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It is imperative to implement a radical mindset in the educational period. This project aims at addressing the lack of statement in the Chalmers Samhällsbyggnad-building by proposing three ways of understanding/interacting with Gaia. However, we feel like this statement is not enough, and is heavily weighted towards a technotopian view of a sustainable future. The project seeks to architecturally implement and encourage the following statement: "A healthy symbiosis between Gaia (the collection of all living and non-living things on planet earth), humans and the built environment is necessary and requires a constant and continuous interchange." In the final proposal, a progression of experience towards a more symbiotic future is offered through the three courtyards of the SB building: reflecting, experimenting, imagining.



LEARNING ^{FOR} FROM GAIA

Expanding the concept of heritage, one must consider not only entities created by humans and its kind, but also the value of non-human forces and natural elements. The latter is to be understood as an end in itself, not only as a resource to strengthen and serve the humans. Instead of seeing a delimitation between the human and non-human, constantly creating barriers to avoid interaction, the architect must work

towards a symbiotic relationship, where both parties benefit and thrive from each other. This is the only way of escaping the looming prospect of human extinction. Today, a symbiosis could not be further from reality, considering the supremacy of human power. In order to initiate a progression from the alarming current situation, architecture can and must provide a glimpse of bold and radical change. Producers of future ar-

