

THE CONSTITUTION OF BDTH

Constitutional Edition

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Coherence and Randomness

P O S I T I O N

Human experience contains both order and unpredictability.

BDTH therefore distinguishes between randomness in events and coherence in organisation.

The two should not be confused.

OBSERVATION

Life remains uncertain.

Success remains uncertain.

Failure remains uncertain.

Relationship remains uncertain.

Chance continues.

Circumstance continues.

Coherence does not abolish uncertainty.

ORGANISATION

Random events need not imply random organisation.

A coherent architecture may respond coherently to
circumstances that remain fundamentally unpredictable.

The distinction is constitutional.

COHERENCE AND RANDOMNESS

INTERPRETATION

Interference frequently seeks certainty where none exists.

Prediction progressively expands beyond its ordinary function.

The individual increasingly attempts to eliminate uncertainty through anticipation.

Coherence permits uncertainty without requiring continual occupation by it.

ECONOMY

A coherent system need not know the future.

It need only respond appropriately when the future becomes the present.

This represents a considerably more economical architecture than continual prediction.

COHERENCE AND RANDOMNESS

WORKING POSITION

BDTH proceeds from the working position that coherent functioning remains entirely compatible with an unpredictable world.

Certainty is not its objective.

Participation is.

CLOSING POSITION

Randomness belongs to circumstance.

Coherence belongs to organisation.

The two frequently coexist without contradiction.