

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

Constitutional Edition

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Character

P O S I T I O N

Character is frequently understood as a collection of stable personal qualities.

BDTH proposes a complementary observation.

Character is progressively revealed through the ordinary expression of coherence as unnecessary interference diminishes.

C H A R A C T E R

E X P R E S S I O N

Character need not be manufactured.

Integrity.

Patience.

Courage.

Generosity.

Honesty.

These qualities frequently become more consistently available as coherent functioning becomes progressively less obscured.

The architecture permits expression.

It does not fabricate it.

CHARACTER

CONTINUITY

Character differs from mood.

Mood fluctuates.

Character possesses continuity.

Reduced interference does not eliminate ordinary emotional variation.

It progressively reduces the extent to which temporary physiological occupation determines conduct.

RECOGNITION

Character is recognised more readily by others than by oneself.

It appears through repeated action rather than isolated intention.

The coherent system progressively exhibits increasing correspondence between perception, judgement and behaviour.

C H A R A C T E R

D E V E L O P M E N T

Character continues developing throughout life.

Coherence does not terminate growth.

It enlarges the conditions within which growth proceeds.

The architecture remains capable of refinement.

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

BDTH proceeds from the working position that character represents one of the ordinary expressions of coherent human functioning.

Interference frequently obscures it.

It does not create it.

CHARACTER

CLOSING POSITION

Character is not progressively manufactured.

As unnecessary interference diminishes, qualities already recognised as true become progressively easier to express.

The architecture no longer stands so frequently between intention and conduct.