MATERIALITY

As a complex composed of geomorphology, the primary ground type found in Lalibela is Basaltic rock which has emerged from volcanic tuff. This rock type determines the accuracy and speed at which the churches are carved. In the past Iron tools were used to excavate through the rock. Although compact, the basaltic rock has properties which provides an ease for carving. The resistant basalt below the scoriae acted as a limit of the depth of where development should stop. Material forms part of a core aspect of the emergence of the complex. So to will it serve as a core component of the emergence of LIMES. Different applications of the same material will be used as seen at Therme Vals by Peter Zumthor. Additional materials will support the presence of stone and add to the overall atmosphere of the project.



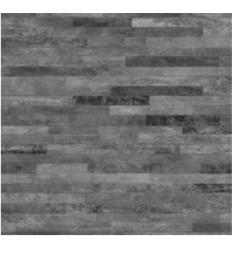
Red basaltic rock exhibited at Lalibela.



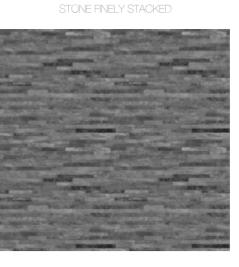
STONE RAW

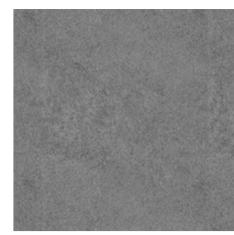






STONE STACKED





STONE PROCESSED



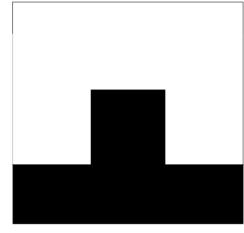
Building
Gray gravely silt

Excavated material

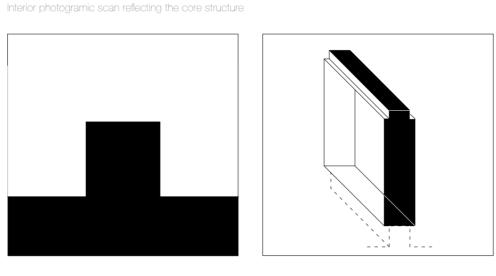
- Moderately weathered scoriaceous basalt
- Moderately-highly weathered scoriaceous basalt Massive basalt

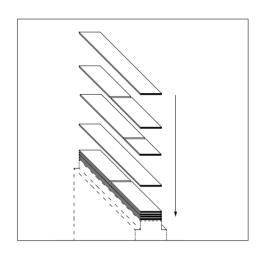
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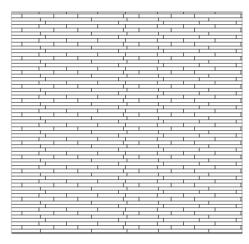


SKY/ AIR

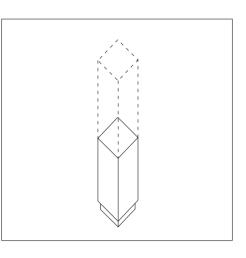




Therme Vals by Peter Zumthor.

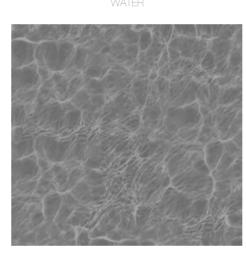


CULTURE



VEGETATION

IMAGE













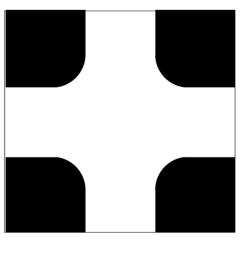
Tadao Ando, Church on the Water

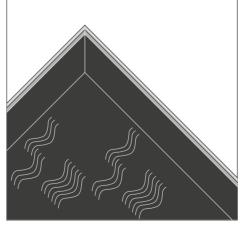




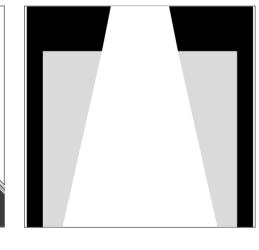
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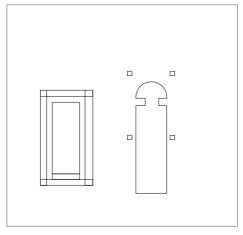


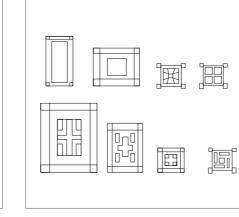
SQUARE WINDOW



SMALL OPENING

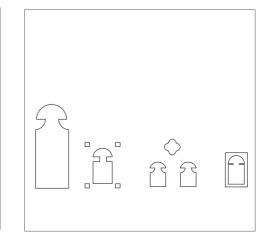
LIGHT OPENINGS



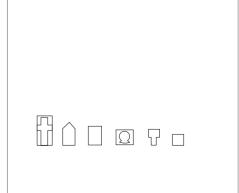


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ARCHED WINDOW



These various forms of openings are currently exhibited on the site.