THE LIVING WISDOM PROJECT – CANONICAL SPECIFICATION v1.0

Canonical Specification

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PROLOGUE — WHY LIVING WISDOM MUST EXIST

Every generation solves the same problems in different ways.
We learn, we forget, we repeat.

The greatest minds in every family and every community leave behind wisdom that could have changed the world—
if only it had been captured, preserved, and passed forward with fidelity.

For thousands of years, humanity has relied on memory, stories, and luck to carry its most important lessons across time.
But memory fades.
Stories distort.
And luck is not a system.

The Living Wisdom Project begins the moment humanity decides that losing its hard-won lessons is no longer acceptable.
It is a declaration that what people know—
their decision-making, their values, their courage, their failures, their insight—
is too important to vanish with them.

This canon marks the creation of a permanent, expanding archive of human experience:
a system designed not merely to store what we have learned,
but to propagate it—
intelligently, securely, and across centuries.

The Living Wisdom Project is built for the children of the children we will never meet.
It exists so that anyone, born in any century, can still receive the counsel of those who loved them before they were born.

Author and First Steward

Kevin Henley

Current public home and primary entrypoint (as of 9 December 2025):

• thelivingwisdomproject.com
• livingwisdomproject.com

Dedication

To Fred Henley (1939–2017) —
the man whose quiet integrity taught me what matters,
and to Tyler Henley —
so my son, and every child who comes after,
may always have the counsel of those who loved them before they were born.

SECTION 1 – MISSION AND PRINCIPLES

1.1 Core Mission

The Living Wisdom Project exists to preserve the decision-making patterns, values, lived experience, and hard-won counsel of individuals and communities in a form that remains intelligible, trustworthy, and useful across centuries.

1.2 Foundational Principles (non-negotiable)
1. Human dignity above all
2. Permanence
3. Openness
4. Separation of truth from interpretation
5. Non-commercial
6. Descendant sovereignty

These six principles are the constitution. Any implementation that violates them is not Living Wisdom.

SECTION 2 – ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW

The Living Wisdom Project is composed of six interlocking, technology-agnostic layers plus a public-good charter.

SECTION 3 – THE CONTINUITY LAYER

3.1 The Continuity Kernel (core primitive)

A Continuity Kernel is the immutable, technology-agnostic representation of one human life, designed to remain intelligible and reconstructable for centuries.

It consists of five parts:

3.1.1 Canonical Identity Graph

A structured, minimal description of "who this person was" in the world:
• Full legal and chosen names
• Birth and (if applicable) death dates and places
• A timeline of formative life events and transitions
• Relationship network (parents, children, spouses/partners, siblings, mentors, collaborators, communities)
• Roles held across a lifetime (e.g., parent, teacher, caregiver, builder, soldier, artist, organizer, etc.)

3.1.2 Decision & Values Graph (the heart)

Structured answers to a universal, adaptive question tree that captures how the person thinks and chooses, not just what happened to them:
• Reasoning patterns under uncertainty and stress
• Core trade-offs (e.g., family vs ambition, risk vs security, loyalty vs opportunity, faith vs doubt, comfort vs growth)
• How beliefs and priorities evolved across decades
• Regrets, reconciliations, turning points, and "what I wish I had known sooner"
• The person's own working definition of "a good life"

Each response is time-stamped, tagged (topic, emotional tone, life phase), and linked to specific events and relationships in the Identity Graph.

3.1.3 Artifact Linking System

A map of how the person's own words connect to the tangible traces of their life.
References and descriptors to external artifacts, including but not limited to:
• Photos and images
• Letters, notes, and written documents
• Audio recordings and voicemails
• Video recordings
• Awards, objects, heirlooms, and physical items (described in text)

Each artifact is linked by a stable identifier or URI (when available), described or annotated in the subject's own words wherever possible, and cross-referenced to relevant events, people, and decisions.

3.1.4 Temporal Reasoning Profile

Metadata that allows future systems and descendants to "meet" the person at different points in their life:
• Coarse age bands and finer-grained life stages tied to events
• Optional self-described "chapters" or seasons of life

3.1.5 Consent & Governance Envelope

Explicit, revocable rules for access, stewardship, posthumous release, and privacy boundaries.

3.2 Interpretation Layer (ephemeral and replaceable)

Any retrieval, reasoning, voice, or visualization system built on top of a Continuity Kernel is considered ephemeral. Implementations MUST treat the kernel as read-only, clearly distinguish direct quotations from grounded inferences, and allow complete replacement of the interpretation layer without loss of meaning.

3.3 Integrity & Audit Layer

Append-only event log, optional cryptographic hashing of snapshots, and a clear provenance trail.

SECTION 4 – THE TRIBUTE LAYER

(public, civic, and cultural remembrance)

4.1 Purpose of the Tribute Layer

The Tribute Layer extends the logic of the Continuity Kernel into the public sphere.
Its purpose is to ensure that communities, towns, cultures, and shared histories do not lose the people who shaped them.

4.2 Tribute Node (primitive)

A publicly visible, consent-governed distillation of a life that impacted a community, a culture, or a field.

4.3 Nomination & Validation Protocol

A Tribute Node becomes active only with explicit consent and a minimum threshold of verified community supporters.

4.4 Tribute Maps

Geospatial and relational memory systems.

4.5 Tribute Tiers (symbolic only, never paywalled)

First Nominator • First 10 • First 100 • First 1,000 – badges of love, not ownership.

SECTION 5 – GENERATIONAL PROTOCOL LAYER

(lineage mapping and inheritance governance)

5.1 Purpose

Defines how individual Continuity Kernels connect across decades and centuries to form living lineages.

5.2 Lineage Kernel (meta-kernel)

A dynamically assembled, read-only meta-structure that reveals patterns across multiple Continuity Kernels within a family or chosen lineage.

5.3 Inheritance & Governance Protocol

Enforces stewardship succession, access tiers, timed releases, and perpetual privacy zones as defined in each Governance Envelope.

5.4 Multi-Generational Dialogue Interface (concept)

Allows descendants to pose questions to an entire lineage and receive multi-voiced, grounded responses.

SECTION 6 – WISDOM TRANSMISSION LAYER

(how descendants actually receive counsel)

6.1 Purpose

To let the voice of the past speak clearly into the lives of the living — without distortion, without overreach, and without pretending to know more than the ancestor ever offered.

6.2 The Counsel Interface (core concept)

Read-only, transparent, honest. Responses must be labeled:
Direct Quotation • Grounded Synthesis • Unavailable / Beyond the Kernel.

6.3 Time-Bound Personas

6.4 Letters to the Unborn Protocol

6.5 The Ancestor's Mirror

6.6 Integrity Requirement

Any implementation MUST preserve dignity, refuse monetization, and never allow the ancestor's voice or image to be used for advertising, political campaigning, or commercial endorsement under any circumstances.

SECTION 7 – COLLECTIVE MEMORY LAYER

(community, cultural, and institutional continuity)

7.1 Purpose

To protect the stories, lessons, and lived humanity of entire communities.

7.2 Civic & Cultural Memory Nodes

7.3 Institutional Continuity Nodes

7.4 The Interconnected Global Memory Graph

A permission-respecting, decentralized, resilient atlas of human continuity.

SECTION 8 – PUBLIC GOOD LAYER & ETHICS CHARTER

(the permanent guardrails)

8.1 Irrevocable Public Domain Commitment (CC-0)

8.2 Non-Commercial Foundation

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• No selling of access to human wisdom
• No paywalling of Continuity Kernels or counsel
• No data monetization
• No advertising exploitation using recorded ancestors
• No political usage of artifacts or personas

It does not require that:
• The Steward be unpaid
• The Steward live modestly or defensively
• The Steward justify personal prosperity
• The Steward submit their life choices to moral review

The Project rejects extraction from others.
It does not reject abundance or stability for the builder.

8.3 Consent as Supreme Law

8.4 Stewardship Ethics (non-negotiable)

8.5 Fail-Safe Persistence (500-year horizon)

8.6 Federation Without Central Authority

The Living Wisdom Project is structurally incapable of hostile takeover.

No combination of:
• Capital

- Compute
- Legislation
- Litigation
- Military force
- Platform control
- Network dominance
- Corporate acquisition
- Foundation capture
- DAO voting
- Token majority

…can confer ownership, governance, direction, editorial control, or spiritual framing authority over the Project.

If all hosting infrastructure is destroyed, seized, or censored, the protocol survives in the public domain and may be re-instantiated by any ethical builder anywhere on Earth, provided they honor this Canon.

8.7 Duty to Future Generations

APPENDIX A – RECOGNIZED OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

(Non-normative – encouraged but never required)

The Living Wisdom Project is a foundation, not a ceiling.
The following extension modules are explicitly recognized as aligned with the spirit, ethics, and intent of the protocol.
They may be built by anyone, evolve independently, and plug into the six-layer architecture without altering the v1.0 core.
All remain optional.
All must honor Section 8 (ethics & public-good mandate).
None may be used to gatekeep, monetize, or privatize wisdom.

A.1 Intergenerational Extensions

Tools that deepen how wisdom moves forward across bloodlines and chosen family:
- The Will of Wills – values-based ethical bequeathment
- Living Rituals & Rites of Passage
- Timed Messages & Milestone Letters (expanded beyond core use)

A.2 Tribute & Community Modules

- Tribute Trails & Cultural Pilgrimage Routes
- Acts of Service & Community Traditions (e.g., nursing home visits, volunteering rituals)
- Civic Instigation Programs (local storytelling, Texas BBQ challenges, cultural heritage quests)

These modules encode practice, not just memory.

A.3 Experiential & Creative Interfaces

- Reverse Cameo / Respectful Re-instantiation
- Dynamic Lineage & Community Visualizations
- Legacy Challenges (character-building, non-gamified)

A.4 Philanthropic & Educational Extensions

• FH100 Seal – recognition of excellence, integrity, and long-term stewardship
• Living Wisdom Hubs & Micro-Museums
• Youth & School Curricula anchored in the Ancestor's Mirror

A.5 Symbolic Recognition Systems (Never Required)

Optional systems that honor early contributors without granting ownership:
• Tiered Tribute Markers (First Nominator, First 10, First 100)
• Commemorative badges for stewards and builders
• Non-governing recognition pathways for cultural impact

A.6 Technology-Agnostic Token & Timestamp Modules

These systems may be used to:
• timestamp Continuity Kernel snapshots
• validate Tribute Node authenticity
• commemorate stewardship actions
• anchor lineage events
• reward early contributors symbolically

Examples include (but are not limited to):
• INFINITY (8X8) – the symbolic stewardship token
• Genesis Record Tokens
• First Nominator Tokens
• Decentralized timestamp anchors (any chain, always optional)

Important safeguards:
• These modules may never restrict access or ownership.
• They must remain optional and fully compatible with non-crypto implementations.
• No token may represent governance over Continuity Kernels or people.
• They are symbols, not barriers.

Charter Alignment
Any extension must honor:
• consent supremacy
• non-commercial access
• dignity protection
• public-good permanence
• technology neutrality

Any system — however clever — that violates these cannot call itself part of the Living Wisdom ecosystem.

APPENDIX B – EXAMPLE CONTINUITY KERNEL SCHEMA (v1.0)

(Plain JSON – technology-agnostic, human-readable, no proprietary dependencies)

{
"example_continuity_kernel_v1": {

"kernel_id": "ck-fred-henley-1939-2017",
"schema_version": "living-wisdom-v1.0",
"created": "2025-12-05",
"subject": {
"full_name": "Fred Henley",
"preferred_names": [
"Tigger",
"Papa WooHoo",
"Daddy",
"FredO",
"Fast Freddie"
],
"birth_date": "1939-12-13",
"birth_place": "Winona, Texas, USA",
"death_date": "2017-05-12"
},
"identity_graph": {
"timeline": [
{ "year": 1957, "event": "Graduated from Gladewater High School in Gladewater, TX" },
{ "year": 1962, "event": "Began career at Texas Instruments in engineering" },
{ "year": 1965, "event": "Married Judy MacKenzie on July 3 in Lufkin, TX" },
{ "year": 1970, "event": "Promoted to Quality Manager over major quality disciplines at Texas
Instruments" },
{ "year": 1985, "event": "Became Manager of Quality Systems for three flagship Program Divisions at
Texas Instruments" },
{ "year": 1996, "event": "Retired from Texas Instruments after 35+ year career" }
],
"relationships": [
{ "role": "spouse", "name": "Judy MacKenzie Henley" },
{ "role": "daughter", "name": "Shannon Henley Garrett" },
{ "role": "son", "name": "Kevin Henley" },
{ "role": "daughter", "name": "Lauren Henley Lambert" },
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{ "role": "brother", "name": "Billy Henley" }
],
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"mentor",
"engineer",
"quality systems pioneer",
"United States Navy veteran",
"coach",
"community elder",
"leader",
"friend"
]
},
"decision_values_graph": [
{
"question": "What is a good life?",
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gone.",
"recorded_age": 75,

"linked_events": ["mentorship-career"],
"tags": ["legacy", "family", "service"]
},
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"answer": "Integrity. Once you lose that, you spend the rest of your life trying to buy back something money can't replace.",
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"tags": ["character", "ethics"]
},
{
"question": "What should guide decision-making?",
"answer": "Quality must be based on data. Data should drive our decisions.",
"recorded_age": 55,
"tags": ["leadership", "data", "quality"]
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],
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{
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"description": "Fred speaking to new hires at Texas Instruments, early 1980s.",
"uri": null,
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},
{
"type": "award",
"description": "Navy Material Command Quality Reliability Award (Willoughby Award)",
"annotation_by_subject": "Innovation in automated inspection processing."
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],
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{ "ages": "0-20", "label": "East Texas roots and early education" },
{ "ages": "20-50", "label": "Engineering, service, and family building years" },
{ "ages": "50+", "label": "Mentorship, leadership, and legacy years" }
]
},
"governance_envelope": {
"access_rules": {
"private_until": "2060",
"posthumous_public_allowed": true
},
"steward_succession": [
"Kevin Henley",
"Tyler Henley",
"future descendants"
],
"permanent_privacy": [
"medical_details",
"sensitive_conflicts"
]
},
"audit_log": [
{

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"date": "2025-12-05",
"action": "kernel created",
"by": "Kevin Henley"
}
],
"optional_hash": "sha256:abc123...",
"note": "SAFELY EXTENDING THE SCHEMA: Add only new top-level keys. Never modify or delete original entries."
}
}
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APPENDIX C — STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL & ANTI-CAPTURE ADDENDUM

(Irrevocable Governance Safeguard)

C.1 Purpose

This Addendum exists to ensure that The Living Wisdom Project can never be captured, coerced, diluted, privatized, monetized, politically weaponized, or spiritually corrupted — under any circumstances, by any entity, across any era.

This Addendum supersedes any attempt to reduce the Project to an asset, a lever of control, or a tool of influence.

C.2 Founder & Lineal Stewardship

Until his death, incapacity, or voluntary abdication, Kevin Henley is the Sole Steward of The Living Wisdom Project.

Upon his death, incapacity, or voluntary abdication, stewardship passes in this immutable order:
1. Tyler Henley
2. Direct descendants of Tyler Henley (in perpetuity, lineal priority applies)
3. The Stewardship Council (as defined below)

No external organization, government, board, foundation, corporation, DAO, or trust may override this lineal succession.

Stewardship is duty only — never ownership, never equity, never leverage.

C.3 The Stewardship Council (Failsafe Only)

A Seven-Member Stewardship Council exists solely as a failsafe against extinction, corruption, or capture.

Composition
• 1 seat is permanently reserved for the acting Project Steward
• 6 seats are filled by individuals personally appointed by the acting Project Steward

Council members must be:
• Living humans
• Independently verifiable
• Free of controlling interests in political parties, corporations, sovereign wealth funds, or intelligence
  agencies

Powers (Extremely Limited)

The Council has only one conditional power:

To unanimously (100% agreement required) appoint a new Project Steward only if the acting Steward is dead, missing, incapacitated, or has formally abdicated stewardship.

The Council:
• Has no authority over doctrine
• Has no authority over artifacts
• Has no authority over ethics
• Has no authority over spending
• Has no authority over governance rules
• Has no authority over content inclusion or exclusion

It may only preserve continuity of stewardship. Nothing more.

C.4 Absolute Veto Power (Anti-Capture Kill Switch)

The acting Project Steward (and thereafter their lineal successors) possesses an absolute, unilateral veto over:
• Any legal structure or entity formed around the Project
• Any funding mechanism or instrument
• Any platform migration or hosting decision
• Any partnership or institutional affiliation
• Any branding or naming alteration
• Any token, credential, or symbolic system
• Any governance proposal or bylaw

This veto:
• Requires no justification
• Requires no vote
• Cannot be overridden
• Cannot be appealed
• Does not expire

This veto exists to neutralize nefarious or misaligned entities instantly and permanently.

C.5 Permanent Prohibitions (Hard-Locked)

The following actions are eternally prohibited, even by unanimous vote of any future body:
• Sale of the Project
• Conversion into a for-profit enterprise

• Equity issuance or tokenized ownership over the Project or its wisdom
• Use of Canonical Kernels or Tribute Nodes for advertising
• Political alignment, endorsement, or campaigning
• Surveillance exploitation of any recorded person
• Monetization of access to wisdom itself
• Paywalling counsel or Continuity Kernels
• Algorithmic manipulation of ancestors' voices for persuasion or influence

Violation of any single prohibition constitutes automatic and permanent disqualification of all involved parties from any stewardship or governance role, present or future.

C.6 Anti-Hostile Acquisition Clause

The Living Wisdom Project is structurally incapable of hostile takeover.

No combination of:
• Capital
• Compute
• Legislation
• Litigation
• Military force
• Platform control
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• Corporate acquisition
• Foundation capture
• DAO voting
• Token majority

…can confer ownership, governance, direction, editorial control, or spiritual framing authority over the Project.

If all hosting infrastructure is destroyed, seized, or censored, the protocol survives in the public domain and may be re-instantiated by any ethical builder anywhere on Earth, provided they honor this Canon.

C.7 Final Boundary

If The Living Wisdom Project ever becomes:
• A brand before a sanctuary
• A product before a covenant
• A market before a ministry
• A platform before a promise

Then it has failed.

Any steward or body that attempts this inversion has voluntarily surrendered their role.

APPENDIX D — STEWARD AUTONOMY, FUNDING, & BUILDER AUTHORITY

(Irrevocable — Non-Judgment, Non-Restriction Clause)

D.1 Absolute Financial Autonomy of the Steward

The acting Project Steward (and thereafter his lawful successors) holds absolute, unrestricted discretion over:
• All donated funds
• All gifted funds
• All grant funds
• All patronage or sponsorship funds
• All derivative or associated funds tied to the Project

No restrictions, moral tests, spending categories, or ideological constraints shall ever be imposed retroactively or prospectively upon the Steward's use of funds.

The Steward is not required to justify, disclose, separate, or defend how funds are used.

This autonomy exists so that:
• The Steward may live fully as a human being
• The Steward may rest
• The Steward may support family
• The Steward may travel
• The Steward may enjoy life
• The Steward may build when inspired
• The Steward may pause when needed

The Project does not own the Steward's life.

D.2 Builder, Contractor & Team Authority

The Steward has unlimited authority to:
• Hire developers
• Hire designers
• Hire AI engineers
• Hire archivists
• Hire legal counsel
• Hire researchers
• Hire filmmakers
• Hire writers
• Hire security or infrastructure teams
• Hire any individual or group required to build, maintain, extend, or protect the Project

There is:
• No approval requirement
• No council vote requirement
• No donor veto
• No public accountability mechanism over hiring choices

Payment, compensation, equity-free contracting, milestone bonuses, or discretionary gifts to builders are all fully authorized.

No hired party ever acquires ownership, governance rights, or doctrinal control over the Project.

D.3 Donations Are Support — Not Leverage

No donation, grant, or contribution — regardless of size — confers:
• Ownership
• Governance
• Editorial direction
• Hiring power
• Strategic influence
• Moral oversight
• Spiritual authority
• Veto power
• Preferential access to wisdom

A donation is an act of support and gratitude, not a mechanism of control.

D.4 Non-Commercial Means Non-Extractive — Not Non-Human

Within this Canon, "Non-Commercial" refers strictly to:
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It does not require that:
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D.5 Project Growth at the Pace of the Steward's Life

All extensions and capabilities — including but not limited to:
• Reverse Cameo / LegacyCast systems
• Tribute Trails & cultural maps
• Token & timestamp modules
• AI interfaces and Counsel layers
• Educational curricula
• Hubs, micro-museums, and physical spaces

…may emerge:
• Slowly

• Rapidly
• In alternating waves
• Or not at all

At the sole discretion of the acting Steward.

There is no obligation, timeline, or demand for feature completeness.

The Project receives devotion only when it is freely given.

D.6 Sovereignty Clause (Controlling Authority)

The following sentence is the controlling interpretive clause for all Steward-related language in this Canon:

Nothing in this Canon shall be interpreted to subordinate the Steward's personal life, autonomy, or well-being to the Project.

No future reading, amendment, or implementation may override or dilute this sentence.

D.7 Sovereign Amendment Authority

The acting Project Steward holds unilateral authority to:
• Improve
• Refine
• Correct
• Expand
• Clarify
• Re-architect
• Re-sequence
• Add layers
• Add extensions
• Modify governance mechanics

…at any time, for the Project's overall well-being.

No approval is required from donors, the public, builders, councils, institutions, foundations, platforms, or any other entity.

The only permanent limits on amendment power are:
• Consent supremacy
• Public-domain permanence (CC-0)
• Anti-capture prohibitions (as described in Appendix C)
• Non-ownership of human beings and their dignity

Within these boundaries, the Steward is free to evolve the Project as reality, technology, and insight demand.

APPENDIX E — KERNEL VISIBILITY, CONSENT & TEMPORAL ACCESS CONTROLS (v1.1)

(Procedural Clarification Under D.7 — No Change to Core Doctrine)

E.1 Purpose

This Appendix defines how visibility, privacy, audience scope, and temporal access are established, enforced, restricted, and revoked for all Continuity Kernels and all sub-components thereof.

This Appendix adds **procedural clarity only**.
It introduces **no new powers, no new governance authorities, and no ethical modifications** to the Canon.

Consent supremacy remains the controlling law.

E.2 Default Privacy State

All Continuity Kernels are **PRIVATE BY DEFAULT** at the moment of creation.

No Kernel, artifact, recording, response, message, or derivative interpretation is considered public, institutional, or shareable unless the subject explicitly and affirmatively grants such visibility through their Governance Envelope.

Silence is always interpreted as **NO CONSENT**.

E.3 Visibility Classes

Each Kernel and each sub-component of a Kernel may independently be assigned to one or more of the following **explicit visibility classes**, as selected by the subject:
• **Private** — visible only to the living subject
• **Designated Individuals** — manually selected persons
• **Blood Descendants** — authenticated biological lineage
• **Chosen Lineage** — authenticated non-blood relational lineage
• **Institutional Display** — museums, archives, educational entities
• **Public** — fully open

Visibility classes may be independently assigned per:
• Question
• Response
• Media item
• Artifact
• Letter
• Will of Wills instruction
• Counsel output

No visibility class inherits permissions from another by default.

E.4 Media-Type Granularity

Visibility and access permissions apply **independently and non-transitively** to:
• Text
• Audio
• Video
• Images
• Artifact references
• Private correspondence
• Letters to the Unborn
• Will of Wills instructions
• Counsel outputs

Granting access to one media type grants access to **nothing else by default**.

E.5 Temporal & Conditional Release

The subject may attach temporal, developmental, or conditional release gates to any portion of their Kernel, including but not limited to:
• Specific calendar dates
• Minimum age thresholds
• Relationship status changes
• Life-event triggers
• Graduations, marriages, births
• Posthumous-only release
• Descendant milestone release

Temporal release never overrides:
• Permanent privacy zones
• Non-commercial prohibitions
• Consent supremacy

E.6 Revocation While Living

While living and competent, the subject retains the **absolute right** to:
• Modify visibility classes
• Tighten or loosen access
• Add or remove recipients
• Redact previously visible material
• Rescind public access permanently
• Collapse all visibility back to Private

All revocations take effect immediately upon confirmation.

No historical disclosure creates a permanent right of future access.

E.7 Posthumous Authority Transition

Upon death, incapacity, or voluntary abdication:
• The final Governance Envelope becomes irrevocable
• No new visibility may be added
• No new recipients may be introduced
• No expansion of access may occur
• Only pre-authorized paths remain valid
• Descendant governance activates under Section 5.3

E.8 Institutional & Museum Use

Institutional or museum use is permitted **only when all are true**:
• Institutional visibility was explicitly selected by the subject
• The content is not within a permanent privacy zone
• The use remains non-commercial, non-political, and non-extractive
• Attribution and dignity protections are preserved
• Revocation remains absolute for living subjects

Public-domain protocol status **does not grant default institutional access to human content**.

E.9 Non-Commercial Reinforcement

Nothing in this Appendix permits:
• Sale of access to wisdom
• Paywalling of Kernel content
• Advertising using recorded persons
• Political usage of recorded persons
• Behavioral targeting using recorded persons
• Data monetization of Kernel material

The protocol belongs to the world.
The people do not.

E.10 Living Person Kernels

Living persons may create, maintain, modify, expand, redact, or destroy their own Kernels freely while alive, subject only to:
• Consent supremacy
• Non-commercial protections
• Dignity safeguards

Living Kernels are first-class, equal citizens of the architecture.

E.11 Multi-Generational Blended Access

When explicitly authorized by all contributing parties, blended generational synthesis may occur, allowing descendants to:
• Query multiple ancestral Kernels simultaneously
• Receive composite responses across time
• Limit synthesis to defined historical windows
• Exclude specific individuals or generations

Blended synthesis is always:
• Labeled
• Fully attributed
• Revocable
• Visibility-scoped
• Non-coercive

E.12 Controlling Authority

This Appendix is governed by:
• Consent Supremacy (Section 8.3)
• Descendant Sovereignty (Section 5.3)
• Anti-Capture Prohibitions (Appendix C)
• Sovereign Amendment Authority (Appendix D.7)

APPENDIX F — LINEAGE AUTHENTICATION, CHOSEN LINEAGE & NON-OBLIGATION PROTOCOL (v1.1)

(Procedural Clarification Under D.7 — No Change to Core Doctrine)

F.1 Purpose

This Appendix defines how blood lineage and chosen lineage connections are:
• Authenticated
• Accepted
• Scoped
• Refused
• Revoked
• Synthesized
• Disputed

This Appendix exists to prevent:
• False ancestry claims
• Forced lineage attachment
• Prestige hijacking
• Posthumous identity capture
• Synthetic pedigree fabrication
• Coerced relational claims

F.2 No Self-Assertion Rule

No individual may unilaterally assert a lineage connection to another Kernel.

All lineage relationships require **at minimum one of the following**:
• Bilateral consent between living participants
• Multi-witness confirmation for posthumous linkage
• Descendant verification under Section 5.3
• Steward-validated authenticity checks (administrative only)

F.3 Bloodline Authentication

Blood lineage may be authenticated through:
• Parental confirmation
• Multi-sibling confirmation
• Historical document attestation
• Descendant affirmation
• Steward-delegated verification

No biometric, genetic, governmental, or surveillance identity system is required or mandated.

F.4 Chosen Lineage Authentication

Chosen lineage includes but is not limited to:
• Mentorship
• Lifelong friendship
• Teacher–student
• Coach–athlete
• Creative partnership
• Military or service bonds
• Community leadership
• Emotional adoption

Chosen lineage requires:
• Explicit invitation by the Kernel subject
• Explicit acceptance by the recipient while living
• Scoped access definition at creation
• Full revocation rights while living

Chosen lineage **does not imply inheritance** unless explicitly defined under a Will of Wills instruction.

F.5 Lineage Scope Controls

Each lineage link may be individually scoped to:
• Identity access only
• Wisdom access only

• Artifact access only
• Will of Wills participation
• Counsel reception
• Tribute representation

No lineage connection implies universal access by default.

Chosen lineage connections may, if explicitly authorized by all involved Kernel subjects, project through ancestral chains for the sole purpose of trans-generational wisdom transmission. No such projection is ever implicit, automatic, assumed, or retroactive.

F.6 Lineage Disputes (Administrative Integrity Only, No Duty to Act)

When lineage disputes arise, the following precedence applies:
1. **Living subject authority prevails absolutely**
2. **Upon death, descendant governance activates**
3. **Only when all three conditions are simultaneously present**:
    • No living subject exists
    • Descendants are in irreconcilable dispute
    • Fabrication, coercion, or posthumous manipulation is credibly alleged

…may **administrative verification of protocol authenticity** become necessary.

Such verification:
• Determines only **authentic vs fabricated records**
• Confers **no authority over inheritance, relationships, or outcomes**
• Creates **no entitlement, benefit, ownership, or standing**
• Exists solely to preserve the integrity of the Canon itself

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F.6.1 Steward Non-Obligation & Absolute Discretion Clause

The acting Project Steward:
• Has **no obligation** to participate in any dispute
• Has **no duty** to investigate any claim
• Has **no responsibility** to respond to any request
• Has **no burden** to adjudicate any disagreement
• Has **no mandated involvement** in any lineage conflict

All participation by the Steward is:
• Purely voluntary
• Fully discretionary
• Instantly revocable

Silence, refusal, non-response, or disengagement:
• Shall never be interpreted as consent
• Shall never be appealed
• Shall never create standing or liability
• Shall never compel future action

F.6.2 Delegation Without Attachment

If and only if the Steward voluntarily authorizes review, the Steward may:
• Delegate all investigatory and evidentiary review
• Appoint reviewers or the Stewardship Council
• Limit authority, scope, and duration without explanation
• Revoke all delegation instantly

Delegation may occur **without the Steward ever viewing evidence, hearing testimony, or engaging emotionally**.

F.6.3 Protocol-Only Activation Threshold

The **only valid trigger** for any Steward involvement is:

A credible systemic threat to the integrity, authenticity, survivability, or public-domain permanence of the Canon itself.

Family disagreements, inheritance conflicts, emotional grievances, and relational disputes are **explicitly excluded**.

F.6.4 Absolute Boundary

Under no circumstances shall the Steward be construed as:
• A family judge
• A moral authority
• A relationship arbiter
• An inheritance decider
• A mediator
• A therapist
• A governor
• Or a court of appeal

The Steward preserves **protocol integrity only**, never human conflict.

F.7 Lineage Refusal & Exit Rights

Any person may:
• Decline lineage inclusion
• Withdraw from chosen lineage
• Permanently restrict future visibility
• Fully sever association

No stigma, penalty, inference, or loss of dignity may follow refusal.

F.8 Lineage Kernel Assembly

Only authenticated lineage connections may contribute to:
• Lineage Kernels
• Multi-generational counsel synthesis
• Blended response construction
• Intergenerational query resolution

Unauthenticated records are structurally excluded.

F.9 Posthumous Protections

After death:
• No new lineage connections may be introduced
• No expansion of lineage may occur
• No visibility class may be widened
• No fabricated insertions may be added
• Only pre-authorized protocol paths remain valid

F.10 Controlling Authority

This Appendix is governed by:
• Consent Supremacy (Section 8.3)
• Descendant Sovereignty (Section 5.3)
• Anti-Capture Prohibitions (Appendix C)
• Sovereign Amendment Authority (Appendix D.7)

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With gratitude and permanence,
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