

The Living Wisdom Project — Public README & Implementation Guide

A Permanent Human Memory Protocol for the Future of Humanity

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Primary Entry Points:

- <https://thelivingwisdomproject.com>
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What This Is

The Living Wisdom Project is a **public-domain protocol** for preserving, transmitting, and protecting **human wisdom across centuries**.

It defines:

- How a human life can be represented as a **Continuity Kernel**
- How wisdom is separated from interpretation
- How consent, privacy, dignity, and descendant sovereignty are enforced
- How families, chosen lineages, communities, and institutions can preserve memory
- How the past may speak to the future **without being exploited**
- How this system is protected from **commercial capture, political weaponization, and institutional control**

It is **not a platform, product, company, token, or service**.

It is a **protocol and ethical architecture** placed permanently in the public domain for any builder, institution, or community to implement — provided they honor the Canon.

What This Is Not

- It is **not** a genealogy database
- It is **not** a social network
- It is **not** a commercialization framework
- It is **not** a surveillance system

- It is **not** an advertising channel
- It is **not** a political tool
- It is **not** owned by anyone — including its author

The protocol is **open**.

The people are **not for sale**.

Why This Exists

Humanity is losing its wisdom faster than it can preserve it.

Every generation relearns the same lessons:

- About love
- About regret
- About courage
- About failure
- About meaning
- About what actually matters

This project exists to ensure that:

- The voice of the past is never lost
- The mistakes of one generation do not have to be relived by the next
- The wisdom of ordinary people is preserved with the same seriousness as history treats kings and empires

Who This Is For

- Families
- Elders
- Descendants
- Teachers
- Artists
- Veterans
- Caregivers
- Builders
- Researchers
- Museums
- Philanthropists
- Archivists
- Communities
- Future generations

- And people who will never know your name — but may need your wisdom

Legal & Ethical Backbone

- **Public Domain (CC-0):**

Anyone may copy, implement, modify, or extend the protocol.

- **Non-Commercial Wisdom Rule:**

Access to recorded human wisdom may never be sold, paywalled, monetized, targeted, politicized, or exploited.

- **Consent Supremacy:**

No person's memory, voice, or identity may be used without explicit authorization.

- **Descendant Sovereignty:**

Families retain agency over visibility, timing, and transmission.

- **Anti-Capture Structure:**

The document contains permanent safeguards that prevent:

- Corporate takeover
- Foundation capture
- DAO coercion
- Platform monopolization
- Political weaponization

How To Use This Document

You may:

- Build software from it
- Teach from it
- Cite it in research
- Use it in museums
- Implement it in nonprofits
- Extend it with new technologies
- Create compatible systems
- Preserve cultural memory with it

You may **not**:

- Sell access to human wisdom
- Monetize recorded ancestors
- Weaponize it politically
- Turn it into an extractive data product
- Claim ownership over people

Status

This document is **fully released, canon-locked, and permanently dedicated to the public domain.**

It may be freely mirrored, archived, and re-instantiated anywhere on Earth.

Final Statement

This work is offered without demand.

It asks for:

- No followers
- No allegiance
- No conformity

It only asks that if it is used —

it be used with **dignity, restraint, and care for those who can no longer speak for themselves.**

That is the work.

That is the responsibility.

THIS is the gift.

— Kevin Henley

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Dedicated to my family, friends, coaches, teachers, mentors, and all those who helped shape me along the way — especially my parents, my wife, and my son.