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Thirdly, there is the concrete principle of directed tension. Radically, tension results from the twofold function of potency as the ground both of limitation and of finality. As the ground of limitation, potency restricts the higher integration to a determinate genus and species. As the ground of finality, potency is

6. The Notion of Development.

Because the notion of development is peculiarly subject to the distorting influence of counter-positions, our study of insight as activity treated classical, statistical, and dialectical method but made no attempt to discuss the nature of genetic method. This omission has now to be remedied and, perhaps, the simplest procedure will be to begin by stating and illustrating the principles of development.

The first principle is the ~~kind~~ tension of potency. An underlying manifold restricts higher integrations to determinate genera and species. But at the same time, it is an upwardly directed dynamism towards ever fuller realizations of being, and consequently it does not come to rest in any determinate higher integration.

Secondly, there is the principle of emergence. Otherwise coincidental manifolds

6. Development.

The puzzling fact of development may perhaps be brought to heel by a grasp of three principles.

The first principle is generic. It is that otherwise ~~coinc~~ coincidental manifolds of lower conjugate acts can constitute the potency for higher conjugate forms and acts, that the consequent higher forms vary with variations in the underlying manifold, and that the consequent higher acts vary with variations in the forms.

The second principle is specific. It consists in the systematically recurrent application of the generic principle. It asserts that a less complete higher integration so systematizes the underlying manifold as to make it the potency for a more complete higher integration. Accordingly, the specific principles envisages a series of moments; at each moment there are both an underlying manifold and a corresponding higher integration; but the correspondence is ^{always} imperfect and the effect of the imperfect higher integration higher integration; but successive manifolds and successive integrations differ; and the ground of the difference is that the inadequacy of the integration at each moment is a failure to dominate completely the underlying manifold, and this failure leaves the immanently directed dynamism or finality of the manifold free to assume a constellation that constitutes the potency for a more complete integration.