

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

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Memory

P O S I T I O N

Memory preserves continuity across experience.

Without memory, organised human life would be impossible.

BDTH therefore does not regard memory as the source of interference.

It examines the organisation established around memory.

MEMORY

PRESERVATION

Experience naturally becomes memory.

Memory permits learning.

Relationship.

Continuity.

Prediction.

Its ordinary function is indispensable.

ORGANISATION

Many memories quietly become part of ordinary continuity.

Others progressively organise anticipation long after the originating experience has concluded.

The distinction concerns not the remembered event itself.

It concerns the architecture organised around it.

MEMORY

RECALL

Memory should not be confused with reoccupation.

Events may be remembered without re-entering the physiological organisation originally associated with them.

As unnecessary interference diminishes, this distinction progressively enlarges.

RESOLUTION

As physiological resolution occurs, memory frequently remains unchanged.

Its architectural authority progressively diminishes.

The individual remembers.

The architecture no longer organises itself around remembering.

MEMORY

WORKING POSITION

BDTH proceeds from the working position that reducing unnecessary interference neither strengthens nor weakens memory.

It progressively reduces unnecessary dependence upon memory as the principal organiser of present experience.

CLOSING POSITION

Freedom does not require forgetting.

It requires that remembering no longer determine the ordinary organisation of experience.