

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

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Skin

P O S I T I O N

BDTH uses the term Skin to describe the acquired architecture through which the individual progressively interprets experience.

As this architecture develops, it progressively acquires the characteristics ordinarily recognised as personality.

It is therefore easily mistaken for the individual itself.

SKIN

BDTH proceeds from the working position that this identification is architectural rather than essential.

FORMATION

Skin develops progressively.

Memory contributes.

Prediction contributes.

Protection contributes.

Relationship contributes.

Language contributes.

The resulting organisation increasingly serves continuity.

Its development is ordinary.

Its authority is acquired.

SKIN

FUNCTION

Skin performs valuable organisational functions.

It protects.

It predicts.

It preserves continuity.

The framework therefore does not regard Skin as an enemy.

Difficulty arises only when its authority progressively exceeds its ordinary function.

RECOGNITION

Witness permits Skin to become observable.

What may be observed cannot simultaneously constitute the entirety of the observer.

No philosophical conclusion is required.

The architectural distinction is sufficient.

SKIN

C O N T I N U I T Y

Reducing unnecessary interference does not abolish Skin.

History remains.

Personality remains.

Relationship remains.

The architecture simply ceases progressively to mistake
acquired organisation for the whole individual.

W O R K I N G P O S I T I O N

BDTH proceeds from the working position that Skin
represents acquired organisation.

Its existence is ordinary.

Its mistaken identity is acquired.

C L O S I N G P O S I T I O N

Skin need not disappear.

Its authority need only return to its proper proportion.