

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

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The Recognition of Coherence

P O S I T I O N

Human beings repeatedly recognise coherence wherever it appears.

BDTH regards this observation as constitutionally significant.

Recognition occurs across remarkably different domains despite the absence of any obvious functional relationship between them.

OBSERVATION

Coherence is recognised in music.

In mathematics.

In architecture.

In geometry.

In craftsmanship.

In elegant reasoning.

In acts of generosity.

The observer frequently experiences immediate recognition before conscious explanation begins.

THE RECOGNITION OF COHERENCE

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

The same quality appears to express itself through different forms.

The expression changes.

Recognition does not.

BDTH therefore proceeds from the working position that the observer is recognising something more fundamental than the particular medium through which coherence appears.

P A R T I C I P A T I O N

The human observer forms part of the very architecture within which coherence is recognised.

Recognition therefore possesses a participatory quality.

The observer is not merely identifying coherence externally.

Recognition suggests correspondence between the observer and that which is recognised.

E C O N O M Y

Explanatory economy asks whether repeated recognition across different domains reflects multiple unrelated phenomena or the repeated expression of a single constitutional principle.

BDTH regards the second explanation as the more economical.

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

BDTH proceeds from the working position that the human capacity to recognise coherence represents ordinary evidence worthy of constitutional attention.

Recognition itself becomes part of the phenomenon requiring explanation.

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

Coherence need not announce itself.

Where it appears, the observer frequently recognises it before explanation begins.