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Emotion

P O S I T I O N

Emotion is among the most immediate features of human experience.

BDTH does not regard emotion as the problem.

It examines the relationship between emotion, coherence and interference.

Emotion is understood as information before it is understood as instruction.

EMOTION

EXPRESSION

The coherent human system expresses emotion ordinarily.

Joy.

Grief.

Affection.

Fear.

Curiosity.

Emotion therefore requires no defence.

Its existence belongs to ordinary human life.

OCCUPATION

Difficulty arises when temporary physiological states progressively acquire architectural authority.

Emotion increasingly organises interpretation.

Observation correspondingly diminishes.

The individual experiences emotional occupation as reality itself.

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RECOGNITION

Witness restores an essential distinction.

Emotion remains fully present.

Identification need not.

The physiological state may be recognised without immediately determining perception, judgement or action.

Observation restores relationship.

RESOLUTION

Emotion ordinarily seeks physiological resolution.

Where resolution occurs, anticipation subsides.

Where it does not, acquired organisation frequently continues organising itself around the unresolved state.

The emotion itself is not preserved.

The organisation surrounding it is.

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WORKING POSITION

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

Persistent occupation by emotional architecture is acquired.

CLOSING POSITION

Emotion need not disappear.

Its authority need only return to its proper proportion.