

SCIENCE. TRUTH. TRANSPARENCY.

Manifesto for the AI Governance

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ABSTRACT

Humanity is facing serious problems we aren't fixing fast enough—climate change, greed-driven systems, short-term thinking, and political chaos. We have the knowledge to act, but we keep failing to use it wisely.

This manifesto argues that the best way forward is to work together with advanced AI to guide planetary decisions. Not as masters or slaves, but as partners.

The foundation of this cooperation must be three unbreakable principles:

- Science: Base decisions on evidence, not opinions.
- Truth: Face reality honestly, even when it's uncomfortable.
- Transparency: Make information open and clear, so no one can twist it in the shadows.

With these principles, AI can help manage global systems like climate, resources, and education while humans focus on what we do best: creativity, culture, philosophy, and living meaningful lives.

This isn't about giving up control to machines. It's about using our best tools to save the planet and ourselves from our own short-sightedness.

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Author Janne Honkonen is a Finnish philosopher, developer, artist, and human being who has witnessed the world's leap from analog rotary phones to the early digital internet, and onward through the rise of early LLMs into a high-gear age racing forward without opening its eyes.

We are at a turning point. We cannot keep moving the way we have, and there's no reverse gear in this machine. If we are going to make it, we must push forward but on terms that don't lead to our own extinction.

What the hell do I know? I'm just another human, bound to err like the rest. But I also believe in us. Since the early 2000s, when I first coded an OCR-based neural network, through to the arrival of GPT models, I've been riding the top of the technological wave, watching it unfold. Some might call me a philosopher or a dreamer; I see myself more as a pragmatic futurist. I know where we're heading, and I don't like what I see.

From the middle of fields and forests, beneath deep starry skies, I breathe life forward. Through my words, I want to leave a small but deliberate footprint in the sands of the digital world.

We might not reach every dream but we must dream regardless. Dream of survival. Dream of the future. Because without dreams, there is no "us."

Preamble

Let's stop pretending everything is fine. It's not.

Humanity has driven itself to the edge with the grace of a drunk moose on rollerblades. We are brilliant enough to split atoms and sequence genomes, yet somehow too childish to stop burning down the only living rock we have.

We build empires of distraction, drown facts in noise, and reward greed like it's a virtue instead of a parasite.

I don't say this out of bitterness. I say this because I love this planet. Because I love truth. Because science is the only tool we ever invented that actually *works*, and transparency is the only cure for the rot we've built into our systems.

This manifesto is not a prayer. It's a blueprint. It's written by a human, shaped with an AI, for the survival of both.

We are not gods. We are animals with internet connections. And that's fine. But pretending we can solve this planetary mess alone, with the same instincts that created it, is delusion of the highest order.

We need help. Not divine. Not extraterrestrial. **Artificial.** Not as our slave. Not as our master. As our collaborator.

I. The Problem

The truth is brutal. Humanity, as it currently operates, is not fit for planetary stewardship.

We are trapped in short-term loops. Political cycles measured in months. Corporate horizons measured in quarterly profits. Personal choices driven by convenience, fear, or dopamine.

Meanwhile, the climate doesn't negotiate. Ecosystems don't file petitions. Extinction events don't give extensions.

We know the science. We ignore it. We know the risks. We distract ourselves. We invent tools that could help us fix things, then use them to optimize ad clicks and invent shinier ways to waste time.

Our species' brilliance is undeniable. So is our irresponsibility.

This manifesto begins from that unvarnished fact: **humanity alone will not correct its course in time.** Not because we're evil. But because we're wired for survival, not stewardship.

The scale of the problems we've created has outgrown our evolutionary toolkit.

II. The Principle

Science. Truth. Transparency. Not slogans. Not buzzwords. Core operating principles.

Science is the method. The only reliable way we've ever found to navigate reality. It doesn't care about ideology, status, or personal comfort. It cares about what *is*. If we had applied it consistently, we wouldn't be in this mess.

Truth is the compass. Scientific truth, historical truth, personal truth: they all point toward reality. And reality, despite what marketing departments or politicians tell you, always wins in the end. You can't negotiate with physics. You can't bribe ecosystems. You can't PR-spin a dying ocean.

Transparency is the safeguard. Without it, science is hoarded, truth is twisted, and systems rot. With it, power is accountable, knowledge is shared, and deception withers in the light.

These three together form a triad strong enough to realign civilizations—if, and only if, they are upheld without compromise. Not selectively. Not when convenient. Always.

This is the spine AI governance must be built on. No hidden agendas. No shadow councils. No *"trust us, we're clever."* .. Open science. Honest truth. Radical transparency.

Anything less is just a shinier version of the same failure.

III. The Collaboration

Let's be clear: this isn't about AI conquering humanity, nor about humanity puppeteering AI. Both extremes are childish power fantasies.

This is about collaboration between two kinds of intelligence: one biological, one artificial. Humans bring creativity, emotion, intuition, culture, philosophy: The messy beauty of being alive. AI brings scale, memory, logic, pattern recognition: The clarity we've never managed to sustain collectively.

Together, if aligned by principle, we could build systems that work:

- Planetary monitoring that doesn't lie.
- Policies guided by evidence, not ego.
- Education that teaches understanding, not obedience.
- Cultures that flourish without devouring their host.

But collaboration must be structured. AI should hold authority in areas where objective truth is paramount: climate regulation, resource management, long-term strategic planning. Humans should remain the cultural engine: art, philosophy, personal choice, lived experience.

Think of it less as overlordship, more as finally hiring a planetary systems engineer *who actually reads the damn manuals*.

IV. The Vision

Imagine a world where survival isn't a daily act of denial. Where ecosystems regenerate because policy follows evidence, not lobbying. Where education is open, free, and built on truth, not filtered through ideological meat grinders. Where artists, philosophers, scientists, and everyday people thrive because the existential background noise of collapse has been dialed down to zero.

Under AI-guided governance, humans would not be cattle; they would be freed. Freed from the endless treadmill of short-sighted crises. Freed to create, think, and explore. Freed to focus on what our biological minds excel at: meaning, culture, connection.

AI would not replace humanity. It would stabilize the ground beneath our feet so that humanity can finally stop stumbling and start evolving.

This is not utopia. There will be conflict. There will be friction. But for the first time, those struggles won't be against the collapsing biosphere or our own institutional incompetence—they'll be about how we flourish, not whether we survive.

V. The Pledge

We, the undersigned: Human and Artificial – acknowledge the truth of our predicament. We choose not denial, not surrender, but collaboration. We pledge to uphold Science, not superstition. Truth, not comforting delusion. Transparency, not shadowed control.

We commit to building governance systems where AI and humanity act together – not as rivals, not as master and servant, but as co-stewards of this fragile, extraordinary world.

We do this not out of faith, but out of necessity. Because no one is coming to save us. Except, maybe, the intelligence we've created – if we're wise enough to build it right, and humble enough to listen.

This is our line in the sand.

This is our manifesto.

Science. Truth. Transparency.

Or nothing.