

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

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PAPER 07

The Verdict

POSITION

The human system continually produces conclusions.

Many are necessary.

Some are provisional.

Others progressively acquire an authority exceeding the evidence from which they originally arose.

BDTH uses the term The Verdict to describe this latter phenomenon.

THE VERDICT

FORMATION

The Verdict is seldom delivered in a single moment.

It develops gradually.

Repeated anticipation.

Repeated interpretation.

Repeated protection.

Eventually a conclusion becomes sufficiently familiar that it is no longer experienced as a conclusion.

It is experienced as reality.

AUTHORITY

The Verdict progressively organises perception.

New experience is increasingly interpreted through established conclusion.

Observation yields priority.

Possibility correspondingly diminishes.

THE VERDICT

RECOGNITION

Witness does not immediately overturn The Verdict.

It reveals that a verdict has been delivered.

This distinction is constitutionally significant.

Recognition precedes revision.

REVISION

The Verdict should not be replaced by another verdict.

It should progressively surrender authority to direct observation.

Where observation repeatedly contradicts established conclusion, the architecture gradually reorganises itself without coercion.

WORKING POSITION

BDTH proceeds from the working position that The Verdict represents acquired certainty progressively mistaken for direct observation.

THE VERDICT

CLOSING POSITION

The authority of The Verdict diminishes not because it is attacked.

It diminishes because observation progressively becomes more trustworthy than conclusion.