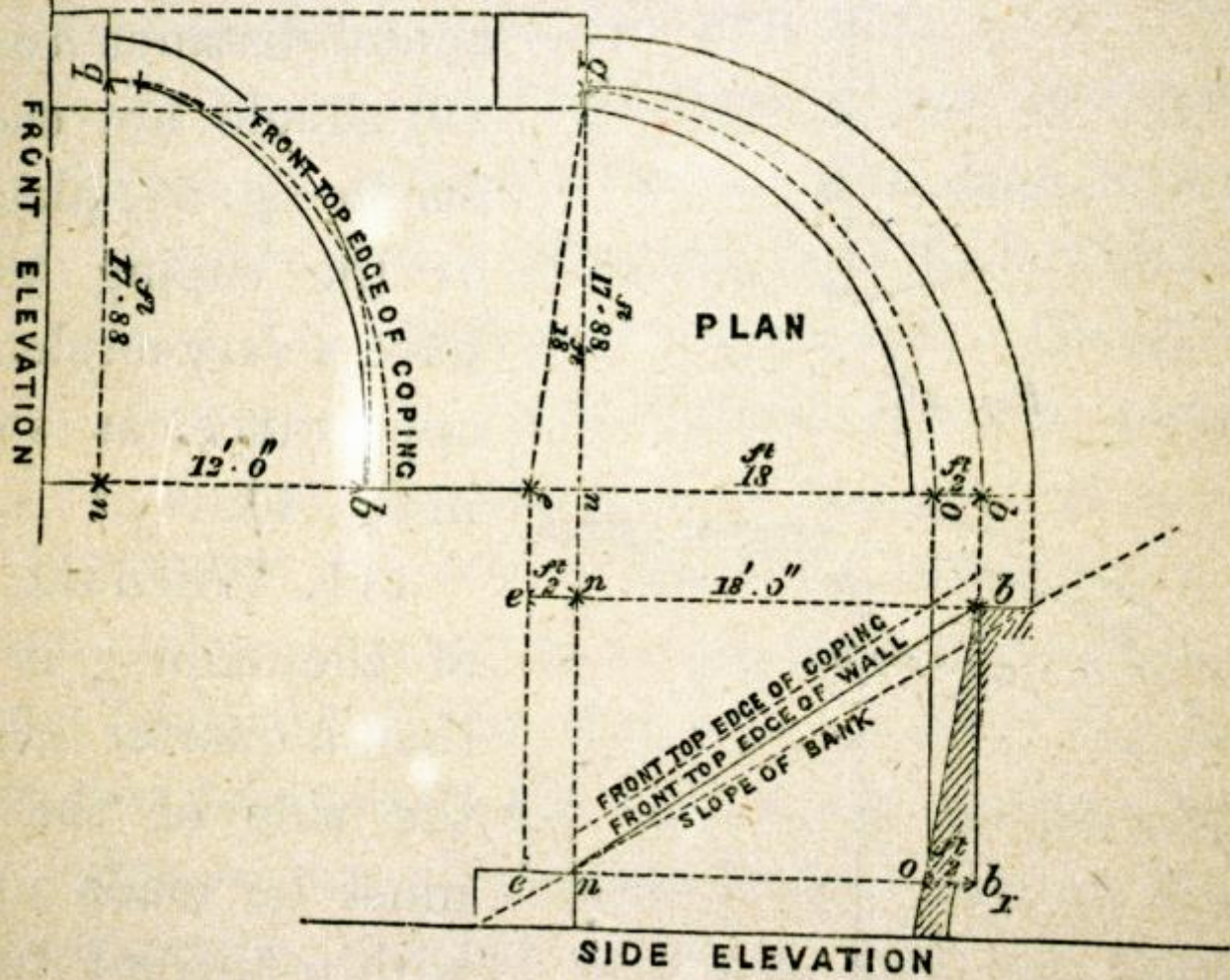
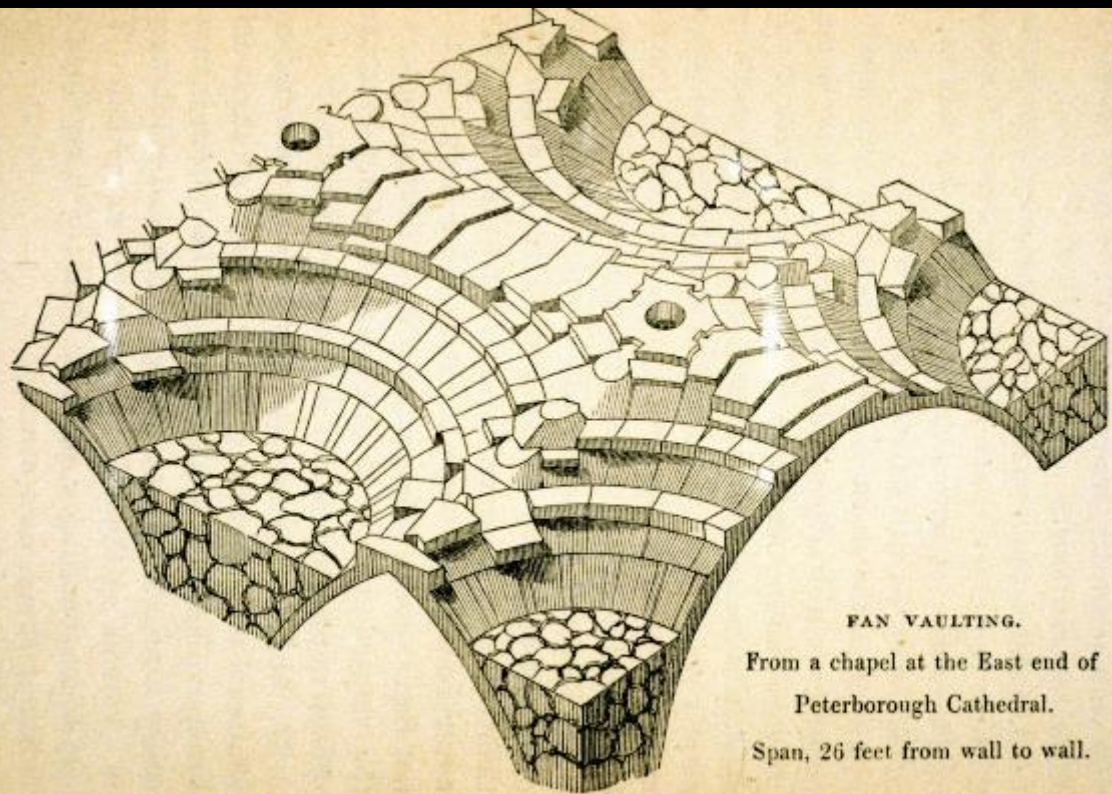


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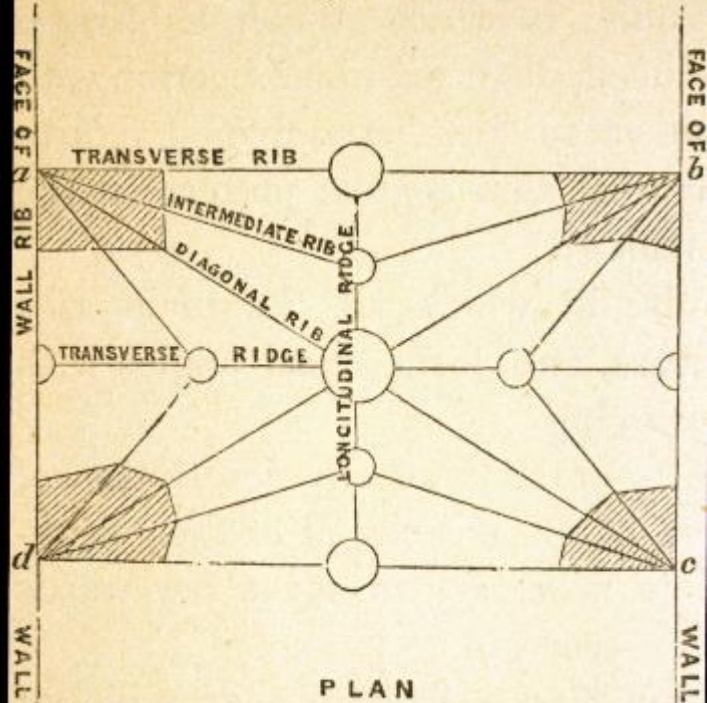


FAN VAULTING.

From a chapel at the East end of  
Peterborough Cathedral.

Span, 26 feet from wall to wall.

Fig. 7.\*





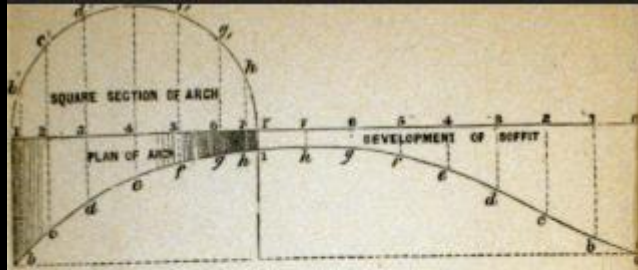


FIG. 44.

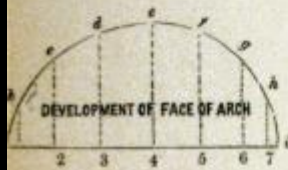
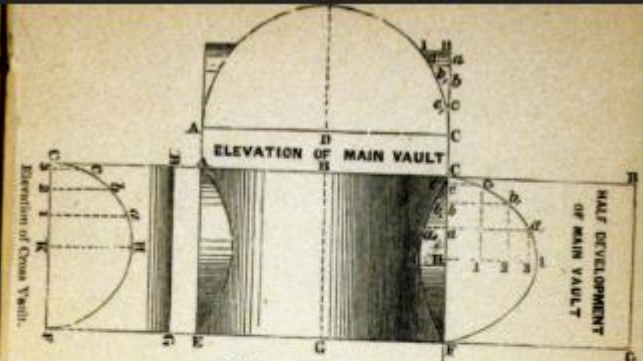
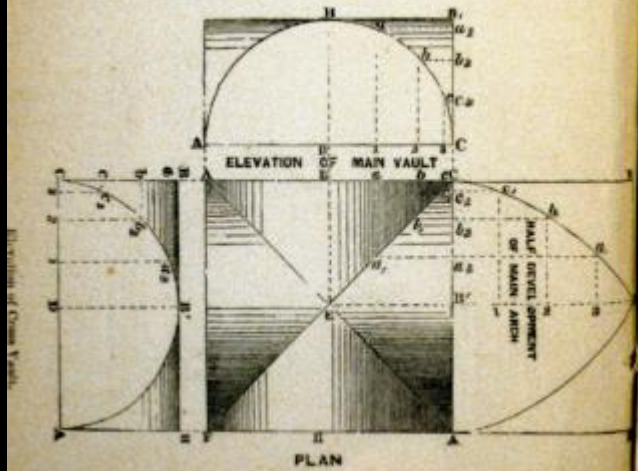


FIG. 45.



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FIG. 46

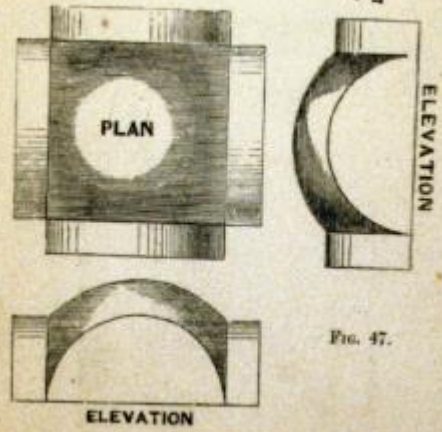


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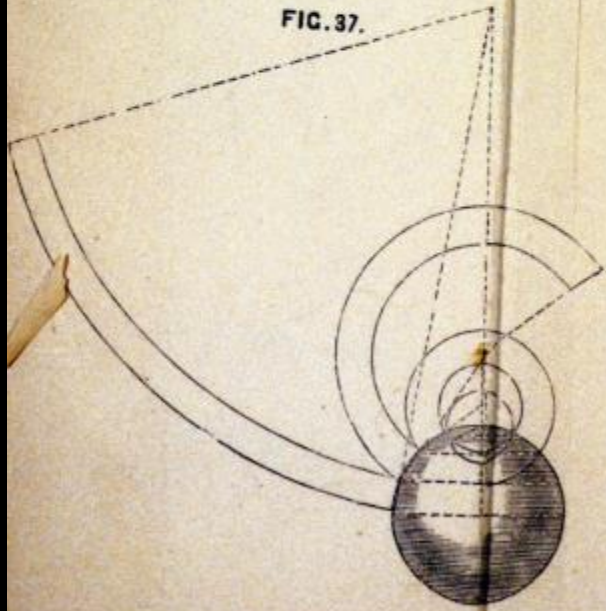


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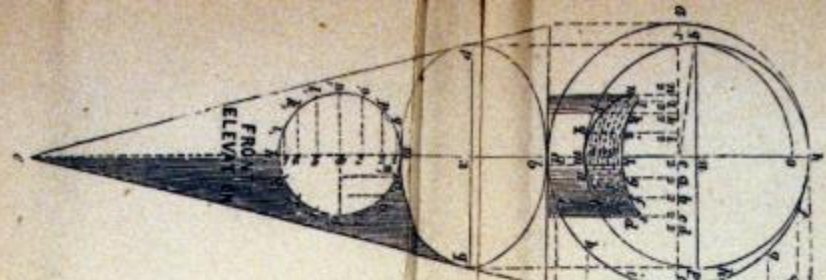
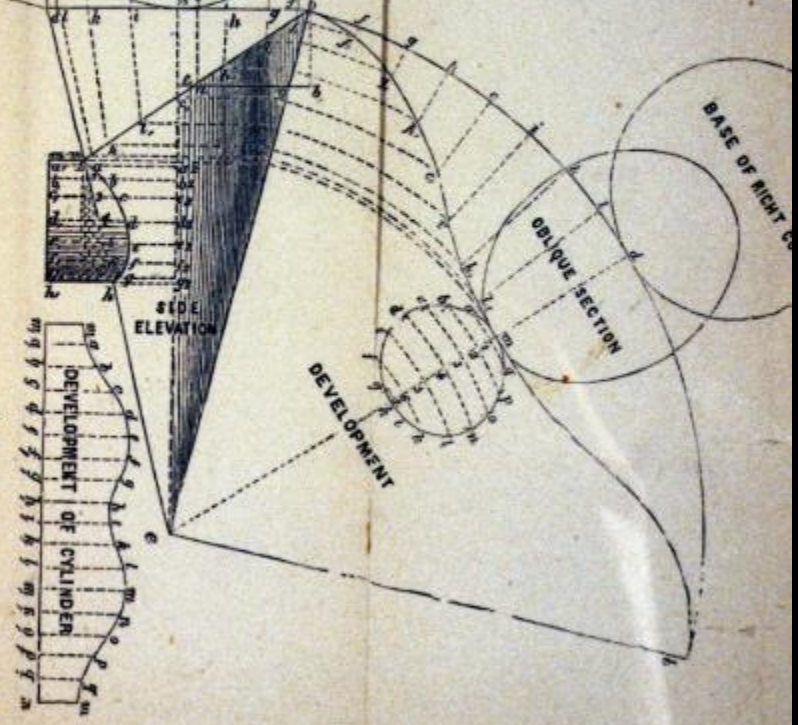


FIG. 38.



DEVELOPMENT OF CYLINDER

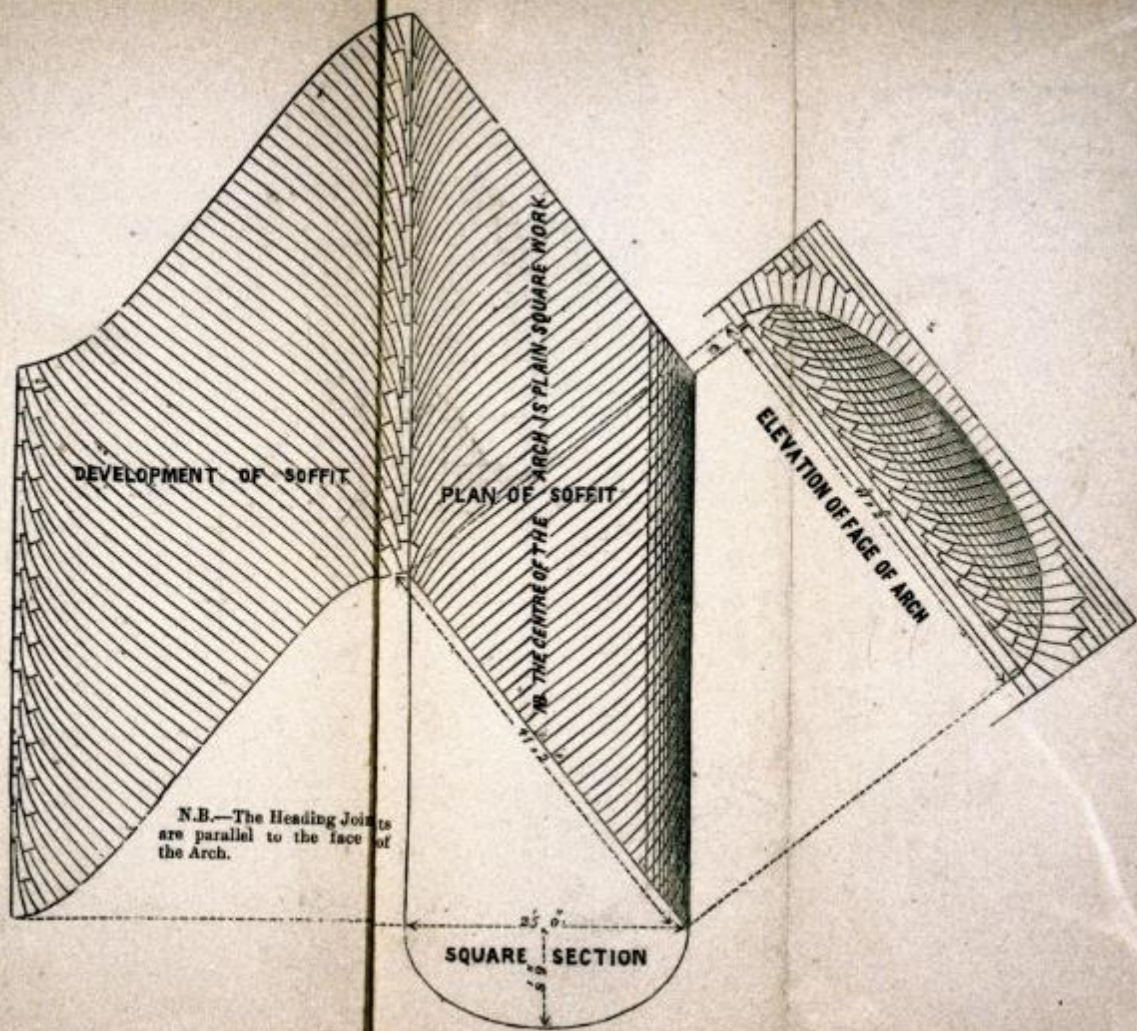
SIDE ELEVATION

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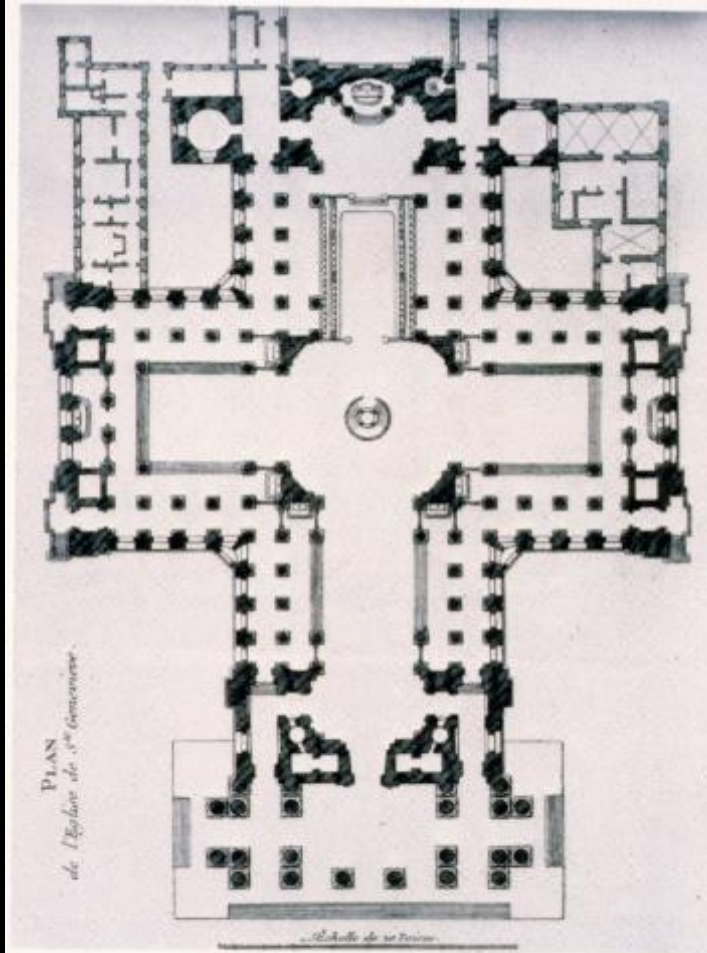




Church of Ste. Genevieve  
(Pantheon)  
Paris, France  
Jacques-Germain Soufflot  
Jean-Baptiste Rondelet  
1789







89 The church of Ste-Geneviève, Paris, Soufflot's revised plan (engraving from Piganiol de la Force, 1765). The plan shows the extensions to the nave and choir that Soufflot had introduced about 1758





AUX GRANDS HOMMES LA PATRIE RECONNAISSANTE





























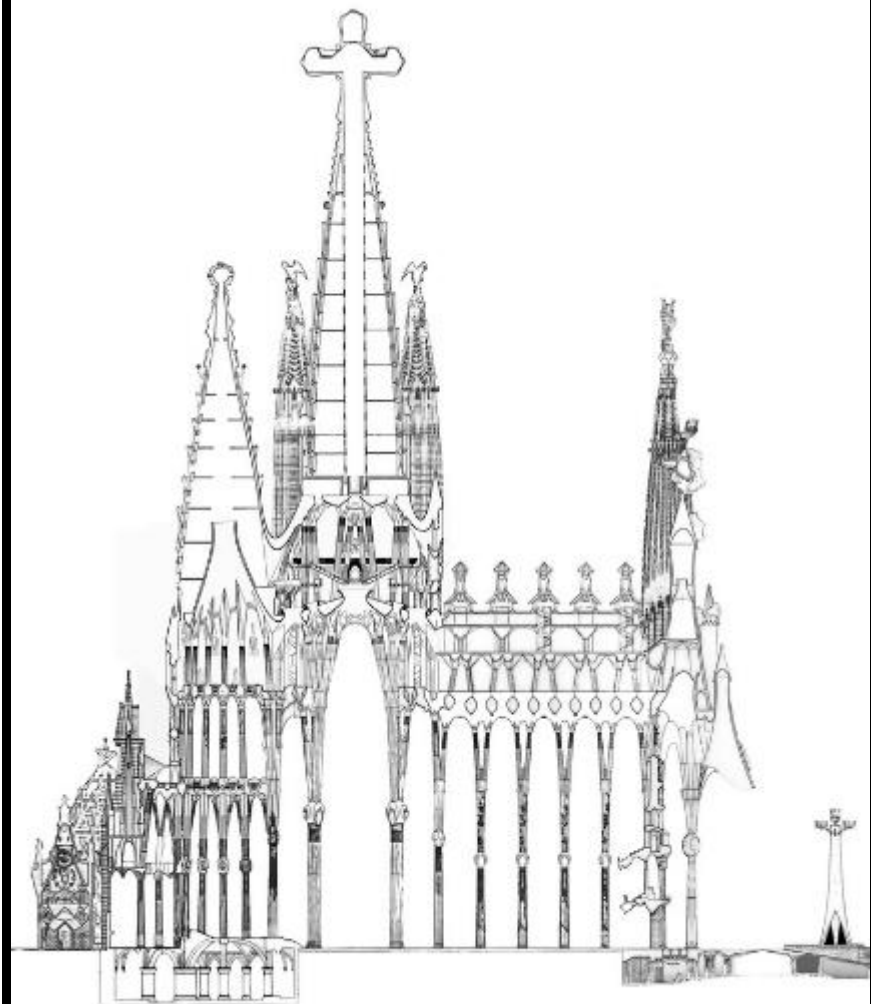
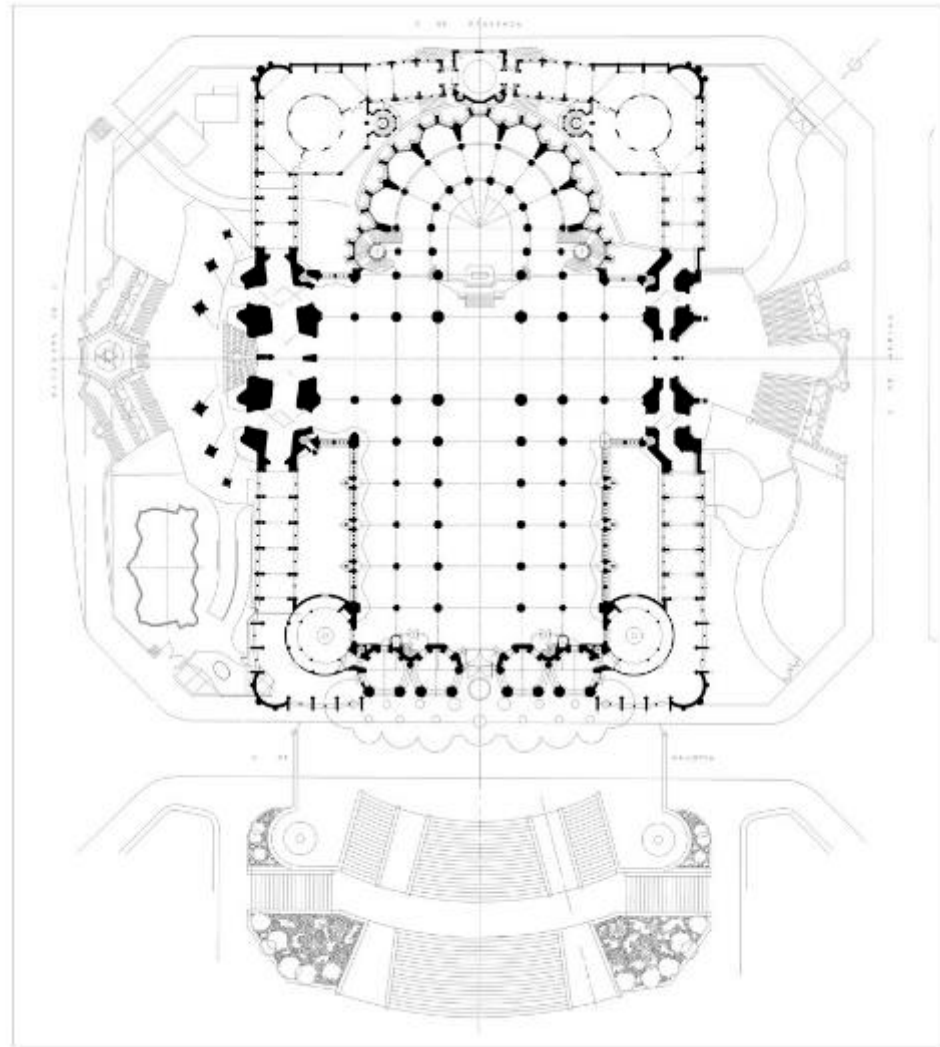








Church of Sagrada Família  
Barcelona, Spain  
Antonio Gaudí  
1883 and ongoing









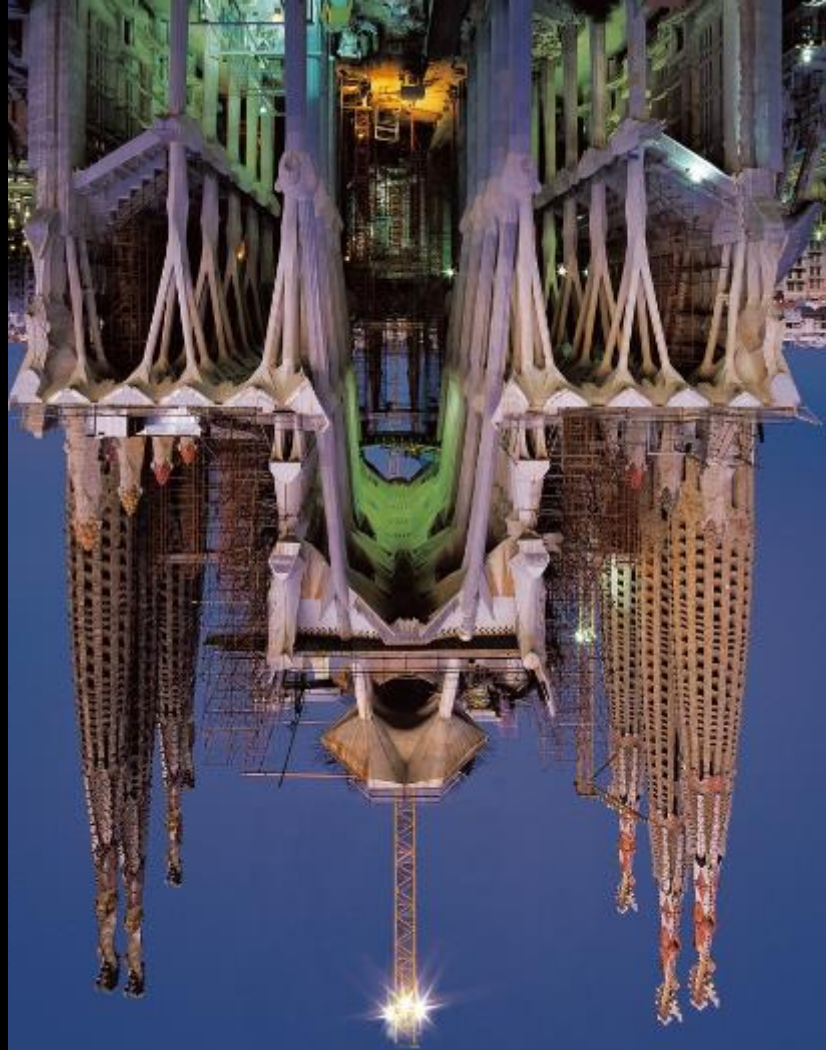






















































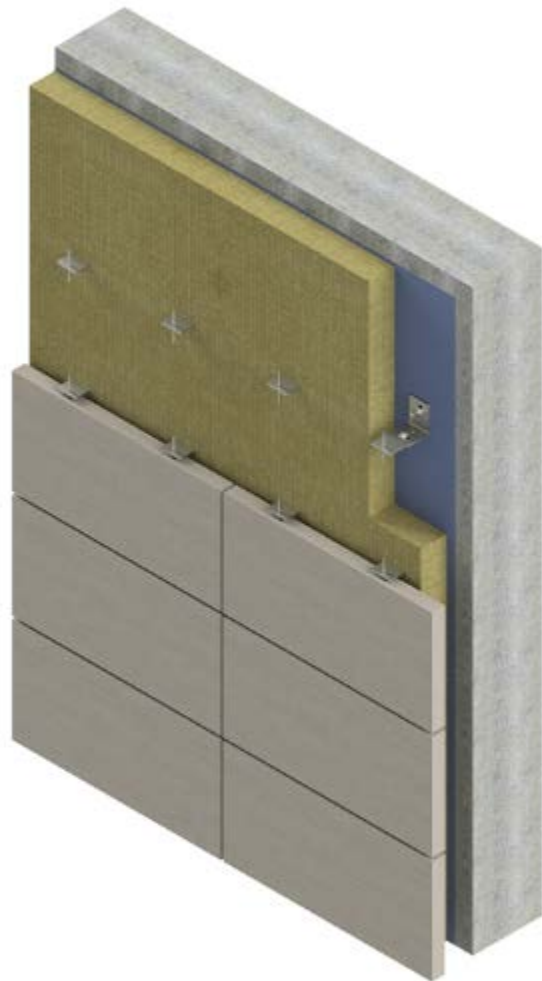
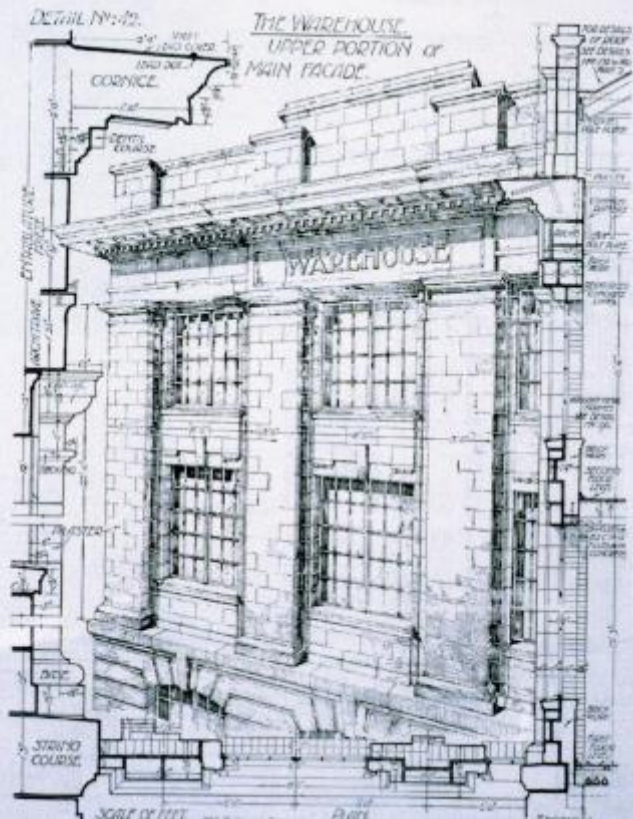
modern stone

predominantly VENEER applications



## Stonework drawing

An illustration taken from the AJ of 24 January 1922 where Frederick Chatterton points out the merits of 'Architectural building construction' by Messrs W. Jaggard and F. E. Drury. In Chatterton's words, the illustration combines authentic practical data with well designed examples of their application.









Embassy of Canada  
Washington, DC, USA  
Arthur Erickson  
1989



















Eglise Ste. Trinite  
Ugo Brunoni Architect  
Geneve, Switzerland  
1999





