

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

Constitutional Edition

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Work

P O S I T I O N

Work occupies a substantial proportion of ordinary human life.

BDTH therefore does not regard work as separate from coherent functioning.

It examines the relationship between acquired architecture and the manner in which work is encountered.

W O R K

A C T I V I T Y

Work assumes many forms.

Manual.

Intellectual.

Creative.

Administrative.

Domestic.

Its constitutional significance lies not in its category, but in the quality of participation it permits.

O C C U P A T I O N

Acquired interference frequently extends into work.

Anticipation precedes observation.

Reaction precedes response.

Routine progressively replaces attention.

The activity continues.

Participation diminishes.

W O R K

P R E S E N C E

Reduced interference restores the availability of direct participation.

The task increasingly becomes the task itself.

Attention returns to present activity.

The distinction between observer and activity correspondingly softens.

W O R K

C R A F T S M A N S H I P

Craftsmanship represents one ordinary expression of coherent work.

Economy.

Precision.

Care.

Attention.

These qualities frequently emerge not through increased effort but through reduced internal occupation.

The work increasingly receives the worker's undivided participation.

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

BDTH proceeds from the working position that coherent work represents the increasing correspondence between attention, participation and activity.

The quality of the work reflects the quality of the organisation performing it.

W O R K

C L O S I N G P O S I T I O N

Work need not become different.

The individual progressively becomes differently available to the work.