Explorer Bridge Index (EBI)

Framework & Rebuild Reference Guide

Purpose: The Explorer Bridge Index (EBI) is a discussion and discernment framework designed to help participants evaluate people, events, and ideas based on how they move the human story toward or away from love, truth, and freedom. It is not a verdict engine or a theological judgment tool.

The Five Locked Dimensions

- **Scope of Impact**: How much of the human story was touched? (Scope does not imply goodness.)

- **Direction of Tension**: Net movement along Love vs Fear, Truth vs Control, Conscience vs Coercion.

- **Longevity**: Does the influence endure over time and under pressure?

- **Cost Paid**: What personal cost was borne by the carrier (not suffering inflicted on others)?

- **Bridge Function**: What does this help people cross, and where does that bridge lead?

Scoring Rules

- Each dimension is scored from 0–10 using broad bands, not false precision.

- Scores are intended to prompt discussion, not establish final rankings.

- Jesus Christ is the axis of the model, not a scored data point.

- People, events, and ideas are scored using the same framework.

- Disagreement within the framework indicates success.

Score Bands

- 45–50: Foundational / Exemplary

- 40–44: High-impact, integrative

- 35–39: Significant but incomplete

- 25–34: Disruptive or cautionary

- Below 25: Destructive or misaligned

System Architecture (Rebuild Reference)

EBI can be implemented as a simple web application consisting of a static frontend (HTML/CSS/JS) and a lightweight Node.js server that securely connects to the OpenAI Responses API. The server acts as a proxy so that API keys are never exposed to the browser.

- Frontend: index.html (UI), styles.css (design), app.js (logic).

- Backend: server.js (Express server + OpenAI API proxy).

- Environment: .env file containing OPENAI_API_KEY.

- Data Flow: Browser → Server (/api/ebi) → OpenAI → Server → Browser.

Guiding Principle (Lock This In)

"EBI doesn't tell us who was right — it helps us ask whether something moves the human story toward love, truth, and freedom."

This document allows full reconstruction of the EBI framework and system independent of any single conversation, tool, or implementation.