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PAPER 06

Prediction

POSITION

Prediction is among the ordinary functions of the human system.

Without prediction, organised life would be impossible.

BDTH therefore does not regard prediction as the problem.

It examines the extent to which acquired prediction progressively acquires authority over direct observation.

PREDICTION

C O N T I N U I T Y

The human system continually anticipates.

Language anticipates.

Memory anticipates.

Movement anticipates.

Relationship anticipates.

Prediction therefore belongs to ordinary coherent functioning.

Its existence requires no explanation beyond organised human life.

O C C U P A T I O N

Difficulty arises when prediction progressively ceases to serve observation.

Instead, observation begins serving prediction.

Experience is increasingly interpreted before it arrives.

Possibility progressively narrows.

Expectation acquires constitutional priority.

PREDICTION

RECOGNITION

Witness restores an essential distinction.

Prediction remains available.

Observation regains precedence.

The individual progressively becomes capable of recognising prediction without immediately becoming organised by it.

ECONOMY

Prediction should remain economical.

It should prepare the individual for experience without replacing experience itself.

Where prediction progressively dominates observation, unnecessary interference correspondingly increases.

PREDICTION

WORKING POSITION

BDTH proceeds from the working position that prediction belongs to coherent functioning.

Its progressive occupation of observation represents acquired interference rather than ordinary organisation.

CLOSING POSITION

Prediction should remain the servant of observation.

It should not become its replacement.