

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

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Responsibility

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Responsibility follows freedom.

Where no alternative is recognised, responsibility remains correspondingly limited.

As coherent observation progressively enlarges recognised possibility, responsibility necessarily expands.

RESPONSIBILITY

RECOGNITION

Responsibility begins with recognition.

The individual cannot reasonably assume responsibility for architecture that remains entirely unseen.

Observation therefore precedes accountability.

Witness continues to occupy constitutional priority.

PARTICIPATION

Responsibility does not imply blame.

Nor does it imply retrospective judgement.

It concerns present participation.

The coherent human system increasingly recognises its capacity to participate differently where alternative possibilities become available.

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As unnecessary interference diminishes, reaction progressively gives way to response.

The distinction is subtle.

Reaction is organised primarily through existing architecture.

Response increasingly includes direct observation before action follows.

LIMITATION

Responsibility should not be confused with omnipotence.

Circumstance continues.

History continues.

Uncertainty continues.

Responsibility concerns the organisation of participation within those realities rather than control over them.

RESPONSIBILITY

WORKING POSITION

BDTH proceeds from the working position that responsibility expands naturally as coherent observation progressively enlarges recognised possibility.

Recognition reveals it.

CLOSING POSITION

Responsibility is not an obligation added to coherent living.

It is one of its ordinary consequences.

The reduction of unnecessary interference progressively enlarges the individual's capacity to participate consciously in experience.