

# THEOLOGICAL GEOGRAPHY

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60163 Tornado  
passes over the  
Royal Border  
Bridge on the  
East Coast Main  
Line.



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The English noun *diagnosis* compounds the Greek prefix *dia* and the Greek noun *gnosis*.

*Dia* means “over against” in the sense of interacting or communicating with another, something or someone outside oneself. *Gnosis* means knowledge in the sense of ecstatic union, complete, unconditioned participation of one with one.

*Diagnosis* is awareness mediated by observation during interaction and emerging in unmediated unity of observer and observed, dispelling separation and inspiring awareness of the observed’s condition as one’s own.

A *diagnosis* is a report that is true because its maker is one with the condition reported. *Diagnosis* is participatory, neither removed nor stand-offish. It proceeds from a reunion of subject and object,

observer and observed, in direct, unmediated knowledge one with one.

There are seven types of diagnosis and not everyone is qualified to make each of them:

Somatic  
Spiritual  
Protection  
Legal  
Moral  
Technical  
Political

Medical doctors only are qualified to make somatic diagnoses. Theologians only are qualified to make spiritual diagnoses. Soldiers only are qualified to make protection diagnoses. Lawyers only are qualified to make legal diagnoses. Every person, except the insane, is qualified to make moral

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diagnoses. Engineers only are qualified to make technical diagnoses. The self-supporting only are qualified to make political diagnoses.





Osservazioni

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