

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

Constitutional Edition

P A P E R 02

Recognition

P O S I T I O N

Recognition frequently precedes explanation.

Human beings often recognise coherence before they understand why it is recognised.

BDTH treats this observation as constitutionally significant.

RECOGNITION

OBSERVATION

Recognition is immediate.

It requires remarkably little deliberate analysis.

A piece of music.

A mathematical proof.

A beautifully constructed argument.

An elegant building.

A generous act.

The observer frequently knows before explanation begins.

The phenomenon deserves examination.

RECOGNITION

ACROSS DOMAINS

The same quality is recognised across remarkably different forms.

The medium changes.

Recognition remains.

Music is not mathematics.

Geometry is not kindness.

Architecture is not conversation.

Yet the observer repeatedly recognises coherence wherever it appears.

BDTH regards this consistency as architecturally significant.

DESCRIPTION

Recognition should not be confused with proof.

It establishes observation.

Description follows.

The Papers therefore proceed from recognition rather than speculation.

RECOGNITION

WORKING POSITION

BDTH proceeds from the working position that the consistent human recognition of coherence represents an ordinary feature of experience requiring explanation rather than dismissal.

CLOSING POSITION

Recognition need not establish certainty.

It establishes observation.

The remaining Papers examine the consequences of taking that observation seriously.