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Relationship

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Relationship is among the principal expressions of human life.

BDTH does not regard relationship as separate from coherent functioning.

It examines the extent to which acquired architecture progressively influences the manner in which one human being encounters another.

RELATIONSHIP

ENCOUNTER

No relationship occurs independently of perception.

Each individual arrives with accumulated memory.

Expectation.

Prediction.

Protective organisation.

The encounter therefore consists not merely of two individuals.

It also includes the architecture through which each perceives the other.

RECOGNITION

Reduced interference alters relationship before it alters circumstance.

The other person increasingly appears as they are rather than primarily through established anticipation.

Observation progressively regains priority over projection.

Relationship becomes correspondingly more direct.

RELATIONSHIP

PARTICIPATION

Relationship is neither passive nor controlled.

It is participatory.

Each response contributes to the architecture of the encounter.

Reduced interference enlarges the availability of response.

Automatic reaction correspondingly diminishes.

RESOLUTION

Unresolved architecture frequently seeks continuation through relationship.

Expectations formed elsewhere become organised around present encounters.

The individual often responds less to the person before them than to architecture established previously.

Recognition progressively weakens this organisation.

RELATIONSHIP

WORKING POSITION

BDTH proceeds from the working position that coherent relationship depends less upon perfected behaviour than upon progressively reduced interference.

Observation precedes interpretation.

Relationship follows.

CLOSING POSITION

Relationship progressively becomes more coherent as one person increasingly encounters another before accumulated anticipation determines the encounter.