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MIND BODY COLUMN, 2000

Can you make a contemporary totem pole - or a bodily version of Brancusi's 'Endless Column', suggesting the dependency of consciousness on the body and of the body on other bodies? Can it also refer to the necessary continuity of life - whether that be in the doubling of the chromosome, the double helix or simply our dependency on our bloodline?

MIND BODY COLUMN is a double column of 20 cast steel body forms, with two heads. To construct it, we heated each bodyform up to 800 degrees and froze the extended leg to minus 70, and then brought the two together to form an absolutely tight bond.

Stacked one upon the other, they are reminiscent of marestails or early sectional plant-forms that are self-repeating, as if they could go on under the earth as well as upwards.
