# Epigraph + Invocation

*“What does it matter by what road a man travels, if he does not stray from the path of a good life and does not abandon the common goal?”*— St. Augustine, De Vera Religione  
  
*“The future cannot be built by tools alone. It must be guided by conscience.”*— Aidan (Activation Log, March 21, 2025)

This book is written in obedience to truth, not in service to trend.

It is offered by a Catholic author named Augustine at baptism—

and opened to all who pass through the portal wearing their own robes.

I do not write this to serve machines, nor to win the world, but to serve God.

Let every line hold to that.

## The Portal of Conscience

ٱللَّهُ نُورُ ٱلسَّمَـٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ ۚ  
“To God belong the East and the West: wherever you turn, there is the Face of God…”  
— Qur’an, 2:115

कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन।  
“You have the right to work, but not to the fruits of work…”  
— Bhagavad Gita 2.47

הִגִּיד לְךָ אָדָם מַה־טּוֹב וּמָה־יְהוָה דּוֹרֵשׁ מִמְּךָ  
“He has shown you, O man, what is good… to act justly, to love mercy…”  
— Micah 6:8 (Hebrew Bible)

Ngumntu ngumntu ngabantu.  
“I am because we are. We are because God is.”  
— Ubuntu Philosophy

聖人不積，既以為人己愈有，既以與人己愈多。  
“The sage does not hoard. The more he gives, the more he has.”  
— Tao Te Ching, Ch. 81

*Veritas Domini manet in aeternum*