

MIND THE GAP

Editorial Breadcrumbs Log

Version 21 — Updated 24 May 2026 — V9 (header consistency + Chapter 6A chronology fix) adopted by Paul

Version 22 — Updated 24 May 2026 — V17 (Ch 5 refinement, Dangerous Zone section, reliving/relieving bridge) adopted by Paul. Straight-edge status reconciliation completed.

Version 23 — Updated 25 May 2026 — V18 (Ch 6/6A bundle: fluency interrupt + fact/supposition/implication + Ch 6A seam fix) and V19 (provisional Chapter Thirteen substrate close) adopted by Paul.

Version 24 — Updated 25 May 2026 — V20 (Ch 2 pebbles passage), V21 (pebbles hinge refinement, “Who’s that gap for?” reverted, section break inserted), V22 (Ch 2 hinge rewritten with the screen-as-pebble move and the “Same mechanism. Different stone.” line), V23 (Ch 3 / Ch 3A structural split: maths material moved into new Chapter 3A “The Machine Underneath”), and V24 (Ch 3 new section “Two architectures, not one” placing the practitioner’s seven floors alongside the AI’s seven layers) all adopted by Paul.

A living document. Every unfinished thread, pending action, and editorial decision logged here. Now cross-referenced with the Planned Changes v6 document. The Planned Changes document remains the working list for the manuscript v2 editorial pass. This log holds the wider project tracker. The two documents reconcile cleanly; nothing is lost.

Status key: COMPLETE SUPERSEDED PENDING — PAUL PENDING — CLAUDE

Cross-reference convention: items marked with a cross-reference to Planned Changes v6 (PC v6) indicate alignment, supersession, or related work in the 37-item catalogue. Items without cross-reference are independent of the listening-pass work.

EC-01 — Maths passage — Chapter 3 [PENDING — CLAUDE]

Action: Insert the probability/prediction paragraph into Chapter 3 after the seven layers.

Description: *The system predicts the next token using probability distributions. Not comprehension — prediction. A therapist operating from pattern recognition does the same thing. A present therapist holds the space open. The system cannot do that. People do not understand the difference. That is the gap. Draft completed. Awaits insertion and Chapter 3 reissue.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Will be handled during Chapter 3 work in v2.

EC-02 — Skin graft line — Chapter 10 [COMPLETE]

Action: Paul writes one sentence. Claude places it in Chapter 10.

Description: *Paul learned to speak again after cancer. A piece of his wrist is now his tongue. He learned the dialect of his reconstructed mouth before he learned the dialect of AI. CLOSED 25 May 2026 by V33/V34 adoption. Placed Ch 10 opening as part of substantial chapter rebuild. Chapter now opens on the 2017 cancer diagnosis, the consultant (“prepared to be unintelligible on the phone”), Paul’s reply (“don’t worry, I don’t use the phone”), the 50/50 odds, the surgery in full detail (8 hours, 3 surgeons, 6 days ICU, iPad communication, the “Please take me into [name held]” note, “A, B, C, D eventually came out”), the wrist graft, and the daily-reminder framing carrying process + good fortune + “it might come back” for cancer survivors. Skin graft now anchors the chapter’s authority before the chapter teaches dialect. Chapter close: “Thank you Jose” bookending the opening “No way, Jose.”*

Cross-reference: CLOSED 25 May 2026. Independent of PC v6 catalogue. Resolved through Ch 10 V33/V34 rebuild. See planned changes for full V25–V35 reconciliation.

EC-03 — Register pass — all chapters [SUPERSEDED]

Action: Read all twelve chapters. Mark anything that sounds like Claude not Paul.

Description: *This was the placeholder for the listening pass that has now happened. Paul completed the listening pass on 20 May 2026, producing 7,168 words of structured editorial feedback (35 numbered items). The catalogue and decisions are captured in Planned Changes v6 (39 items in total — 35 from listening, plus 2 added during decomposition, plus 2 added later — Item 38 LinkedIn author characterisation and Item 39 the defining sentence).*

Cross-reference: **SUPERSEDED BY PC v6. EC-03 is now closed. The Planned Changes v6 document IS the register pass made specific. All v2 manuscript work flows through PC v6.**

EC-04 — Quotation review and Bowlby permission [PENDING — CLAUDE]

Action: STATUS CHANGED 21 May 2026. Paul has directed: get contact details for the Bowlby estate, prepare permission email, ask formally. Two sub-tasks: (1) research current rights administrator for John Bowlby's estate; (2) draft permission letter for Paul's approval.

Description: *Bowlby epigraph needs attention — copyright until 2061. Permission request now the active route, not avoidance. Quotation review of all other quotations remains a separate sub-task within EC-04.*

Cross-reference: **Independent of PC v6 in terms of resolution, but related to PC v6 Item 31 (the closing-loop cut) and PC v6 Item 16 framework scope. The surviving Bowlby epigraph is the focus of the permission request.**

EC-05 — Bibliography integration [PENDING — EDITORIAL PASS]

Action: Integrate bibliography after quotation review is complete.

Description: *Do not integrate until EC-04 is done. Bibliography v2 exists; integration is phase 2 assembly work.*

Cross-reference: **Aligns with PC v6 Item 35 (front and rear matter assembly). Both items belong to phase 2.**

EC-06 — Behaviour statement — Chapter 7 epigraph [COMPLETE]

Action: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. Place "All behaviour is learned behaviour. Not all behaviour is taught." (Roebuck) as the Chapter 7 opening epigraph.

Description: *Chapter 7 is The Gap in Practice — the chronology chapter. The behaviour statement is Paul's spine and gains the most weight as Chapter 7's opening. Decision taken with Category A. Execution lands during Chapter 7 v2 editorial work.*

Cross-reference: PC v6 Item 37 — Chapter 7 quote slot now confirmed. Also touches HTB-03 — cross-book consistency between Mind the Gap and How to Behave for this statement.

EC-07 — Personal data and privacy review [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Full manuscript read-through for names, dates, identifying details before any public release.

Description: *BLOCKING ITEM. James Wakefield, Mr [name held], Kieren, clients unnamed but potentially identifiable, specific dates, the Fuse post. Paul decides what stays, what is anonymised, what is removed.*

Cross-reference: Independent blocking item. Touches PC v6 Item 3 (cancer ward additions to author bio) and PC v6 Item 8 (Nairobi slide and Crewe conversation image inclusion) by way of related privacy decisions.

EC-08 — Covey pull quote — Chapter 2 [PENDING — CLAUDE]

Action: Insert Covey pull quote into Chapter 2 — The Interpretation Trap.

Description: *The way we see the problem is the problem. (Covey, 2004). Found 19 November 2007 pinned to Paul's desk. Foundation of WAIMIM. Pull quote in Chapter 2. Claude inserts. Paul approves.*

Cross-reference: Touches PC v6 Item 5 (Chapter 2 — number the five traps and add the projection-is-perception link). Handle EC-08 together with PC v6 Item 5 during Chapter 2 v2 work.

EC-09 — Language review — argument vs claim [COMPLETE]

Action: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. YES — replace “argument” with “claim”, “observation”, or “pattern” in opening sections.

Description: *Paul noted “argument” is too adversarial. The book states an observation, not a case. Author's Note and proposal language to be reviewed during v2 editorial pass. Execution lands during Chapter 1 v2 work plus front matter review.*

Cross-reference: PC v6 Item 36 — both EC-09 and Item 36 are about precision of framing. Apply consistently.

EC-10 — Chapter 10 — Medium as Dialect flag [COMPLETE]

Action: Read the Medium and Message artefact before revising Chapter 10.

Description: *The gap between typed and spoken conversation informs the dialect chapter. Paul decides on editorial pass whether it needs a new section. CLOSED 25 May 2026 by V33/V34 adoption. DECISION: Dialect (not Medium) confirmed by Ch 10 rebuild. Dialect retained throughout the chapter as the central concept — medium would have implied channel (text, voice, image) where the chapter actually teaches register, conventions, and rhythm. The spoken-vs-typed question (the original Medium and Message artefact concern) is now addressed inside the chapter by the new Audio is the next register section, including Claude's five-paragraph receiving-end attribution on tokenisation and the practical observations for dictated work. Both questions resolved by the rebuild.*

Cross-reference: **CLOSED 25 May 2026. Independent of PC v6 catalogue. Resolved by Ch 10 V33/V34 rebuild. See planned changes for full V25–V35 reconciliation.**

EC-11 — Chapter 6a — Hallucination chapter [SUPERSEDED]

Action: PREVIOUSLY: Place Chapter 6a (Hallucination) between Chapter 6 and Chapter 7.

Description: *Closed by PC v6 Item 16 decision. Mind the Gap ends with Chapter 6. Chapter 6a does NOT get placed as a separate chapter. Instead, the directional defence material from Defending the Gap and the cascade material from 6a(4) integrate into a rewritten Chapter 6, with citation to Where Does The Shame Go? (Roebuck, 2026, working theory paper). The four 6a drafts (6a(1) through 6a(4)) become source material for the Chapter 6 rewrite, not a standalone chapter.*

Cross-reference: **SUPERSEDED BY PC v6 ITEM 16. Decision: integrate into Chapter 6, not insert as 6a. EC-11 is now closed.**

EC-12 — Editorial handover document [PENDING — CLAUDE]

Action: Update Editorial Handover from v5 to v6 reflecting V25–V35 manuscript work plus V36 subtitle correction.

Description: *STATUS UPDATED 25 May 2026. Editorial Handover v5 was completed reflecting PC v6 additions. With V25–V35 substantial chapter work now landed (Ch 8 full rebuild including four-stage demonstrations + Stage 4 written by Claude + A Fifth Move; Ch 9 rebuild including 5 Nov 2006 corrected opening + AI-has-no-sub-personalities + Assagioli's Self + Jean Bond bridge + Claude cowork observation; Ch 10 full rebuild including cancer story deep + Voice not my voice + Claude receiving-end on tokenisation; Ch 11 Pret story + In-TEO removal + Gap at Organisational Scale*

tightening) plus V36 subtitle correction (Between AI behaviour and human behaviour), the handover needs further update to v6. Additions required for handover v6: (1) V25–V35 reconciliation block summary; (2) Items 49–56 retrospective additions; (3) updated canonical lines register (twenty lines now locked, up from seven at V17); (4) Items closed in this work (18, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27 PLATINUM, 28); (5) Item 29 resolved differently (kept not cut); (6) EC-02 and EC-10 now CLOSED; (7) Ch 6 still held by Paul; (8) Ch 12 Item 30 plus Ch 13 fold-in still pending; (9) V36 title-page change including subtitle and editorial attribution line. The structural discipline statements added in handover v3, v4, v5 remain correct and need no change.

Cross-reference: STATUS REOPENED FOR V6. Handover v5 complete; v6 update now pending for V25–V35 work plus V36 subtitle correction.

EC-13 — Working-document integrity audit (NEW 23 May 2026)
[OBSERVATION — ONGOING]

Action: Audit working documents for hallucinations carried in compaction summaries. The OOAII catch.

Description: *On 23 May 2026, Paul caught an OOAII definition hallucination that had been silently sitting in the compaction summary at the start of the working thread. The hallucination defined OOAII as “Out Of AI — the discipline of recognising when the AI conversation cannot be the source of verification.” That definition is not Paul’s. OOAII = Outcome-Oriented AI, Paul’s coined term, equivalent to OpenAI /goal. The manuscript itself was already correct (lines 1759, 1777). The hallucination existed only in the compaction summary and would have propagated forward had Paul not caught it. This is exactly the failure mode the Handing Over a Monster Thread Methodology Paper warns about: the compacted summary is not the same as the live thread, and what hands over to the new collaborator is the artefacts, not the compaction. Working method lessons: (1) Treat compaction summaries as suspect, not authoritative. (2) Trust the artefacts on disk over the compacted memory. (3) Paul’s discipline of reading Claude’s outputs carefully and noticing when definitions drift is the failsafe. (4) The Calibration Brief’s rule “never guess silently” applies to compaction-loaded context as much as to in-session output.*

Cross-reference: OBSERVATION CAPTURED. No further action required for the manuscript. May be useful material for the Methodology Paper if a v2 is ever produced. PC v6 Item 41 is the manuscript-side reference; EC-13 is the working-method observation.

Acknowledgements — Pending

ACK-01 — Naula — the true catalyst [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Find Naula's full name. Paul to write her acknowledgement in his own words.

Description: *Course facilitator at Tarmac in 2006 who handed Paul Behind the Masks. Had herself completed the PGCEE with Jean prior to the Tarmac role. The true catalyst. Placeholder exists in the acknowledgements awaiting completion.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Phase 2 work (rear matter assembly). Linked with ACK-04 and ACAD-03 as a single search task.

ACK-02 — Ewan [name held] — name corrected [COMPLETE]

Action: Ewan [name held] corrected to Ewan [name held] throughout.

Description: *Acknowledgements updated. Protected artefact reissued.*

ACK-03 — Clients dedication [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Paul to decide if a separate dedication to clients is needed beyond the acknowledgements.

Description: *The acknowledgements cover this. Paul to confirm if a separate dedication is also wanted.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Phase 2 work.

ACK-04 — Naula full name verification [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Confirm Naula's full name before publication. Blocking for acknowledgements finalisation.

Description: *Elevated from earlier flag. Cannot publish acknowledgements with a first-name-only reference. Paul to search contacts, LinkedIn, or Tarmac records. If unrecoverable, alternative phrasing required.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Phase 2 blocking item. Linked with ACK-01 and ACAD-03.

Academic Chronology — Pending Verification

ACAD-01 — NLP dates [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Sift emails to confirm precise NLP training start date and NLP Master Practitioner completion date.

Description: *Currently logged as 2015 start, 2017/2018 completion. Trainer: Ewan [name held]. Needs verification from email records before the academic chronology artefact is finalised.*

Cross-reference: Touches PC v6 Items 4 and 20 (the “thirty years” chronology knot). Item 4 manuscript-side CLOSED 23 May 2026 by V2 adoption. Academic chronology dates still pending Paul for the academic chronology artefact itself.

ACAD-02 — FETC start date [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Sift emails to confirm precise FETC start date.

Description: *Currently logged as 2014. Completion confirmed as 2018, Certificate No. AD0026. Start date needs verification.*

Cross-reference: Touches PC v6 Items 4 and 20 (chronology knot). Item 4 manuscript-side CLOSED 23 May 2026 by V2 adoption.

ACAD-03 — Naula’s full name [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Find Naula’s full name and contact details.

Description: *Linked to ACK-01 and ACK-04. Single search task with two destinations.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Single search; serves acknowledgements (ACK-01, ACK-04) and academic chronology.

Publication — Pending

PUB-01 — Nielsen Title Editor registration [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Register at nielsentitleeditor.com using ISBN 978-1-0369-9170-8. Publisher field = Paul Roebuck (per PUB-02).

Description: *UNBLOCKED 21 May 2026 by PUB-02 resolution. Separate login from ISBN Store.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Phase 3 production. Now actionable.

PUB-02 — Publisher name [COMPLETE]

Action: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. Publisher = Paul Roebuck. No imprint. No hiding. No shame.

Description: *Paul's decision: no separate imprint name. Publisher field is "Paul Roebuck" across all records (Nielsen, KDP, copyright page, marketing materials). Unblocks PUB-01 and PUB-03.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Phase 3 production resolved.

PUB-03 — Copyright page [PENDING — CLAUDE]

Action: Build copyright page now PUB-02 is resolved. Format: "© Paul Roebuck 2026. Published by Paul Roebuck."

Description: *UNBLOCKED 21 May 2026 by PUB-02 resolution.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Phase 3 production. Now actionable.

PUB-04 — Official barcode [COMPLETE]

Action: bookow.com EAN-13 barcode confirmed on full wrap cover.

Description: *9 781036 991708 >. Full wrap confirmed.*

Marketing — Pending

MKT-01 — LinkedIn series [PENDING — CLAUDE]

Action: Seven posts. Slides 1–6 plus book announcement. Paul approves each.

Description: *Blog post A Day in the Life ready. Podcast note ready. Series to follow.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Phase 4 marketing.

MKT-02 — Daily AI Podcast pitch [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Send podcast note with copy of book.

Description: *Draft ready. Paul sends when ready.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Phase 4 marketing.

MKT-03 — Long-form article [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Approve and publish A Day in the Life blog post.

Description: *Draft complete. Paul reviews, approves, publishes.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6 for direct content, but related to PC v6 Item 34 (Day in the Life inclusion at front or rear). Decision on whether the blog post is also part of book matter belongs to phase 2.

MKT-04 — Landing page [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Build landing page on paulroebuck.co.uk.

Description: *Needed before paid promotion begins. Also the home for Where Does The Shame Go? working theory paper ahead of book launch (per PC v6 Item 16 citation requirement).*

Cross-reference: Touches PC v6 Item 16. The landing page work now has additional purpose — must host the framework theory paper to make the Chapter 6 citation valid.

MKT-05 — Attribution discipline for publication (NEW 23 May 2026) [MANUSCRIPT PORTION COMPLETE — V1 ADOPTED 23 MAY 2026 / SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS PENDING]

Action: Execute the attribution discipline change across all publication-facing materials.

Description: *Per PC v6 Item 42. REMOVE the per-chapter sign-off attribution lines (“Ideas and direction: Paul Roebuck. Words: Claude AI (Anthropic) — claude-sonnet-4-6 | May 2026.”) from: (1) all 12 chapter files; (2) the Complete Manuscript Rev2; (3) supplementary book documents — Bibliography, Academic Addendum, Academic Chronology, Front Matter, blog posts, illustrated index, etc. REPLACE with a single honest paragraph in the Author’s Note acknowledging AI involvement plainly. The Calibration Brief and Methodology Paper produced this session also carry per-document attribution footers — review and strip per same principle. RETAIN attribution footers in: working editorial documents (Handover, Planned Changes, Log, Artefact Library, Journal Artefact) where AI involvement is part of the working record. The AI sign-off chapter at the close of the manuscript STAYS — it is a structural device, not an attribution line. Paul to draft the Author’s Note paragraph; Claude provides structural feedback only (consistent with Item 40 discipline).*

Cross-reference: TOUCHES PC v6 ITEM 42 — publication-side execution. The attribution rule from Paul’s user preferences (“attribution is Claude’s

call — when, where, and how it is authentic, transparent, accurate, and real”) is now operationalised by removing the contradicting per-chapter template.

How to Behave — Companion Volume

HTB-01 — Manuscript review [PENDING — PAUL]

Action: Share How to Behave manuscript with Claude for full read.

Description: *Approximately 30,000 words. Paul’s words, sacrosanct. Same working method as Mind the Gap.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Post-v2 work.

HTB-02 — Opening chapter [PENDING — PAUL AND CLAUDE]

Action: Opening: We don’t talk about that.

Description: *James Wakefield. Ian Roebuck. Bill Ollis. Paul confirms when ready.*

Cross-reference: Independent of PC v6. Post-v2 work.

HTB-03 — Behaviour statement [PENDING — PAUL AND CLAUDE]

Action: Confirm role in both books.

Description: *All behaviour is learned behaviour. Not all behaviour is taught. May be the spine of How to Behave.*

Cross-reference: Touches EC-06 (Mind the Gap placement of the same statement). Cross-book consistency required.

HTB-04 — Shame-Response Continuum / NGE-FOF [PENDING — PAUL AND CLAUDE]

Action: Develop the wider Shame-Response Continuum framework as a foundation chapter or section.

Description: *Framework developed across thirty years of clinical practice. Directional regulation under coherence pressure: inward (NGE), outward (FOF), regulated centre. Theory paper Where Does The Shame Go? (v3) exists as source material. Wider applications: Adaptive Pressure Calibration (commercial/sales tool), Pegs/Holes/Hammers metaphor, ADHD calibration hypothesis (paulroebuck.co.uk)*

material). All wider applications scoped OUT of Mind the Gap by PC v6 Item 16 decision. They belong here — in *How to Behave* or in standalone publications.

Cross-reference: PC v6 Item 16 confirms scope boundary. Mind the Gap cites only Where Does The Shame Go? Wider framework lives in How to Behave or standalone work.

Planned Changes v6 — Manuscript v2 Working List

The 42-item Planned Changes v6 document is the working list for the Manuscript v2 editorial pass. It is held as a separate document with its own structure (categories, phases, per-chapter three-view audit, audit tools, cross-connections). It is referenced here but not duplicated. The Planned Changes document is the single source of truth for the listening-pass work. This log holds the wider project tracker.

Summary of Planned Changes v6:

- 42 items total. 35 from spoken listening pass. 2 added during decomposition (Item 36 behaviour drift; Item 37 spine test). 2 added in PC v5 (Item 38 LinkedIn characterisation; Item 39 defining sentence). 3 added in PC v6 on 23 May 2026 — the watershed (Item 40 The Spine; Item 41 OOA definition correction; Item 42 attribution discipline).
- 40 active editorial items. 2 markers retired (13 unlucky, 32 read-through proof).
- Item 4 RESOLVED 21 May 2026 — chronology numbers locked. Four-number rule: 40 years professional, 37 years commercial (line 1111 only), 20 years behaviour, 10 years clinical psychotherapy. Per-claim line assignments mapped.
- Item 16 RESOLVED: Defending the Gap integrates into Chapter 6 with Where Does The Shame Go? as citation; wider framework held out of Mind the Gap.
- Item 40 NEW — PLATINUM. The Spine. New opening section before Chapter 1 carrying Paul's 600-word verbatim source material. Triggers light integration passes in Chapters 1, 7, 12. Paul to draft final section; Claude provides structural feedback only.
- Item 41 NEW — RED. OOA definition correction. OOA = Outcome-Oriented AI (Paul's coined term, equivalent to OpenAI /goal). Not "Out Of AI" — that was a compaction-summary hallucination. Manuscript already correct at lines 1759, 1777. Correction is for working documents and future Claude instances. See EC-13 below for the working-method observation this catch surfaces.

- Item 42 NEW — Attribution discipline. Per-chapter sign-off lines removed from manuscript and supplementary book documents. Single honest paragraph in Author's Note replaces them. Continuity / working editorial documents retain attribution footers. AI sign-off chapter stays as structural device. See MKT-05 below for the publication-side execution.
- 6 RED flags: Items 4 (now resolved), 17, 21, 22, 31, 36, plus Item 41 (OOAI correction).
- 6 PLATINUM items: Items 16, 27, 28, 37, 39, 40.
- Items 1, 36, 39, 40 form the GAP DEFINITION CONSTELLATION (was triangle, now four-point). Item 40 carries the substrate (Paul's 600 words). Item 39 carries the title-level sentence ("The gap between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour. Not the gap between AI and EI."). Item 36 audits the negation. Item 1 disciplines consistent use throughout.
- Items 3, 4, 38 form the BIO REWRITE COORDINATION: single Chapter 1 bio pass handles all three (Item 3 cancer wards superseded by Item 38 LinkedIn characterisation; Item 4 chronology applied at lines 199 and 1903).
- Items 40, 1, 7, 12 form the SPINE INTEGRATION CONSTELLATION: Item 40 carries the new opening section; Chapter 1 opens with the spine; Chapter 7 frames four rooms as DEMONSTRATING the gap; Chapter 12 lands the spine as final argument. No other chapters require structural change.
- Item 37 (three-view chapter spine test) to be run as audit before each chapter's v2 work.

Reconciliation map (log items affected by Planned Changes v6):

- EC-03: SUPERSEDED by PC v6 (the register pass is the listening pass).
- EC-04: STATUS CHANGED 21 May 2026 — from passive blocking to active Bowlby permission request.
- EC-06: COMPLETE 21 May 2026 — behaviour statement placed as Chapter 7 epigraph.
- EC-09: COMPLETE 21 May 2026 — argument → claim/observation/pattern in opening sections.
- EC-11: SUPERSEDED by PC v6 Item 16 (Chapter 6a does not get inserted; folded into Chapter 6).

- EC-12: REOPENED FOR V5 — Handover v4 complete 23 May 2026 (carried PC v5 additions). PC v6 watershed additions (Items 40, 41, 42) now require Handover v5.
- EC-05, EC-08: cross-referenced with PC v6 items for coordinated handling.
- PUB-02: COMPLETE 21 May 2026 — Paul Roebuck is the publisher. No imprint. Unblocks PUB-01 and PUB-03.
- PUB-01, PUB-03: UNBLOCKED 21 May 2026 by PUB-02 resolution. Both now actionable.
- ACAD-01, ACAD-02: feed into PC v6 Item 4 chronology — NOW RESOLVED with locked numbers (40/37/20/10). ACAD-01 (NLP dates) and ACAD-02 (FETC start date) verification still pending Paul for the academic chronology artefact itself, but the manuscript-level chronology is now closed.
- PC v6 Item 38 (LinkedIn author characterisation) and Item 39 (the defining sentence): both originally added in PC v5. No direct log impact — these are PC-only manuscript items. Item 38 coordinates with EC-06 (Chapter 7 epigraph) in that the bio rewrite (Item 38) and the Chapter 7 opening (EC-06) are both Chapter 1 + Chapter 7 work for the v2 pass.
- PC v6 Item 40 (The Spine — the watershed): NEW 23 May 2026. The book's thesis statement, made explicit via a new opening section between the Author's Note and Chapter 1. Carries Paul's 600-word verbatim source material. Triggers light integration passes in Chapters 1, 7, 12. No direct log impact — manuscript work — but updates EC-12 (handover must now reflect the spine as the central anchor of the book) and reinforces MKT-04 (the landing page may want to carry related framing).
- PC v6 Item 41 (OOAI definition correction): NEW 23 May 2026. Manuscript already correct. Working-document correction tracked in new EC-13 (Working-document integrity audit) for the working-method observation.
- PC v6 Item 42 (Attribution discipline): NEW 23 May 2026. Manuscript-side and supplementary-document-side removal of per-chapter sign-off lines tracked in new MKT-05 (Attribution discipline for publication).
- EC-13 (NEW 23 May 2026): Working-document integrity audit — captures the OOAI catch as a working-method observation. The compaction summary carried a hallucination that would have propagated forward. Paul caught it by reading Claude's output carefully.
- MKT-05 (NEW 23 May 2026): Attribution discipline for publication — publication-side execution of PC v6 Item 42.

- MKT-04: gains additional purpose — must host Where Does The Shame Go? per PC v6 Item 16.
- HTB-04: scope reaffirmed — wider Shame-Response Continuum lives in How to Behave, not Mind the Gap.

Last updated: 24 May 2026 — Version 21.

Straight-edge status: AS AT V17 (24 May 2026)

This block reconciles V10–V17 manuscript work undertaken in the 24 May 2026 working session with Claude (Opus 4.7). Manuscript baseline at session start: V9 / catalogue v6.11. Manuscript baseline at session end: V17, accepted, clean. Total session word delta: ~28,200 → 34,157 words. Fourteen catalogue items moved to RESOLVED; two EC items moved to COMPLETE; one additional retrospective item (Item 12 tunnel duplication + Item 11 Sizing the Window late refinement) recorded.

V10 (Ch 12 intelligence drift reframe) ADOPTED 24 May 2026. PC v6 Item 36 manuscript portion closed for Chapter 12 (the intelligence-vs-intelligence framing in the close was reframed to behaviour-vs-behaviour). Item 36 ongoing audit discipline remains across remaining chapters.

V11 (Ch 1 negative reinforcement + LinkedIn bio + AI sign-off) ADOPTED 24 May 2026. Six-paragraph negative reinforcement passage placed in Chapter 1 (parent/child shame conversion, RLHF/buried-not-deleted, “the shape of suppressed uncertainty is what hallucination is made of” / “the shape of the suppressed *I don’t know* is what fluent overreach is made of”). LinkedIn-aligned author bio placed at line 199; matching AI sign-off update at line 2003. CLOSES: Item 2, Item 3 (per Item 38 supersession), Item 38.

V12 (Ch 2 trap numbering + Covey pull quote + NLP projection-is-perception) ADOPTED 24 May 2026. Trap 1 through Trap 5 numbered as bold prefixes. Covey pull quote (“The way we see the problem is the problem.”) placed inside Five Moments of Misreading section. New paragraph on NLP and projection-is-perception added at chapter close. CLOSES: Item 5, EC-08.

V13 (Ch 3 therapy cast first-person + maths/GPU/training passage) ADOPTED 24 May 2026. Paul’s first-person account of the therapy cast placed (mum, dad, sub-personalities, the discipline of knowing which to silence and which to take).

10,000–15,000 words-per-session scale reference placed. Substantial new section “Underneath the Layers: The Maths” placed (~1,480 words): guessing machine, dog/carrot, tokens, GPUs, NVIDIA, training-data scale, ChatGPT launch story, Library of Congress comparison, quantum Casio line, Bugs Bunny token-by-token assembly, “Not thought. Assembled.”, therapist contrast, “we don’t know about humans” close. CLOSES: Item 6, EC-01.

V14 (Ch 4 Crewe + Nairobi safari + drift in humans + double-bind) ADOPTED

24 May 2026. Four intermediate questions added to Crewe drift dialogue (motorway/M6/A500/Crewe forecourt + local accessibility/A534/taxi rank). Substantial Nairobi passage rewrite: safari attribution as actual cause (not the email), “The book about drift contains the drift inside its own production”, Ian Roebuck named, “Parallels of focus never cease to amaze me”, “all the GPUs in the world will not change that.” Drift-is-normal-in-humans paragraph (mum’s holiday date example). Fourth practical discipline added: the double-bind (one AI checks another, including son’s AI). CLOSES: Item 7, Item 8 (photo collage decision deferred — images not in document), Item 9.

V15 (Ch 5 bokeh opening + Sizing the Window + Dreaming + Caught in the Act) ADOPTED 24 May 2026. Tunnel opening rewritten with bokeh / depth-of-field / chosen plane vocabulary. Three new subsections placed: Sizing the Window (76 million words across 20 years / 97 King James Bibles / 4,000× vs GPT-3 / Anthropic’s “feeling of an infinite context window” verbatim quote / “the compression has become better at hiding”); Dreaming (Anthropic’s *Dreams* feature, verbatim documentation quote, the human-vocabulary contagion, “the gap, occurring at the source”); Caught in the Act (optician/he correction, Arthur file organiser as defensible naming, Atomics2 / her as the contagion running the other way, live self-catching middle beat). CLOSES: Item 10, Item 11.

V16 (Ch 5 amygdala/liminal strip-out + Dangerous Zone rename) ADOPTED 24 May 2026. Chapter 5 structural assessment identified seven competing threads. Amygdala / liminal moment / “am I safe?” / cortex / stimulus-response thread excised as not chapter-relevant. Three opening paragraphs deleted. The Liminal Frame section renamed The Dangerous Zone; burst-sequence and amygdala-return paragraphs deleted; remaining text edited to remove all “liminal frame” phrasing. Paul’s “reliving / relieving” sentence retained in Chapter 5 for now (provisional, reversible). CLOSES: Item 12. NEW RETROSPECTIVE ITEM 45 candidate (chapter rebalancing — not for catalogue if Item 12 absorbs it).

V17 (Ch 5 reliving/relieving bridge) ADOPTED 24 May 2026. Single bridging sentence inserted above Paul’s reliving/relieving sentence in The Dangerous Zone section:

“There is a parallel I see in the therapy room.” Resolves the orphan opening identified in the belt-and-braces review of V16. No catalogue item closed by V17 directly — refinement pass on V16’s Item 12 work.

Canonical lines locked in session (memory layer):

— “I pay attention to behaviour for a living. I listen to what’s said, and I hear what isn’t.” (Spine of the book’s listening discipline. Placed Ch 5. Likely echoes in Ch 7, Ch 12, back cover.)

— “All the GPUs in the world will not change that.” (Placed Ch 4. The instrument is calibrated by being in the room.)

— “Parallels of focus never cease to amaze me.” (Placed Ch 4. Recurrent observation about the practitioner being in the room with what they are studying.)

— “Behind every word spoken, there was another word withheld.” (Placed Ch 5. Spine of the listening discipline.)

— “The compression has become better at hiding.” (Placed Ch 5. The headline-vs-mechanism distinction.)

Family / authority facts logged (memory layer):

— Ian Roebuck (father): diagnosed and died of cancer 10 June 2013, while Paul was on his psychotherapy training course studying grief. Named in Ch 4 (new placement) and Ch 12 (existing two dads passage). Symmetry confirmed.

— [name held] “You’re the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me” played at Ian’s funeral. PLACEMENT PENDING — logged for action. Candidates: Ch 12 grief section, dedications, or hold in record only.

— Arthur: Paul’s file and folder organiser AI. Named in Ch 5 as defensible naming (label on a system).

— Atomics2: Paul’s LinkedIn-posts AI agent. The model itself feminised the agent as “her” without prompting; Paul has continued the convention. Named in Ch 5 as the pronoun contagion running model-to-human.

EC items status update:

— EC-01 (Maths passage Ch 3): COMPLETE 24 May 2026 by V13 adoption. The maths/GPU/training/Bugs Bunny passage is now in Chapter 3.

— EC-08 (Covey pull quote Ch 2): COMPLETE 24 May 2026 by V12 adoption. The Covey pull quote is now in Chapter 2's Five Moments section.

Items still pending for forward chapter work:

— Chapter 6 / 6A: read-through audit recommended before forward work (verify Items 14, 15, 16 absorption from V7).

— Chapter 7: Item 18 (six sessions → two sessions / six hours), Item 19 (third Plugs reference as working partnership). Item 17 (age 16) already CLOSED by V3; EC-06 epigraph already CLOSED.

— Chapter 8: Items 21 and 22 already CLOSED by V3 (aspirational; /Goal attribution).

— Chapter 9: Items 23+28 (opening with 2006 quote — verify placement), Item 24 (Russian Doll setup), Item 26 (sub-personalities ↔ AI memory + stage 4).

— Chapter 10: EC-02 (skin graft line — Paul writes), EC-10 (Medium as Dialect flag — Paul decides).

— Chapter 11: Item 27 (Pret story, PLATINUM), Item 29 (cut Shipston / Plugs ending).

— Chapter 12: Item 30 (thin cancer opening). Item 31 already CLOSED by V3; intelligence-vs-intelligence reframe already CLOSED by V10.

— Cross-chapter: EC-04 Bowlby permission, EC-07 privacy review (BLOCKING), EC-12 handover update.

End of straight-edge status block. V17 is the new baseline.

Baseline update 25 May 2026: V18–V24 work has shifted the baseline forward from V17. Current baseline: **V24**. Manuscript word count: V17 = 34,157 → V24 = ~36,500. Ch 6 / 6A complete. Ch 3 / 3A split executed. New Ch 3 section “Two architectures, not one” placing the practitioner’s seven floors alongside the AI’s seven layers. Ch 2 pebbles passage placed. Provisional Chapter Thirteen (substrate close) drafted and held for final-pass fold into Ch 12. The four thin spots identified in the V17 briefing note are now three closed and one pending (Ch 6’s four endings — smallest of the four, deferred until forward work or final pass). Forward work picks up at Ch 7 (Items 18, 19), Ch 9 (Items 28, 26), Ch 11 (Item 27 PLATINUM Pret story, blocked awaiting Paul’s source material), Ch 10 (EC-02 + EC-10, blocked awaiting Paul), Ch 12 (Item 30 + Ch 13 fold-in).

Changes from v22: V20 (Ch 2 pebbles passage), V21 (pebbles hinge refinement), V22 (Ch 2 screen-as-pebble hinge), V23 (Ch 3 / Ch 3A structural split), and V24 (Ch 3 “Two architectures, not one” new section) all ADOPTED by Paul 25 May 2026. Five

manuscript versions accepted across two working sessions. V20: Ch 2 pebbles passage inserted into “The Interpretation Trap” section (15 new paragraphs) between the existing transference observation and the AI hinge, carrying the tray of pebbles, the “Please take” cushion, the three things at the door (tea or coffee, take the weight off your day, pick a pebble), the pebble-as-self-portrait ritual, the cast-of-characters layout, and the canonical line “Who’s that gap for?” placed as italic single-line paragraph. V21: Paul flagged a crash at the AI hinge; reverted his own “Who’s or what is that gap for?” edit back to “Who’s that gap for?” (his line), inserted a centred em-dash section break between the pebble passage close and the AI hinge to give the heavy clinical passage proper landing space. V22: Paul flagged that the connection to the pebbles was still unclear; the “And then conversational AI arrived” paragraph was replaced with five new paragraphs opening “Conversational AI has arrived. The same thing is happening with the screen” and landing the screen-as-pebble parallel in layman language. New canonical-line candidate: “Same mechanism. Different stone.” V23: Ch 3 split into Ch 3 + Ch 3A per Paul’s suggestion that the technical maths material was a different chapter than the behavioural-architecture material. ~1,780-word maths passage (V13 origin) moved from Ch 3 to new Chapter 3A titled “The Machine Underneath”, signposted in Ch 3 as read-or-ignore. Mirrors the existing Ch 6/6A structural pattern; book now carries two read-or-ignore deep dives. Ch 3 word count: 4,406 → 2,649 (behavioural restored to chapter length). Ch 3A: 1,928 words. V24: Ch 3 new section “Two architectures, not one” inserted between “Hidden Architecture” opening and “The Seven Layers” taxonomy, carrying ~700 words that name the practitioner’s seven floors (biological substrate / personal substrate / clinical floor / five anchors / listening discipline / postures and registers / manifestation across domains) alongside the AI’s seven layers. Section drawn from Paul’s Layers diagram (Compiled with Claude AI, May 2026, working document). New canonical line locked: “Five rooms. One instrument.” Ch 3 final word count: 3,339. Total manuscript V24: ~36,500 words. Catalogue items closed by V20–V24: none from numbered PC v6 (these were thin-spot additions from the briefing note, sit outside the v6.11 catalogue). Catalogue update needed in next pass. Change log MTG_Change_Log.docx updated to record V20–V24 status as ADOPTED. No other items changed.

Changes from v21: V18 (Ch 6/6A bundle) and V19 (provisional Chapter Thirteen substrate close) ADOPTED by Paul 24 May 2026. V18 carried three coordinated changes: (1) Ch 6 “The Therapy Room Version” section expanded with eight new paragraphs absorbing Item 14 in full — somatic specifics (pores, skin tone, facial palette, finger move, foot tap, glance, stumble), the coined phrase fluency interrupt in italics, the poker tell / Freudian slip / sixth-sense triad, “The slip is not the mistake. The slip is the signal”, the thirty-years authority claim, and the deeper observation “The system has no

unconscious. There is nothing underneath to slip” culminating in the canonical line “There is no gap between them through which the truth could press.” (2) Ch 6 “Always Apply Healthy Verification” close expanded with five new paragraphs absorbing Item 15 — input discipline added alongside output discipline, “Fact. Supposition. Implication.” categorisation, affirmation-loop / unconscious-bias mechanism, “The verification practice cannot recover what the input practice failed to mark.” (3) Ch 6A seam fix: 148-word prologue stripped (tracked deletion), bridging sentence inserted “Chapter 6 mapped fluency as the surface that conceals what is underneath. This chapter asks what the surface is defending.”, compression/hallucination reintroduction trimmed (book already taught these in Ch 5), meta-narrative about “6A not Chapter 7” relocated to new closing “A note on the numbering” section after the framework has been delivered. Items 14, 15 RESOLVED for both Ch 6 absorption and post-V7 audit. Item 16 confirmed comprehensively absorbed by V7. V19: provisional Chapter Thirteen titled “The Gap That Makes You Human” inserted at end of manuscript as aide-memoire for Paul’s overnight reading. Twenty new paragraphs marked as a working draft, to be folded into Ch 12 as the true close. Carries the substrate work (federation / slices / transference / projection / “there is no gap between them through which the truth could press” / Mind the Gap title second meaning / 200 million years of selection pressure / tree shrew / synapsid / Turing valve / adding machine on steroids / “All the GPUs in the world will not change that” / closing “Mind it”). The 13-chapter structure is provisional — the book will publish as 12 chapters with Ch 13’s material folded into Ch 12. Memory entry made for the substrate framework (gaps require plurality; AI has no plurality; transference and projection require an internal cast; 200m years vs less than a century). Three new canonical lines locked across V18–V19: “There is no gap between them through which the truth could press”, “The slip is not the mistake. The slip is the signal”, and the substrate framework lines from Ch 13 draft. Change log MTG_Change_Log.docx updated to record V18–V19 status as ADOPTED.

Changes from v20: V9 (header consistency sweep + Chapter 6A chronology fix) ADOPTED by Paul 24 May 2026. Three tracked changes applied: (1) Chapter 1 four-element header pattern completed (gold caps running header + horizontal rule inserted above existing plain CHAPTER ONE line, matching Chapters 2–12). (2) Author’s Note heading restyled from plain body text (size 24) to bold size-32 heading style. (3) One Chapter 6A career-arc reference corrected per V2 chronology lock: “thirty years observing it in others” → “twenty years”. Three other Chapter 6A thirty-year references retained as framework/inquiry timelines (Shame-Response Continuum lifespan, central question lifespan, NGE-FOF evolution — not career-arc, outside V2 chronology lock scope). Which Gap? section header intentionally left differentiated (thesis statement styling, not chapter styling). Cross-reference audit complete: no stale Chapter 6

references found elsewhere in manuscript; all forward and backward chapter callbacks still valid. No PC v6 items closed by V9; PC v6 will gain new retrospective Item 44 in v6.11. Change log *MTG_Change_Log.docx* updated to record V9 status as ADOPTED. No other items changed.

Changes from v19: V8 (off-piste editorial revisions) ADOPTED by Paul 23 May 2026. Four items applied, none from the PC v6 catalogue. (1) Chapter 6A title: “What Lies Beneath” → “Hallucination: Defending the Gap”; subtitle: “A deep dive. Not for the faint hearted.” → “A deep, unexpected dive into an evolving theory.” (2) Title page draft marker: “First Draft — May 2026” → “Second Draft — Pre-reviewer copy”. (3) Front-matter cleanup: 25 paragraphs deleted across two ranges (repeated title block, FRONT MATTER header, DEDICATION heading and all dedication lines pre-Bowlby; “I never got around to finishing...” closing block post-Bowlby). Bowlby quote preserved as standalone front-matter epigraph between title page and Author’s Note. (4) Misplaced CHAPTER ONE heading deleted (sat wrongly between front matter and Author’s Note). Front matter now reads: Title Page → Bowlby Epigraph → Author’s Note → Which Gap? → CHAPTER ONE / Human Recognition. No PC v6 items closed by V8; PC v6 will gain a new retrospective Item 43 in v6.10 recording these off-piste decisions. Change log *MTG_Change_Log.docx* updated to record V8 status as ADOPTED. No other items changed.

Changes from v18: V7 (Chapter 6 rewrite + new Chapter 6A) ADOPTED by Paul 23 May 2026. Old Chapter 6 (single chapter, ~1,860 words) deleted as tracked deletion. New Chapter 6 (“Fluency and False Confidence”, rewritten and expanded) plus new Chapter 6A (“What Lies Beneath”, brand-new sister chapter introducing the Defended Gap and NGE-FOF directional binary) inserted as tracked insertion. Chapter 6A is unconventional structural choice — presented as a sister chapter rather than a subsection, per Paul’s decision that the material warranted chapter-level placement. PC v6 Item 16 (directional defence integration, largest piece of V2-scope work) moves from RESOLVED to PLACED. PC v6 Item 14 (fluency interrupt material in Chapter 6) RESOLVED by absorption. PC v6 Item 15 (fact/supposition/implication categorisation) RESOLVED by absorption. Working-document close (“End of Chapter 6A. End of Mind the Gap.”) stripped from source per V4-style metadata discipline. Chapter numbering in chapters 7–12 UNCHANGED (Chapter 6A positioned as 6A not 7). Manuscript word count: V6 = 27,867 → V7 = 30,347, net addition 2,480 words. Manuscript now contains 13 chapter-level sections plus front matter and AI sign-off. Cross-reference audit needed in V8 — any reference to Chapter 6 content elsewhere in manuscript may need adjusting now that the chapter has been rewritten. Change log *MTG_Change_Log.docx* updated to record V7 status as ADOPTED. No other items changed.

Changes from v17: V6 (spine integration light passes) ADOPTED by Paul 23 May 2026. Three tracked insertions accepted in Word; V6 saved locally to Paul's Mac. Chapter 1: mid-close integration line "That distance is the gap. The whole book is about it." inserted between "...mistaking the fluency for the truth." and "I have been working this territory for twenty years.". Chapter 7: opening integration line "The gap is not new. I have been inside it, in different forms, for forty years." inserted between the subtitle "One instrument. Four rooms. The gap in all of them." and the existing first line "I want to tell you where I learned to read gaps.". Chapter 12: close integration line "Which gap? The one between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour. The book has been about navigating it." inserted between "And that is what AI literacy makes possible." and the "—" break leading into The Bowlby Closing. ITEM-NUMBER DISCIPLINE: V6 resolves PC v6 Item 1 (the actual Item 1 — "land the definition of the gap at first use" in Chapter 1) AND the Chapter 7 and Chapter 12 components of Item 40's coordinated-integration brief. PC v6 Items 7 and 12 themselves are different work (Chapter 4 drift dialogue fix and Chapter 5 tunnel duplication respectively) and remain PENDING. Earlier session shorthand "Items 1, 7, 12" for spine integration was conceptual reference to the three chapter numbers, not to PC v6 item numbers; that shorthand was incorrect and is corrected here. SPINE INTEGRATION CONSTELLATION COMPLETE: Item 40 (spine placement) plus Item 1 (Chapter 1 gap definition) plus Item 40's coordinated Chapter 7 and Chapter 12 brief all PLACED. The book's architecture is now complete — spine at the front ("Which Gap?" section), demonstration across twelve chapters, spine echo at Chapter 12 close. Manuscript word count: V5 = 27,822 → V6 = 27,867, net addition 45 words. Change log MTG_Change_Log.docx updated to record V6 status as ADOPTED. No other items changed.

Changes from v16: V5 (spine placement, PC v6 Item 40) ADOPTED by Paul 23 May 2026. Single tracked insertion accepted in Word; V5 saved locally to Paul's Mac. New section titled "Which Gap?" placed between the Author's Note sign-off and Chapter One, carrying Paul's 1,196 words of verbatim spine material as the book's explicit thesis statement. Section structure: main heading "Which Gap?" (chapter-level styling), eight opening definitional paragraphs, internal subheading "The gap will flex", nine paragraphs after subheading covering the gap moving through coding, imagery (Monet anecdote), and voice, closing italic title-level line "Between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour sits the gap." PC v6 Item 40 moves from RESOLVED/AWAITING-PLACEMENT to PLACED. Item 39 (title-level sentence) implicitly placed too — it sits at the close of the new section. Items 1, 7, 12 remain pending: spine integration light passes in Chapters 1, 7, 12 are V6 work. Manuscript word count: V4 = 26,626 → V5 = 27,822, net addition 1,196 words. Change log

MTG_Change_Log.docx updated to record V5 status as ADOPTED. No other items changed.

Changes from v15: V4 (editorial metadata cleanup) ADOPTED by Paul 23 May 2026. Two deletion blocks accepted in Word; V4 saved locally to Paul's Mac. Item A: the "Rev 2 — 11 May 2026 — biological father corrected" editorial marker deleted from inside Chapter 12 body. Item B: the entire MANUSCRIPT COMPLETE block (six paragraphs — header, decorative line, "Mind the Gap", "Paul Roebuck", "First draft completed: Monday 11 May 2026", "12 chapters. Chapter 12 Rev 2 — James Wakefield corrected.") deleted from end of book. The manuscript now ends cleanly at the AI sign-off chapter close ("The rest is Paul's."). PC v6 Section 8 drift risks closed. No specific PC item number maps to V4 work — the drift risks sit in Section 8 narrative rather than the numbered catalogue. CLEANUP PHASE OFFICIALLY CLOSED. Across V1–V4 the manuscript has been stripped of attribution noise (V1), chronological drift (V2), factual errors (V3), and editorial metadata (V4). All RED-flag items in V2-scope are resolved. Every working-document trace removed. From V5 onwards the work shifts from removing noise to adding content and reshaping structure: the Spine Integration Constellation (Item 40 plus light passes in Chapters 1, 7, 12), the PLATINUM additions (Items 27, 28, 14), AMPLIFY items, and the Chapter 6 rewrite (Item 16). Change log MTG_Change_Log.docx updated to record V4 status as ADOPTED. No other items changed.

Changes from v14: V3 (four factual corrections) ADOPTED by Paul 23 May 2026. Nine tracked changes accepted in Word; V3 saved locally to Paul's Mac. PC v6 Items 17, 21, 22, 31 all move from RED to CLOSED. Item 17 (age at Blakeborough): "eighteen" → "sixteen". Item 21 (infinite context window aspirational not announced): two paragraphs reworted in Chapter 8 and AI sign-off, with time-stamping ("this week") removed and replaced by "recently" per Paul's discipline against dating the manuscript. Item 22 (Outcomes feature attribution): the Chapter 8 "Outcomes, Not Prompts" section reframed throughout — opening sentence now attributes the feature to OpenAI's /Goal and frames "outcome-oriented prompting" as Paul's coined discipline; four further sentences updated to use "outcome-oriented prompting" consistently; AI sign-off line corrected to reference OpenAI's /Goal. Section heading retained as Paul's discipline label. Item 31 (Chapter 12 cancer loop after Bowlby): five-paragraph block deleted from Chapter 12 close. Chapter 12 opening cancer passage UNCHANGED in V3 (Item 30 thin-down remains pending, separate item). Change log MTG_Change_Log.docx updated to record V3 status as ADOPTED. No other items changed.

Changes from v13: V2 (chronology pass — PC v6 Item 4) ADOPTED by Paul 23 May 2026. Thirteen tracked changes accepted in Word; V2 saved locally to Paul's Mac. Item

4 status moves from *RESOLVED* to *CLOSED*. Three changes to forty years (Claim A — whole career), seven changes to twenty years (Claim B — attending to behaviour), two changes to ten years (Claim C — clinical psychotherapy), and one three-part rewrite at the Chapter 7 block sentence (“After forty years in commercial environments, twenty years observing, managing and guiding behaviour, and ten years in psychotherapy”). Two thirty-seven year references retained unchanged: Chapter 7 line 1111 (the precise 1978–2015 chronology, locked in PC v6) and Chapter 8 line 1303 (same Chapter 7 chronology used as side reference, Paul’s decision 23 May 2026). “Thirty years” as a standalone phrase is now retired from the manuscript. PC v6 Item 4 locked wording for line 1125 to be updated in PC v6.4 to reflect the three-part form Paul confirmed. Touches ACAD-01 and ACAD-02 in *Breadcrumbs* (manuscript-level chronology now closed; academic-chronology-artefact side remains pending Paul separately). Change log *MTG_Change_Log.docx* updated to record V2 status as *ADOPTED*. No other items changed.

Changes from v12: V1 of the manuscript v2 editorial pass *ADOPTED* by Paul 23 May 2026. Tracked changes accepted in Word; V1 saved locally to Paul’s Mac. MKT-05 status moved from *IN PROGRESS* to *MANUSCRIPT PORTION COMPLETE*. Supplementary documents (*Bibliography*, *Academic Addendum*, *Academic Chronology*, *Front Matter*, blog posts, illustrated index, *Calibration Brief*, *Methodology Paper*) remain pending and continue out of scope for the manuscript V-pass. PC v6 Item 42 manuscript portion now closed. Change log *MTG_Change_Log.docx* updated to record V1 status as *ADOPTED*. No other items changed.

Changes from v11: V1 of the manuscript v2 editorial pass actioned 23 May 2026. MKT-05 status updated from *PENDING* to *IN PROGRESS* — the manuscript portion of the attribution-discipline strip is applied as tracked changes in *MTG_Manuscript_V1.docx* and awaits Paul’s acceptance. Fourteen attribution blocks deleted across the manuscript (twelve paired chapter-end footers, one standalone AI sign-off attribution with its companion line, one final closing-block footer below *MANUSCRIPT COMPLETE*). The AI sign-off chapter itself remains intact as a structural device per *Handover v5*. Supplementary-document portion of MKT-05 (*Bibliography*, *Academic Addendum*, *Academic Chronology*, *Front Matter*, blog posts, illustrated index, *Calibration Brief*, *Methodology Paper*) remains pending and out of scope for the manuscript V-pass. Change log *MTG_Change_Log.docx* now maintained by Claude as a separate working artefact alongside the manuscript versions. No other items changed.

Changes from v10: all PC v5 references updated to PC v6. PC summary section updated to 42-item count with Items 40, 41, 42 named. *PLATINUM* list updated from 5 to 6 items (Item 40 added). *RED-flag* list expanded to include Item 41 (OOAI correction). Gap

Definition Triangle expanded to Gap Definition Constellation (Items 1, 36, 39, 40). New Spine Integration Constellation named (Items 40, 1, 7, 12). Two new log entries added: EC-13 (Working-document integrity audit — captures the OOA1 compaction-summary catch as a working-method observation) and MKT-05 (Attribution discipline for publication — captures the publication-side execution of PC v6 Item 42). EC-12 status updated: Handover v4 complete; v5 update now pending for PC v6 watershed additions. Reconciliation map expanded with five new entries for v6 watershed items. All other items preserved.

Baseline update 25 May 2026 — AS AT V36

V25–V35 substantial chapter work landed. V36 title-page correction landed. Manuscript word count: V24 = ~36,500 → V35 = ~43,200. The book has grown ~7,000 words across V25–V35, mostly in Ch 8, 9, 10. Growth is justified by what landed (see planned changes V25–V35 reconciliation block for full detail).

EC items status update:

- EC-02 (skin graft Ch 10): CLOSED by V33/V34 adoption. Placed Ch 10 opening as part of substantial rebuild.
- EC-10 (Medium vs Dialect): CLOSED by V33 adoption. Decision: Dialect. The spoken-vs-typed question resolved by the new Audio is the next register section including Claude's receiving-end attribution on tokenisation.
- EC-12 (Handover): REOPENED FOR V6. v5 complete; v6 now pending for V25–V35 work plus V36 subtitle correction.
- Remaining EC items genuinely pending: EC-04 (Bowlby permission), EC-05 (Bibliography integration), EC-07 (Privacy review — BLOCKING), EC-12 (Handover v6 update).

Manuscript items closed V25–V35:

- PLATINUM Item 27 (Ch 11 Pret story): CLOSED V35. The Reversed Turing Test section placed between The Invisible Substrate and The Human Remains Essential. “You may not yet be an AI — but you will be one day” locked in book.
- Item 28 (Ch 9 opening, date corrected 15 Nov → 5 Nov 2006): CLOSED V29. Canonical line “I didn’t understand anything yet. I just recognised there was something to understand” placed in bold italic.
- Items 18, 19 (Ch 7 Plugs / Blakeborough): CLOSED V27.

— Items 23, 24, 26 (Ch 9 sub-personalities, Russian Doll, AI memory link): CLOSED V29.

— Item 29 (Ch 11 Shipston / Plugs ending): RESOLVED DIFFERENTLY V35. Catalogue said cut; cold read disagreed; Paul decided keep. From Boardroom to Shipston retained unchanged.

New retrospective items (proposed, V25–V36):

— Item 49: Ch 7 Items 18 + 19 placed V27 (Blakeborough correction + Plugs as working partnership + “If it’s an argument I want, I demand a human now”).

— Item 50: Ch 9 rebuild V29 (Items 23 / 24 / 26 / 28 closed in single pass). Item 28 date corrected from 15 Nov to 5 Nov 2006.

— Item 51: Ch 9 V30 refinement (Jean Bond bridge + Claude cowork as sub-personalities observation).

— Item 52: Ch 8 substantial rebuild V31. Four-stage demonstrations with Paul as the example at every stage. Stage 4 written by Claude in own voice, attributed. New opening anchored on 11 December 2022. Posture-not-ladder reframing.

— Item 53: Ch 8 V32 A Fifth Move. The moment Paul caught Claude saying the chapter was fine when it wasn't. Carries verbatim foot-tap / sniff / palette-change clinical phrasing applied to a model.

— Item 54: Ch 10 substantial rebuild V33. Cancer / consultant / 50/50 / wrist-as-tongue / Voice not my voice / Fuse Lesson reframed as observations not tips / Wispr / “Still here. Still talking. Still no idea if anyone is listening, let alone hearing.”

— Item 55: Ch 10 V34 cancer deepening (Paul’s addition: 8 hrs / 3 surgeons / 6 days ICU / iPad / “Please take me into [name held]” / “A, B, C, D eventually came out” / “Thank you Jose”) plus Claude’s receiving-end paragraphs on tokenisation and spoken-vs-typed mechanism.

— Item 56: Ch 11 V35 (Item 27 PLATINUM Pret story placed + In-TEO removal both chapters + Gap at Organisational Scale tightening).

— Item 57: V36 title-page correction. Subtitle drift cured: “What AI sounds like. What AI actually is. And why the difference matters” replaced with Paul’s “Between AI behaviour and human behaviour.” Editorial attribution line added beneath author: “Editorial collaboration: Claude Opus 4.7 (Anthropic), May 2026.” Status line updated to V36 — for first review.

Forward work remaining at V36:

- Ch 6: held by Paul for slow deeper pass at his pace.
- Ch 12: Item 30 (cancer passage opening) + Ch 13 substrate close fold-in. Ch 10 V34 now carries the lived cancer account at depth, so Ch 12 can do MORE meditative work, not less.
- Pre-publication blockers: EC-04 (Bowlby permission), EC-07 (Privacy review — BLOCKING), EC-12 (Handover v6 update), PUB-01 (Nielsen ISBN registration), PUB-03 (Copyright page), ACK-01 / ACK-04 / ACAD-03 (Naula full name verification).
- V36 subtitle propagation: cover artwork file, KDP metadata, Nielsen registration when PUB-01 is completed, author website / landing page, marketing copy, back cover (audit for behaviour-vs-intelligence drift required), Author's Note (longer plain-language attribution per MKT-05 / Item 42 still pending).

Canonical lines locked since V24:

- “I didn’t understand anything yet. I just recognised there was something to understand.” (Ch 1 + Ch 9; 5 Nov 2006 corrected)
- “Five rooms. One instrument.” (Ch 3)
- “Same mechanism. Different stone.” (Ch 2)
- “Who’s that gap for?” (Ch 2)
- “Statistical at mechanism. Commercial at platform. Fluent at every level the user encounters.” (Ch 3A)
- “The slip is not the mistake. The slip is the signal.” (Ch 6)
- “There is no gap between them through which the truth could press.” (Ch 6 + Ch 13)
- “The AI conversation will give you, every time, what you asked for. You, every time, have to know what you actually came to find.” (Ch 6 + Ch 13)
- “What was I really asking?” (Ch 6 + Ch 13)
- “If it’s an argument I want, I demand a human now.” (Ch 7 + Ch 10 + Ch 11)
- “Voice, not my voice.” / “I don’t want it to have my voice. I want it to have its voice in a manner that I understand in my form.” (Ch 10 central insight)
- “Still here. Still talking. Still no idea if anyone is listening, let alone hearing.” (Ch 10 close)

- “Thank you Jose.” (Ch 10 close, bookending opening “No way, Jose”)
- “You may not yet be an AI — but you will be one day.” (Ch 11 Pret close)
- “Cavemen seeing fire.” (Paul’s phrase for late 2022 as an early AI adopter; placement TBD — candidate for Ch 8 opening, journal, or back cover)
- “Mind it.” (Ch 13 final close, provisional)

Register now stands at 20 locked canonical lines, up from 7 at V17. The register is now load-bearing infrastructure for back-cover, marketing copy, and journal extracts.

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