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Proposes crafting a durable ethical rationale for the architecture profession through the public good that it serves

The best chance for ethically grounding the architecture profession is in the public good that results from licensing but architects have done an unconvincing job of communicating the nature of this good. This dissects the underlying tensions causing this situation and proposes solutions that would enable the profession to more forcefully state its case to the world.

Key selling points

- Helps architects reassert the value of their profession by analyzing where they act at cross-purposes
- Dissects complex problems vexing contemporary architectural practice to make them more tractable
- Proposes concepts on which to build a more robust ethic of practice
- Examines the repercussions within the profession of such recent social developments as #metoo, LGBTQ rights, globalization, and individualism

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