

# ABSORBENT MINDS

CHALLENGING UTOPIA THROUGH ATMOSPHERIC ARCHITECTURE

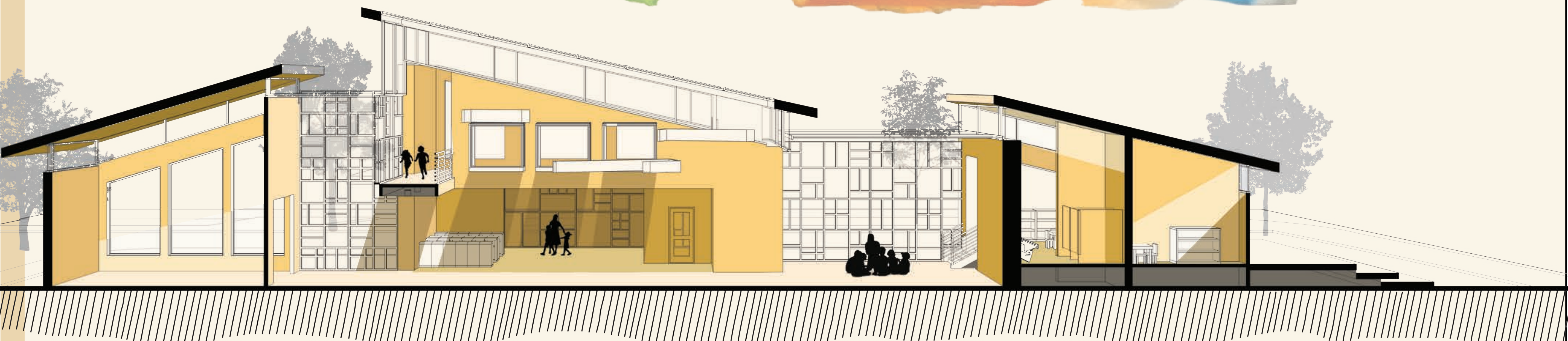
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The absorbent mind is the sponge-like capacity to absorb from the environment what is necessary to create an individual from his or her specific culture.

-Maria Montessori

Since the time of John Amos Comenius the way we teach has remained constant. A simplified metaphor for learning amplifies the argument that the view of early education is in a utopian state. When in reality the curriculum is a mold to fit learners into, that prepares them to become a cog in the wheel we call the workforce.

Using principles from both the Maria Montessori and Reggio Emilia approaches to learning to create an atmosphere that inspires learners and allows for the flourishing of creativity and self-discovery.



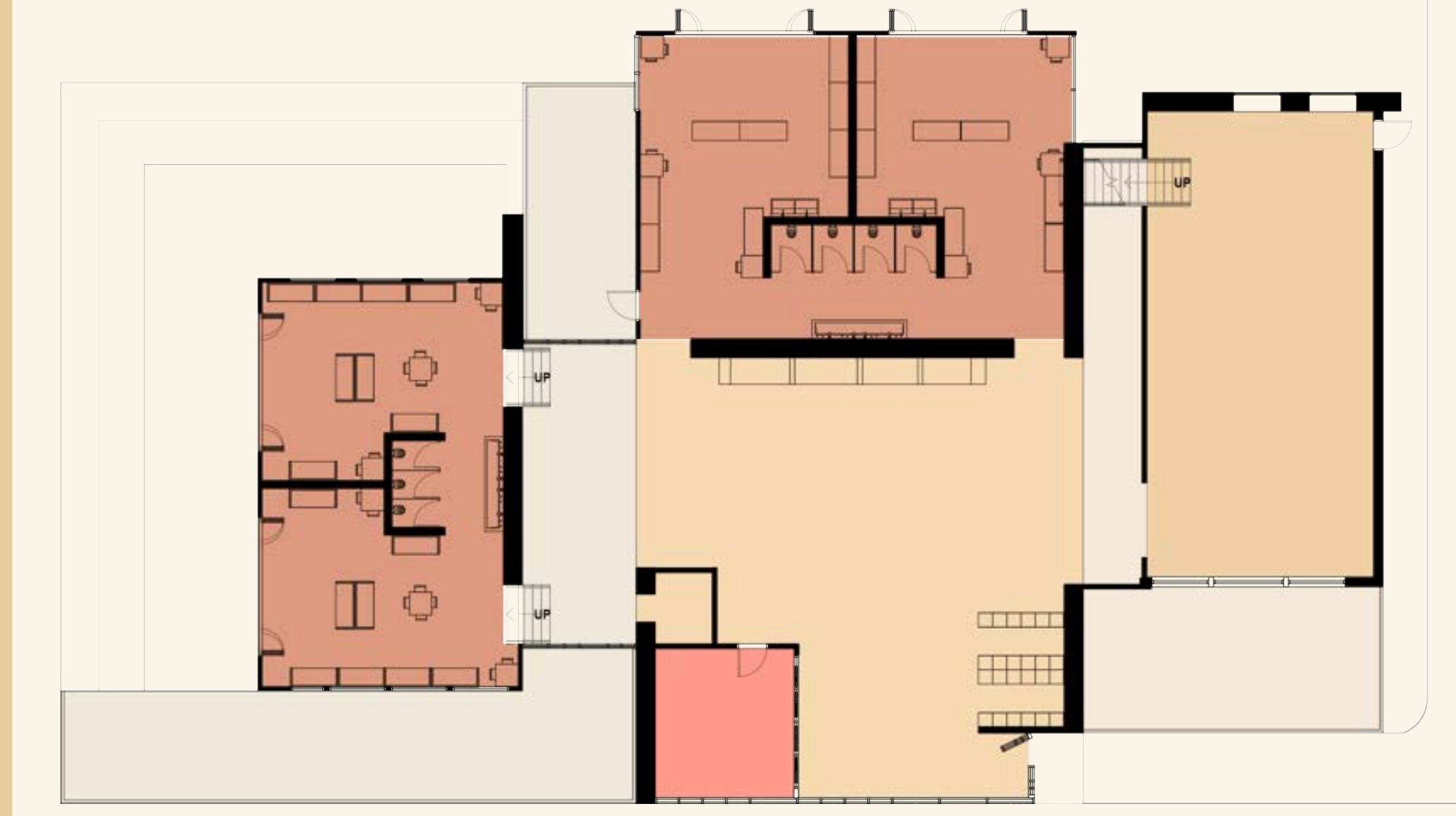
EW Section Perspective: Displaying the fundamentals to montessori design.

C. Anton Furazhkin, "Circular streets and buildings", VetU 2018/2019

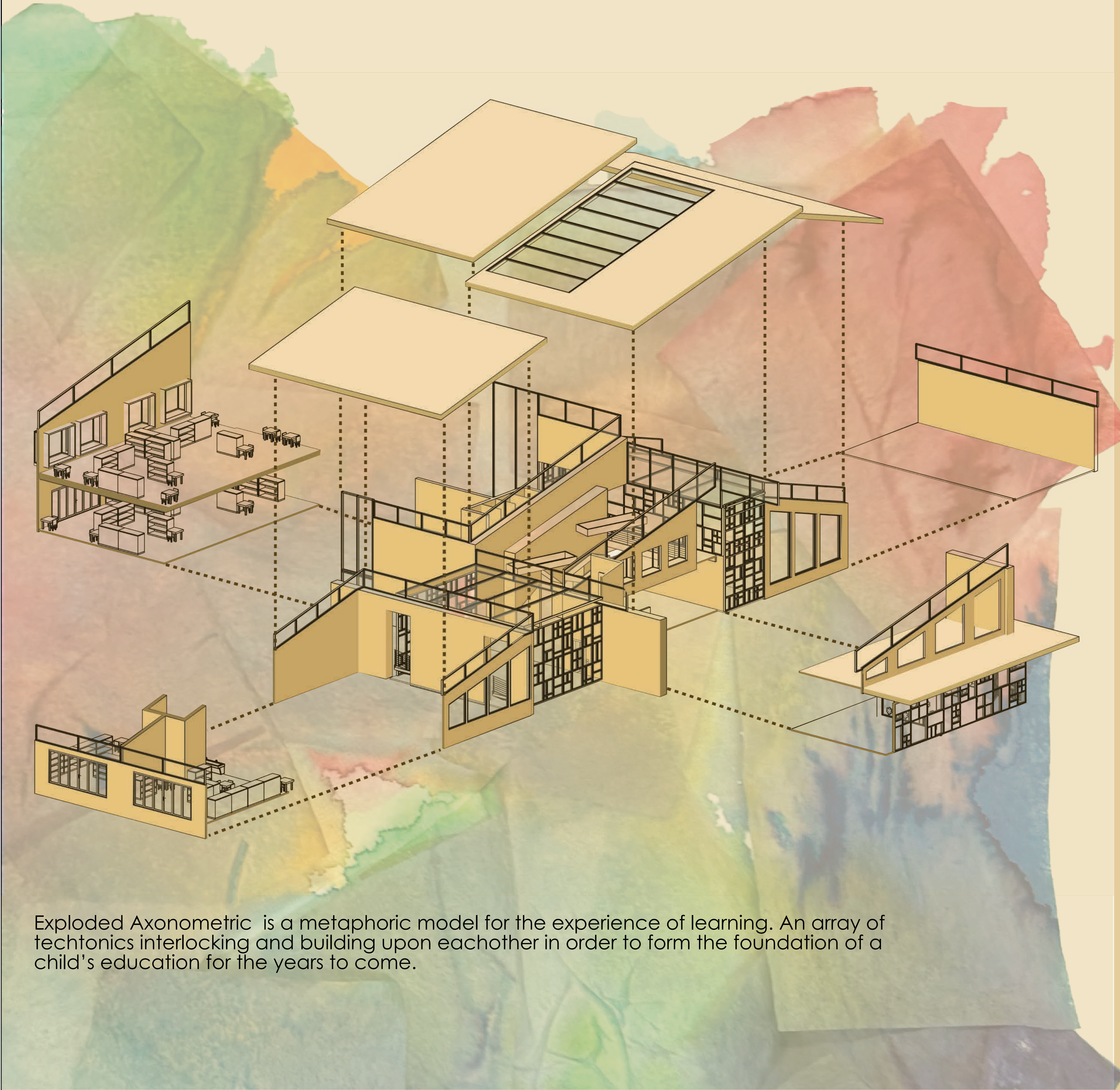


The City of the Sun. One of the earliest depictions of the the modern day education system. The teachings of this Solarian city adorn every surface in order to pass down knowledge generation after generation.

City of the sun. Utopia or Dystopia. (2012, March 12). <https://utopiaordystopia.com/2012/03/12/city-of-the-sun/city-of-the-sun/>



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Exploded Axonometric is a metaphoric model for the experience of learning. An array of techtonics interlocking and building upon eachother in order to form the foundation of a child's education for the years to come.



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