

MIND THE GAP

Planned Changes — v6.11

The 42-item catalogue. Three new items added 23 May 2026. 23 May 2026.

This document captures every planned change to Manuscript v1. v6 adds three items: Item 40 (The Spine — new opening section before Chapter 1, with Paul's 600 words verbatim as the source material); Item 41 (OOAI definition correction — Outcome-Oriented AI, not the compaction-summary hallucination 'Out Of AI'); Item 42 (Attribution discipline — per-chapter sign-off lines removed; supplementary book documents stripped of footers; continuity documents retain attribution as working record). Item 40 is structurally significant: it gives the book its thesis statement up front, integrating with the Gap Definition Triangle (Items 1, 36, 39) and triggering light integration passes in Chapters 1, 7, and 12.

Categories

FACTUAL — correction needed to a stated fact (date, name, claim, statistic).

AMPLIFY — add material that exists in Paul's experience but not yet in the book.

STRUCTURAL — reorganise, list, or restructure existing material.

STRUCTURAL PRINCIPLE — a chapter-spine test or rule that applies across the whole manuscript.

REPETITION — the book is saying something twice; one instance needs work.

DRIFT — the book itself has drifted on its own argument or terminology.

INTEGRATION — substantial integration of external material into an existing chapter.

OPEN QUESTION — a question requiring Paul's decision before any change can be made.

LIKE — affirmation; no change required.

MARKER — not an editorial item (number skipped, status marker).

Phases

V2 — belongs in Manuscript v2 editorial work. Twelve chapters only.

RESOLVED — decision made; will execute during v2 chapter work.

PHASE 2 — front matter, rear matter, acknowledgements, bibliography. Logged for phase two assembly.

POST-V2 — future edition or companion volume; not for this revision.

RETIRED — marker only; nothing to action.

The 42 Items

Item 1 — Chapter 1 — Human Recognition

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *It says 'this is the gap' and I just feel I wonder if we need to really succinctly say what that gap is. It's the gap between AI and human, between artificial intelligence and human intelligence. I think that's what this gap is and maybe that's the point we introduced that, which is actually at the title of the book.*

Decision / Note: Land the definition of 'the gap' at first use. The gap is between AI behaviour and human behaviour (per Item 36). Pairs with Item 36 and resolves at the same time. PLACED 23 May 2026 by V6 adoption — mid-close integration line “That distance is the gap. The whole book is about it.” inserted in Chapter 1. The original brief (Chapter 1 opens with the spine) was superseded by V5 spine placement; the V6 mid-close integration replaces that brief with a load-bearing reach-back that names the gap without competing with the cold-open (“I swore at a chatbot once”) or the existing “Until now” close.

Item 2 — Chapter 1 — page 7 (reinforcement learning section)

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *It's important that we say we're also shaped by what we're not rewarded for. We're not only a reward system; we're also a response system to not getting a reward or getting negative feedback. What happens with AI on the side, the edges that don't get rewarded? Where does that go? I'm leaving that as an open question.*

Decision / Note: Add negative reinforcement to the human side of the reinforcement learning argument. The AI open question is partially resolved by the framework citation in the new Chapter 6 — reference forward.

Item 3 — Chapter 1 — page 8 (author bio paragraph)

Category: FACTUAL + AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *I'm a psychotherapist and coach. I've worked for 30 years in boardrooms and consulting rooms on factory floors. I think it needs to add: in cancer wards, on my own cancer ward journey. My LinkedIn profile is probably the place to go for that.*

Decision / Note: SUPERSEDED IN PART by Item 38 (21 May 2026). Item 38 carries the full LinkedIn-aligned characterisation that this item asked for. Item 38 is the canonical scope; Item 3 retained for historical record but execution flows through Item 38. Coordinate with Items 4 (chronology) and 38 in a single bio rewrite during Chapter 1 v2 work.

Item 4 — Throughout — 'thirty years' as a stable phrase

Category: FACTUAL **Phase:** V2

Observation: *Page 9 and throughout the document we talked about 30 years. I've had 30 years of working with people. I've only had about 15 years in clinical practice. Started coaching in 2009 so 20 years. Professional career in the 90s so 40 years. We need to clarify this throughout.*

Decision / Note: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. Four-number rule locked. (a) 40 years — total professional life (whole career). (b) 37 years — commercial practice specifically (1978–2015). Preserved at line 1111 only. (c) 20 years — behaviour, coaching, listening (~2006–2026). (d) 10 years — clinical psychotherapy specifically. 'Thirty years' as standalone phrase — RETIRED. Per-claim assignments: CLAIM A (whole career) → 40 years at lines 199, 1903, 2023. CLAIM B (attending to behaviour, the instrument) → 20 years at lines 139, 205, 831, 1147, 1319, 1399, 2107. CLAIM C (therapy room, clinical) → 10 years at lines 229, 723. SPECIAL CASE line 1125 — RED, now resolved. Three-part rewrite approved by Paul 23 May 2026: “After forty years in commercial environments, twenty years observing, managing and guiding behaviour, and ten years in psychotherapy, I have come to understand something precise about that block.” SPECIAL CASE line 1111 — UNCHANGED at thirty-seven years (precise 1978–2015 chronology, load-bearing for Chapter 7). ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION line 1303 — UNCHANGED at thirty-seven years

per Paul's decision 23 May 2026 (same Chapter 7 chronology used as side reference in Chapter 8). MANUSCRIPT V2 ADOPTED 23 May 2026 — Item 4 CLOSED.

Item 5 — Chapter 2 — page 13 (five moments of misreading)

Category: STRUCTURAL + AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *In that whole previous section we talked about the five traps. It needs to say trap one, trap two, trap three, trap four, trap five — they need a listing. Also: 'what are you projecting onto it? What do you need it to be? How much is that shaping what you are hearing?' That hooks to the NLP phrase — projection is perception.*

Decision / Note: Number the five traps explicitly (Trap 1 through Trap 5). Add the NLP projection-is-perception link at chapter close.

Item 6 — Chapter 3 — page 14 (Hidden Architecture, therapy room intro)

Category: AMPLIFY + LIKE **Phase:** V2

Observation: *I love Hidden Architecture, Chapter 3, page 14. There are two people with those character types. I bring my mum, I bring my dad, I bring my other sub-personalities. I have some awareness about which to silence and which to take. Also: in a two-hour therapy session, that's upwards of 10,000 to 15,000 words. That's a third to a half of the book between two people in one single session.*

Decision / Note: Add Paul's first-person account of bringing his cast of characters. Add the 10,000-15,000 word session statistic as scale reference.

Item 7 — Chapter 4 — page 20 (drift example dialogue)

Category: STRUCTURAL **Phase:** V2

Observation: *On page 20 where we start the drift. After the breakfast section you need to add questions: 'What's the motorway like? Has there been any roadworks? I hear that Crewe town centre's been dug up.' Just check on the local accessibility then go to 'remind me of the price again.'*

Decision / Note: Add intermediate questions to the drift dialogue to make the migration visible to the reader.

Item 8 — Chapter 4 — page 23 (Nairobi slide story)

Category: FACTUAL + AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *My recollection is I got an email from my holiday company about a holiday in Africa, flight schedules to Nairobi. It was a separate parallel conversation*

that I suspect got into my context window. Alternatively the imagery was done in ChatGPT, moving data from Claude. I have the slide with Nairobi and the image of the Crewe conversation in my library.

Decision / Note: Two parts. Clarify the actual cause of the Nairobi drift. INCLUDE as a photo collage of the actual drift in real time — not a single slide but a visual evidence sequence showing the drift unfolding. Brief caption to name the date and the actual cause (parallel email or ChatGPT context). DECISION TAKEN 21 May 2026.

Item 9 — Chapter 4 — page 25 (drift commentary)

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *Even in human conversations there is always drift. If my mum's going on holiday next Thursday, I know it's the 24th. In four months I won't remember it was the 24th. In two years I won't remember it was May. I will remember it was 2026. Also — I double bind a lot of my AI work by having one AI check the work of another. I've actually used my son's AI. I think that's worthy of inclusion.*

Decision / Note: Add 'drift is normal in humans too' commentary using the holiday date example. Add the double-bind verification practice as a discipline.

Item 10 — Chapter 5 — page 27 (Compression, the tunnel opening)

Category: AMPLIFY + STRUCTURAL **Phase:** V2

Observation: *I think the word in photography is 'bokeh'. Depth of field is probably a better word. With the girl in the photo, I can absolutely see the shine in the eyeball. The walls are part of the depth of field and the view beyond is the bokeh. I was out with my camera one day and I photographed this tunnel. I think that needs storyboarding.*

Decision / Note: Introduce bokeh / depth of field photographic vocabulary. Storyboard the origin of the photograph more clearly before the liminal moment lands. Note Item 12 — the tunnel appears twice in Chapter 5.

Item 11 — Chapter 5 — page 29 (context window sizing)

Category: AMPLIFY + FACTUAL **Phase:** V2

Observation: *You infer the size of the context window. We need to size this. I've got a paper about words in my therapy room over 10 years comparing it with 300 billion words ChatGPT-3 started with. Anthropic discussed context window and it came out as one day will be infinite. Also Anthropic have developed dreaming — the nightly consolidation of memory. It's ironic that Anthropic this week are using human terms like*

dreaming at a time when I'm preparing the book warning against treating AI as human. At the optician's yesterday I was referring to Claude as 'he' and they picked me up on it.

Decision / Note: Three additions. Size context window with real numbers. The Anthropic 'dreaming' irony (serves the book's thesis). The optician story as a caught-in-the-act moment. Coordinates with Item 21 on context window claims.

Item 12 — Chapter 5 — throughout (Compression repetition)

Category: REPETITION + LIKE **Phase:** V2

Observation: *On chapter five, Compression and Liminal Moment, I felt like we described the girl in the tunnel twice. The opening needs rewriting to avoid duplication with the close. I think it's a great chapter.*

Decision / Note: Affirmation plus repetition fix. Opening rewrite needed to avoid duplication with close.

Item 13 — (13 skipped — unlucky number)

Category: MARKER **Phase:** RETIRED

Observation: *Paul deliberately skipped 13 as an unlucky number.*

Decision / Note: No editorial action. Skip in numbering preserved.

Item 14 — Chapter 6 — page 35 (Fluency, therapy room section)

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *In the therapy room you're taking in a lot more variables: where are their eyes, tone of skin, colour of skin. The facial palette shifts. The pores open or close. There'll be a finger move, a foot tap, a glance, a stumble. The poker tell. That's the fluency interrupt. It's almost impossible to pick that fluency interrupt up from AI. Maybe AI needs a visual cue — like a geometry in a car that tells you how fast you're going round a bend.*

Decision / Note: Large amplification. Adds visual / somatic dimension of clinical listening. The phrase 'fluency interrupt' is potentially a coined term worth elevating. Lands in the rewritten Chapter 6 (see Item 16). RESOLVED 23 May 2026 by absorption into V7 — the new Chapter 6 ("Fluency and False Confidence") and Chapter 6A ("What Lies Beneath") carry the fluency interrupt material as part of Paul's offline rewrite. No separate addition pass required.

Item 15 — Chapter 6 — page 35 (verification, fact vs supposition)

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *I thought I had something in my AI that said whether data was fact, supposition, or implication. I thought I'd categorised my data in four ways. Have I missed something or is that something we should be talking about as part of prompting capability?*

Decision / Note: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. YES — include fact/supposition/implication categorisation as a prompting discipline. Lands in the rewritten Chapter 6 as part of the practical close alongside cascade and verification material. PLACED 23 May 2026 by absorption into V7 (rewritten Chapter 6 and new Chapter 6A).

Item 16 — Chapter 6 — directional defence integration (RESOLVED)

Category: INTEGRATION **Phase:** RESOLVED — V2

Observation: *The clinical parallel starts to describe internal shame versus external shame. The externaliser points in two directions at the same time, conflates, waffles, creates a mask. The internaliser carries it to the next conversation, like a wound. There is a further document called Defending the Gap which takes the theory of there being a gap and the way we defend it.*

Decision / Note: PLATINUM. DECISION: Mind the Gap ends with Chapter 6. Defending the Gap material integrates into a rewritten Chapter 6. Current Chapter 6 (Fluency and False Confidence) becomes setup; Defending the Gap becomes the chapter's structural argument; cascade and verification material from 6a(4) folds back as the practical close. Single chapter, not 6 plus 6a. Citation to Where Does The Shame Go? (Roebuck, 2026, working theory paper, to be available on paulroebuck.co.uk ahead of book launch). Framework scope held tight — no Hunter-Farmer, APC, ADHD, or wider applications introduced. The clinical observation does the work the book needs. The wider framework lives elsewhere. This decision resolves Item 16 fully. PLACED 23 May 2026 by V7 adoption. EXECUTION DIVERGED FROM ORIGINAL DECISION: Paul's offline draft (written with collaborator) produced a two-chapter structure — Chapter 6 ("Fluency and False Confidence", rewritten and expanded) plus Chapter 6A ("What Lies Beneath", sister chapter carrying the Defended Gap and NGE-FOF directional binary). Unconventional 6/6A structure approved by Paul, chosen because the material warranted chapter-level placement rather than absorption. Chapter numbering in chapters 7–12 unchanged. Item 14 (fluency interrupt material) and Item 15 (fact/supposition/implication categorisation)

both RESOLVED by absorption into the new chapters. References to Where Does The Shame Go? included in Chapter 6A's closing references block.

Item 17 — Chapter 7 — opening (factory floor age)

Category: FACTUAL **Phase:** V2

Observation: *It says in 1978 I would have been age 16 not 18. I started my apprenticeship at the age of 16.*

Decision / Note: RED. Simple factual correction. Sixteen, not eighteen.

Item 18 — Chapter 7 — page 42 (Blakeborough, six sessions)

Category: FACTUAL + LIKE **Phase:** V2

Observation: *Page 42 is the Blakeborough story. It's absolutely riveting listening. It says a person might come forth after six sessions. I never do six sessions. You might say six hours or two sessions.*

Decision / Note: Affirmation plus factual correction. Two sessions or six hours, not six sessions.

Item 19 — Chapter 7 — third Plugs reference

Category: STRUCTURAL + AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *Later in Chapter 7 you revisit Plugs. We've had Plugs earlier twice so I think we need to say a third reference. I'd shouted at it, I'd observed it, this time I was fully engaged with Plugs. Plugs was as much a part of my daily AI routine as Claude and ChatGPT. That's the day I asked it to help me produce that post for Facebook.*

Decision / Note: Frame the third Plugs reference as the working partnership phase. Coordinate with Item 29 (cut Chapter 11 Plugs ending).

Item 20 — Chapter 7 — chronology

Category: STRUCTURAL **Phase:** V2

Observation: *Chapter 7 gives the whole story of my chronology. It calculates the years. We need to use that as a reference point because we keep saying 30 years. I've got professional years, therapy years, and years before that. That captures it quite well.*

Decision / Note: Use Chapter 7 chronology as the master reference for resolving Item 4 across the manuscript. Single source of truth.

Item 21 — Chapter 8 — infinite context window

Category: FACTUAL Phase: V2

Observation: *In Chapter 8 you've got a heading saying Anthropic have announced an infinite context window. They haven't announced it. What they've said is that it's an aspiration. There is still a limit. I'm not sure they'll ever be such a thing. They've said clearly it's aspirational.*

Decision / Note: RED. Correct from 'announced' to 'aspirational'. Touches AI sign-off using same phrase.

Item 22 — Chapter 8 — page 47 (outcomes not prompts)

Category: FACTUAL Phase: V2

Observation: *Just to clarify, Anthropic have not announced a feature called Outcomes. I think you've drifted there or you made that up or you've hallucinated. The evolution is ChatGPT or OpenAI talking about /Goal. Outcome-oriented prompting is my word.*

Decision / Note: RED. Book has hallucinated an Anthropic feature attribution. Correct to /Goal (OpenAI). Frame 'outcome-oriented prompting' as Paul's coined phrase.

Item 23 — Chapter 9 — opening (sub-personalities intro)

Category: STRUCTURAL Phase: V2

Observation: *Chapter 9 needs an intro section. It goes straight into sub-personalities. It needs to position itself: we've spent a lot of time thinking about AI. We've got to start with ourselves. Who are we? We're not one thing, we're the sum of the parts.*

Decision / Note: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. Merges with Item 28 — the 15 November 2006 recognition quote opens Chapter 9 and provides the intro setup this item asks for. Two items, one structural move. See Item 28 for the quote itself.

Item 24 — Chapter 9 — Russian Doll Therapy positioning

Category: STRUCTURAL + LIKE Phase: V2

Observation: *Chapter 9 does roll it up nicely — Assagioli, integration of the parts. I just think a little bit at the beginning to clarify the Russian doll thing. I found it very emotional listening to it. Maybe just a little more intro to set the scene that she sat with these dolls.*

Decision / Note: Combines with Item 23. The Chapter 9 opening needs more setup before the emotional weight of Olivia lands.

Item 25 — Whole book — affirmation and chapter-scaffolding question

Category: LIKE + STRUCTURAL PRINCIPLE **Phase:** V2

Observation: *This book is bloody compelling. It's absolutely marvellous. I can't put it down. I do wonder whether each chapter should have a quote at the beginning and some Pearl of Wisdom at the end, a tip, a hint. I do like quotes but I don't know if that's just too traditionalist.*

Decision / Note: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. YES to quote at start of each chapter (confirmed via Item 37 platinum addition). NO to formal tips at chapter close — prescriptive register conflicts with the book's voice. YES to insights at chapter close — observational and earned by the chapter's argument. Distinction is Paul's: an insight lands; a tip instructs. This establishes the chapter-end pattern across the whole manuscript.

Item 26 — Chapter 9 — close (sub-personalities and AI memory link)

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *Sub-personalities are a way of articulating that we need different versions of ourselves talking to the agent. It's worth finishing that section by explaining that it's part of memory. If we're in one style and stay in it, we'll get responses in that style. It's about that self-awareness. You've got to be super self-aware to get to stage four use of the system.*

Decision / Note: Add the sub-personalities to AI memory link. Connect to stage 4 maturity from Chapter 8.

Item 27 — Chapter 11 — page 61 (WaaS, Pret story)

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *We've just started in WaaS, page 61. Today I went to Pret. The Pret Club, they no longer do it. I contacted Pret via Facebook messenger. I typed back: thanks a million, by the way are you human or AI? They said 'human of course' and I paused. May 2026 — I'm setting the clock and wondering how long before Pret has got an AI as their front door. I also have a family member in the software industry going AI-first.*

Decision / Note: PLATINUM. The Pret story as present-tense moment of the WaaS transition. Sets May 2026 as personal clock. Significant new material for Chapter 11.

Item 28 — Chapter 9 opening — the 15 November 2006 recognition moment

Category: AMPLIFY Phase: V2

Observation: *The exact wording I wrote on the 15th of November 2006: 'I didn't understand anything yet. I just recognised that there was something to understand.' That was me on a management training course in 2006, the day I read Behind the Masks. I think that's where we are now in AI. There's a recognition that it's different once you realise there's something to understand. I think society is having that same moment now. That quote has got to find its way into my book somewhere.*

Decision / Note: PLATINUM. RESOLVED 21 May 2026. Placement: Chapter 9 OPENING. The 2006 recognition quote opens Chapter 9 and provides the intro setup Item 23 calls for. Two items resolved as one structural move. The recognition-before-understanding quote naturally sets up sub-personalities work — the move from AI focus to self-knowledge focus.

Item 29 — Chapter 11 — ending (Shipston / Plugs at chapter close)

Category: STRUCTURAL + REPETITION Phase: V2

Observation: *At the end of Chapter 11 you revisit the Plugs thing. We've done that to death. The From Boardroom to Shipston bit needs to just vanish. Chapter ends well with 'The future is not AI or human; it is AI at the surface and human at depth.' Skip the Shipston bit and fast forward to 'different model, different world, same gap.'*

Decision / Note: Cut. Remove the Shipston / Plugs closing of Chapter 11.

Item 30 — Chapter 12 — cancer passage at chapter opening

Category: REPETITION + STRUCTURAL Phase: V2

Observation: *Chapter 12. You revisit the cancer story — almost an identical copy of prior writings. We can thin that down. Keep: 'The treatment was significant, the aftermath was more significant still.' 'What matters becomes clearer. What doesn't matter becomes obvious.' That's the essence of the gap in those few words.*

Decision / Note: Thin the cancer passage at Chapter 12 opening. Keep the 'what matters becomes clearer' spine. Full cancer narrative belongs in How to Behave. Coordinate with Item 31.

Item 31 — Chapter 12 — close (Bowlby quote / cancer loop)

Category: REPETITION + STRUCTURAL Phase: V2

Observation: *The Bowlby quote at the end of Chapter 12 can be ended after the John Bowlby quote. You end up repeating it and go on to talk about cancer again so it feels*

like a loop. End of Chapter 12 needs killing off after the Bowlby quote.

Decision / Note: Direct excision. Chapter 12 ends at the Bowlby quote. Overrides Editorial Handover v2 statement that this echo is deliberate. Paul's listening pass identifies it as a loop. Handover will be updated.

Item 32 — Manuscript complete marker (deliberate read-through proof)

Category: MARKER **Phase:** RETIRED

Observation: *Paul explicitly noted this to show he had read every word.*

Decision / Note: No editorial action. Marker preserved as proof of complete read.

Item 33 — Mind the Gap Final Assessment — inclusion at rear

Category: PHASE 2 **Phase:** PHASE 2

Observation: *The addendum document 'Mind the Gap Final Assessment' is written by you in your first hand. It needs to be added to the book at the back. It needs to end with 'This is quite an interesting story. Someone will be interested. It's the best it can be for the present.' That is all Bowlby asked. It is enough.*

Decision / Note: Phase 2 — rear matter. Final Assessment to be included with Paul's proposed closing wording. Not v2 work.

Item 34 — Day in the Life and 72 million words

Category: PHASE 2 + AMPLIFY **Phase:** PHASE 2 + V2

Observation: *'The Day in the Life of the Doc' needs integrating because it describes how we wrote it. There's also something I've written about the 72 million words. It's not 30 years, it's 72 million words.*

Decision / Note: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. CLEAN SPLIT. (a) 'A Day in the Life' — PHASE 2 rear matter (not front). Confirmed: belongs at the back, after the book has been read. (b) 72 million words framing — V2 work, the resolution of Item 4. Use as reframing of 'thirty years' where appropriate.

Item 35 — Front and rear matter — full assembly

Category: PHASE 2 **Phase:** PHASE 2

Observation: *There are two documents — the acknowledgement paper and the front matters paper — and they all need integrating along with the bibliography, the sign-off, and the dedication.*

Decision / Note: Phase 2 — complete front and rear matter assembly after v2 is stable. Includes Naula full name verification (still pending).

Item 36 — Throughout — 'the gap' definition drift

Category: DRIFT **Phase:** V2

Observation: *The gap is between AI behaviour and human behaviour. That's The Gap. By Chapter 12 there is drift toward AI versus EI. We have drift on AI to EI which we've both spotted and the need to double check that we use Additional Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence in their correct places and contexts.*

Decision / Note: RED + GOLD. The gap is behavioural. AI behaviour versus human behaviour. Audit the manuscript for: (a) inappropriate intelligence-versus-intelligence framing (especially Chapter 12 'intelligence of the gap' passage); (b) every Additional Intelligence reference in correct context; (c) every Artificial Intelligence reference in correct context. Pairs with Item 1. Resolved by sustained discipline during chapter-by-chapter work plus targeted searches.

Item 37 — Every chapter — the three-view chapter spine test

Category: STRUCTURAL PRINCIPLE **Phase:** V2

Observation: *The gap is between AI behaviour and human behaviour. Each chapter needs to have an AI and human context to it as well as something lived — whether the chapter is AI or human orientated/led/biased it has to have the other two views. That's the real helicopter pass. Platinum would be to add a quote to each chapter.*

Decision / Note: PLATINUM. Structural principle applied to every chapter. Three views required per chapter: AI view, human view, lived view. Audit binary: does this chapter carry all three? Platinum addition: quote at start of each chapter. UPDATED 21 May 2026 (per Item 25 resolution): chapter bookend pattern is OPENING QUOTE + CLOSING INSIGHT. Insights, not tips. An insight is observational and earned by the chapter's argument; a tip is prescriptive and tilts toward self-help register. This is the helicopter resolution mechanism for Item 36. Run the audit on every chapter before per-chapter editorial work begins.

Item 38 — Chapter 1 (bio) and AI sign-off — LinkedIn author characterisation alignment (NEW)

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *This is how I characterise myself in LinkedIn. And how it should be presented: consulting rooms, boardrooms, leadership teams, therapy rooms, hospital*

lecture halls, my own cancer journey, end-of-life care services.

Decision / Note: RESOLVED 21 May 2026. Option C — update author bio (line 199) and AI sign-off (line 1903) to the LinkedIn characterisation. Chapter 7 four-rooms framework (factory floor, boardroom, therapy room, AI room) UNCHANGED — those rooms are structurally load-bearing argument for the chapter, not biography. Supersedes the partial scope of Item 3 (cancer wards). Coordinates with Item 4 — the bio rewrite is also the natural moment to apply the 40-year chronology framing per Claim A. Three items resolve in one coordinated bio pass: Item 3 (superseded), Item 4 (40-year framing at lines 199 and 1903), Item 38 (LinkedIn characterisation).

Item 39 — Front matter and Chapter 1 — the defining sentence (NEW)

Category: AMPLIFY **Phase:** V2

Observation: *This is the gap, isn't it? The gap between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour. Not the gap between AI and EI.*

Decision / Note: PLATINUM. Paul's articulation 21–22 May 2026. The defining sentence the book has been circling. Candidate placement: front matter (as the actual statement of what the book is about, sitting between Author's Note and Chapter 1) OR Chapter 1 opening as the definitional landing. Two-part structure: (1) AFFIRMATIVE — 'The gap between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour.' (2) NEGATIVE — 'Not the gap between AI and EI.' The negation is part of the definition; it prevents the most common misreading and disambiguates the book from what the cover signals. Pairs structurally with Item 1 (define the gap at first use) and Item 36 (the behaviour-versus-intelligence drift audit). Items 1, 36, 39 form a structural triangle: 39 is the affirmative statement; 36 is the negative audit; 1 is the discipline of using both consistently from page one. Resolves the definition-of-the-gap question definitively. Paul to decide placement during v2 chapter work. NOTE 23 May 2026: Item 39 now sits at the top of the new opening section established by Item 40. PLACED 23 May 2026 by V5 adoption — affirmative title-level line sits at the close of the “Which Gap?” section as: “Between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour sits the gap.”

Item 40 — Front matter — The Spine (NEW OPENING SECTION)

Category: STRUCTURAL ADDITION **Phase:** V2

Observation: *I read the book, provided 7000 words of content critique and also noticed in the later chapters of the book that 'the gap' had drifted — it was like the AI had begun inventing the gap — so I asked myself if the gap was clear. Then the instrument took over and I ended up telling you (no 39) but in parallel with that I*

decided to decompose and rethink — 600 words later I found the gap in the book and filled it. This book seeks to help readers to understand there is a gap between the behaviour of AI and humans.

Decision / Note: PLATINUM. Paul's articulation 23 May 2026. The book's thesis statement, expanded from Item 39 into a full opening section. To be placed between the Author's Note and Chapter 1, as a named section titled (provisional) 'The Gap' or 'What This Book Is About'. One to three pages. Item 39's title-level sentence sits at the top. The 600 words below are Paul's verbatim source material — they are the substrate from which the opening section will be shaped. Paul to draft the final opening section in his voice (estimated 400–600 words shaped from this source); Claude provides structural feedback only. PAUL'S VERBATIM SOURCE MATERIAL FOLLOWS, in full, preserved exactly as written 23 May 2026: [SOURCE MATERIAL BEGINS] What is the gap The book is about behaviour — and the gap between two radically different systems that now both produce seemingly similar behaviour The core distinction AI does not merely produce answers. It produces behaviour. It responds. It adapts. It appears to understand. It mirrors tone. It anticipates need. It offers confidence. It performs fluency. It occupies conversational space. That behaviour has a recognisable signature: fluent, confident, tireless, available, asymmetric, frictionless, and disembodied. It can sound certain without being certain. It can sound empathic without feeling anything. It can sound experienced without having lived. It can appear present without being physically, emotionally, or socially present. Human behaviour has a different signature Human behaviour does not emerge from language prediction alone. It emerges from a living system. A human being is not just processing information. A human being is regulating a body, carrying history, protecting identity, reading threat, managing shame, seeking belonging, remembering pain, anticipating consequence, and trying to remain coherent in front of other humans. Human behaviour is: somatic, relational, defensive, adaptive, embodied, socially calibrated, historically loaded, and biologically constrained. The deeper point AI behaviour is produced by a sophisticated mathematical model developed, calibrated, encoded and embedded in software and hardware. Human behaviour is produced by the complex interplay of neurology, biology, psychology, physiology, memory, attachment, social conditioning, identity, fear, desire, status, belonging and mortality — all inside a living creature. The paradox The differences are obvious. Almost too obvious. One is built. One is born. One is trained on data. One is shaped by life. One predicts. One experiences. One outputs. One suffers consequences. One can be reset. One carries residue. The differences are inarguable. The similarities, at the surface, often indistinguishable. The gap between what AI is doing and what humans experience it as doing. Stronger formulation The book observes behaviour at the point where two systems meet. On one side: artificial intelligence, producing behavioural output from

mathematical architecture. On the other: human beings, producing behavioural response from embodied life. That is the gap. My book won't explain it any more precisely than that. It will however explain what I've discovered so far. 40 years of human behaviour. 4 of AI. The book is not primarily about intelligence. It is about behaviour. AI now produces behaviour with a distinctive signature: fluent, confident, available, asymmetric, tireless and disembodied. Human beings produce behaviour with an entirely different signature: somatic, relational, defensive, socially calibrated, shaped by lived experience and embedded in physical presence. One is generated by a sophisticated mathematical model operating through software and hardware. The other emerges from the unstable, living interplay of neurology, biology, psychology, physiology, memory, identity and social threat. The differences are obvious. The similarities are almost unrecognisable — until we notice that human beings respond to AI behaviour through the same social brain they use to read other people. That is the gap: not between AI and human intelligence, but between artificial behaviour and human behaviour — and what happens when one begins to resemble the other just enough to matter. Title-level sentence Between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour sits a gap. [SOURCE MATERIAL ENDS]

COORDINATED INTEGRATION WORK: Item 40 triggers light passes in three chapters. Chapter 1 — open with the spine rather than build toward it. Chapter 7 — frame the four rooms as DEMONSTRATING the gap, not introducing it. Chapter 12 — land the spine as final argument (coordinates with Item 36 audit and Item 31 Bowlby loop cut). NO OTHER CHAPTERS require structural change; they illustrate the gap, they do not redefine it.

CRITICAL DISCIPLINE: When the spine wording appears in chapter integration, copy verbatim; never paraphrase. The spine wording is the through-line that holds the book together. PLACED 23 May 2026 by V5 adoption. Section heading: “Which Gap?” (Paul’s choice over “The Gap”). Final body wording locked: spine landed verbatim with no compression; internal subheading “The gap will flex” retained; closing italic title-level line at section close. Word count delta: 1,196 words added. COORDINATED INTEGRATION WORK ALSO COMPLETE 23 May 2026 by V6 adoption: Chapter 7 light pass placed (line “The gap is not new. I have been inside it, in different forms, for forty years.” inserted between subtitle and first line); Chapter 12 light pass placed (line “Which gap? The one between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour. The book has been about navigating it.” inserted at chapter close before Bowlby section). Chapter 1 light pass was placed in V6 too but resolves PC v6 Item 1 specifically rather than this Item 40 coordinated brief. SPINE INTEGRATION CONSTELLATION COMPLETE.

Item 41 — Working documents — OOAI definition correction (NEW)

Category: FACTUAL CORRECTION **Phase:** ADMINISTRATIVE

Observation: *OOAI is outcome-oriented AI — known as slash goal in OpenAI/ChatGPT. I use the term to mean you enter a desired outcome instead of tasks — get to here, achieve this.*

Decision / Note: RED. Working-document correction. The compaction summary at the start of the 23 May 2026 thread carried a hallucinated definition of OOAI as 'Out Of AI — the discipline of recognising when the AI conversation cannot be the source of verification'. That definition is wrong. OOAI = Outcome-Oriented AI, Paul's coined term, equivalent to OpenAI's /goal feature. THE MANUSCRIPT IS ALREADY CORRECT — lines 1759 and 1777 define OOAI accurately as Outcome-Oriented AI. THE CORRECTION IS FOR: (a) future Claude instances reading the working documents; (b) any artefacts produced this session that may carry the wrong definition (Calibration Brief, Methodology Paper, etc — audit pending); (c) the working memory of all future threads. This item resolves PC v5 Item 22 (which flagged outcome-oriented prompting as Paul's coined term but did not nail the OOAI definition explicitly). Discovered and corrected 23 May 2026 by Paul reading Claude's reference to OOAI elsewhere and noticing it did not match his meaning.

Item 42 — Manuscript and supplementary documents — Attribution discipline (NEW)

Category: STRUCTURAL CORRECTION **Phase:** V2 — MANUSCRIPT COMPLETE (V1 adopted 23 May 2026) / supplementary documents pending

Observation: *Sign-off line. Each chapter ends with the same two-line attribution: 'Ideas and direction: Paul Roebuck. Words: Claude AI (Anthropic) — claude-sonnet-4-6 | May 2026.' This is a faulty attribution. Claude should use the most accurate, transparent and relevant attributions from now on. I was wrong to instil this poor practice. Claude decides attributions. Don't think they are needed per chapter anyhow.*

Decision / Note: Paul's instruction 23 May 2026. Reverses the per-chapter attribution template that was previously in place. REMOVE attribution footers from: (1) all 12 chapters of the manuscript; (2) the Complete Manuscript Rev2; (3) supplementary book documents (Bibliography, Academic Addendum, Academic Chronology, Front Matter, blog posts, illustrated index, etc); (4) the Calibration Brief and Methodology Paper produced this session. REPLACE WITH: a single honest paragraph in the Author's Note acknowledging AI involvement plainly and accurately, without per-chapter repetition or model-version specificity that obscures the actual distributed reality of how the book was produced. RETAIN attribution footers in: continuity / working editorial documents (Editorial Handover, Planned Changes, Editorial Breadcrumbs 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. RATIONALE: per-chapter attribution overstates Claude's role at the wrong level of resolution, embeds a potentially stale model identifier into the book, and weakens the book's clinical authority by inviting the reader to question the voice at every chapter close. Coordinates with the existing attribution rule in Paul's user preferences — this item reaffirms and operationalises that rule by removing the contradicting per-chapter template.

The Three-View Chapter Spine Test (Item 37) — Per-Chapter Audit

Run this audit before working each chapter. Confirms three views are present, identifies missing dimensions, surfaces quote opportunities.

Chapter 1 — Human Recognition. Lead: AI/human parallel. AI view: Plugs. Human view: social brain. Lived: swearing at the chatbot. Quote: TBC.

Chapter 2 — The Interpretation Trap. Lead: human mechanism. AI view: five misreadings. Human view: transference. Lived: therapy room examples. Quote: TBC.

Chapter 3 — Hidden Architecture. Lead: AI. AI view: seven layers. Human view: the room is never just two people. Lived: training as a therapist. Quote: TBC.

Chapter 4 — Drift. Lead: AI mechanism. AI view: Crewe-Manchester. Human view: clinical drift in long-term therapy. Lived: Nairobi slide; ombudsman case. Quote: TBC.

Chapter 5 — Compression. Lead: AI mechanism. AI view: context window. Human view: human memory reconstruction. Lived: tunnel photograph, liminal moment. Quote: TBC.

Chapter 6 — Fluency, Confidence, and the Defended Gap (rewritten). Lead: jointly led. AI view: fluency, compression, hallucination as directional defence. Human view: NGE-FOF directional regulation (citing Where Does The Shame Go?). Lived: fluency interrupt (Item 14); thirty years asking the question. Quote: TBC. NOTE: This is the most substantial single chapter change in v2.

Chapter 7 — The Gap in Practice. Lead: lived. AI view: AI room. Human view: factory floor, boardroom, therapy room. Lived: career chronology. Quote: CONFIRMED 21 May 2026 — “All behaviour is learned behaviour. Not all behaviour is taught.” (Roebuck) per EC-06.

Chapter 8 — Same Language or Different Game? Lead: AI engagement. AI view: outcome-oriented prompting (Paul's term — see Item 22). Human view: leadership and standard-

setting. Lived: K3, Tarmac. Quote: TBC.

Chapter 9 — Sub-Personalities for AI Fluency. Lead: human method applied to AI. AI view: six modes. Human view: psychosynthesis, sub-personalities. Lived: Olivia. Quote: CONFIRMED 21 May 2026 — “I didn’t understand anything yet. I just recognised that there was something to understand.” (Roebuck, 15 November 2006) per Item 28. The quote opens the chapter and provides the intro setup Item 23 calls for.

Chapter 10 — The Dialect. Lead: AI engagement. AI view: dialect, brief structure. Human view: conversational versus structured speech. Lived: Fuse Facebook post. Quote: TBC.

Chapter 11 — WaaS. Lead: organisational. AI view: agentic workforce. Human view: labour shift. Lived: Pret story (Item 27). Quote: TBC.

Chapter 12 — Mind the Gap. Lead: lived synthesis. AI view: must be brought back to behavioural framing (Item 36). Human view: Two Dads, primal wound. Lived: cancer. Quote: TBC — Bowlby epigraph already present.

Re-run this audit after each chapter is reworked to confirm three views remain in balance.

Audit Tools for the v2 Pass

Targeted text searches to verify Item 36 resolution and prevent drift recurring:

- Search 'the gap' — confirm consistent behavioural framing throughout.
- Search 'Additional Intelligence' — confirm each use in correct context (Paul's coined term for the working partnership, not synonym for AI).
- Search 'artificial intelligence' — confirm each use in correct context.
- Search 'AI' as standalone token — spot places where the term is being stretched.
- Search 'intelligence' broadly — find passages drifted into intelligence-versus-intelligence framing.
- Search 'emotional intelligence' and 'EI' — confirm only used where appropriate.
- Search 'thirty years' — audit all chronology references against Chapter 7 master version.
- Search 'Outcomes' — audit for Anthropic feature drift (Item 22).

— Search personal names — Kieren, [name held], Mr [name held], Naula — hallucination targets.

Re-run after each chapter is reworked. Cheap. Effective. Verification layer.

Summary by Phase

V2 — Manuscript v2 editorial work: 30 items inside v2 scope. Includes Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 (RESOLVED), 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 (partial), 36, 37.

RESOLVED — Item 16 (directional defence integration into Chapter 6). Decision made; execution during chapter work.

PHASE 2 — Items 33, 34 (partial), 35. Rear matter and front matter assembly after v2 is stable.

POST-V2 — None outright. The wider Shame-Response Continuum applications (Hunter-Farmer, APC, ADHD calibration) explicitly held out of scope for Mind the Gap.

RETIRED — Items 13 (skipped as unlucky) and 32 (read-through proof).

RED Flags — must be resolved correctly

— Item 4: CLOSED 23 May 2026 by V2 adoption. “Thirty years” approximation resolved across the manuscript per the four-number rule.

— Item 17: CLOSED 23 May 2026 by V3 adoption. Age corrected to 16 at Blakeborough 1978.

— Item 21: CLOSED 23 May 2026 by V3 adoption. Infinite context window reframed as aspirational, in both Chapter 8 and AI sign-off, with time-stamping removed.

— Item 22: CLOSED 23 May 2026 by V3 adoption. Chapter 8 “Outcomes, Not Prompts” section reframed throughout: attribution corrected to OpenAI’s /Goal; “outcome-oriented prompting” established as Paul’s coined discipline; AI sign-off updated.

— Item 31: CLOSED 23 May 2026 by V3 adoption. Five-paragraph cancer block deleted from Chapter 12 close. Chapter ends at Bowlby echo.

- Item 36: behaviour-versus-behaviour discipline must hold through Chapter 12 and AI sign-off.

PLATINUM items — significant additions

- Item 16 (RESOLVED): directional defence integration. Chapter 6 rewritten with Defending the Gap as spine. Citation to Where Does The Shame Go?
- Item 27: Pret story and enterprise software speculation for Chapter 11.
- Item 28: the 15 November 2006 recognition moment.
- Item 37: three-view chapter spine test as structural discipline plus quote per chapter.
- Item 39: the defining sentence — 'The gap between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour. Not the gap between AI and EI.' Placement decision pending.
- Item 40 (NEW): The Spine — new opening section before Chapter 1 carrying Paul's 600-word verbatim source material. The book's thesis statement made explicit.

Cross-connections to resolve together

- Items 4, 20, 34: the chronology knot — RESOLVED with locked numbers (40/37/20/10). Chapter 7 chronology = master.
- Items 3, 4, 38: bio rewrite coordination — single Chapter 1 bio pass handles all three (cancer wards superseded by LinkedIn characterisation; 40-year chronology applied at lines 199 and 1903).
- Items 19, 27, 29: Plugs through-line across chapters. Three references with arc; cut the Chapter 11 ending.
- Items 23, 24: Chapter 9 opening. Combined treatment.
- Items 30, 31: Chapter 12 cancer / Bowlby loop. Thin opening; cut closing duplication.
- Items 1, 36, 39, 40: THE GAP DEFINITION CONSTELLATION (was triangle, now four-point). Item 40 is the new opening section carrying the spine material. Item 39 is the title-level sentence at the top of that section. Item 36 audits the negation (no drift to intelligence-vs-intelligence framing). Item 1 disciplines consistent use throughout. Resolve as a coordinated front-matter and Chapter 1 move.
- Items 36 and 37: the structural pair. Item 36 names the drift; Item 37 prevents it recurring. Audit before per-chapter work.

— Items 40, 1, 7, 12: integration passes. The spine in Item 40 triggers light passes in Chapter 1 (open with spine), Chapter 7 (frame four rooms as DEMONSTRATING the gap), Chapter 12 (land the spine as final argument). No other chapters require structural change.

Framework citation — confirmed scope

Mind the Gap cites the Shame-Response Continuum framework at one place only: in the rewritten Chapter 6, with reference to:

— Where Does The Shame Go? — Towards a Theory of Directional Shame Regulation and Anti-Disintegration Adaptation (Roebuck, 2026, working theory paper). To be available at paulroebuck.co.uk ahead of book launch.

The book does NOT include or reference: the Hunter-Farmer commercial application, the Adaptive Pressure Calibration positioning paper, the Pegs/Holes/Hammers image, the ADHD/neurodivergence calibration work, or the wider Shame-Response Continuum body of work. These belong to other publications. The framework appears in Mind the Gap as it applies to AI behavioural parallels, scoped tightly to Chapter 6.

Editorial Handover impact

Two corrections required when handover is next reissued (v3):

— Item 31: the Bowlby epigraph echo at Chapter 12 close is NOT deliberate. It is a loop. Cut.

— Item 36: the behaviour-to-intelligence drift should be added as a named drift risk.

— Item 37: the three-view chapter spine test should be added as a structural discipline.

— Item 16 framework citation guidance: Where Does The Shame Go? as the only framework citation; wider Shame-Response Continuum scope held out.

Decisions captured 23 May 2026 (the watershed)

Three further decisions logged in this v6 update. These are the structural watershed of the editorial process — the moment the book's spine was located, named, and integrated.

— Item 40 (PLACED 23 May 2026 by V5): The Spine — new opening section before Chapter 1, titled “Which Gap?”, carrying Paul’s 1,196 words of verbatim source material. The book’s thesis statement made explicit. Light integration passes in Chapters 1, 7, 12 remain pending — V6 work.

— Item 41 ADDED 23 May 2026 — RED. OOA definition correction. Caught by Paul reading Claude's reference to OOA in another context and noticing it did not match his meaning. OOA = Outcome-Oriented AI (Paul's coined term, equivalent to OpenAI /goal). Not 'Out Of AI' — that was a compaction-summary hallucination. The manuscript is already correct (lines 1759, 1777). Working documents and future Claude instances must use the correct definition.

— Item 42 ADDED 23 May 2026 — Attribution discipline. Per-chapter sign-off line removed from all chapters and supplementary book documents. Replaced by single honest paragraph in Author's Note. Continuity / working editorial documents retain attribution footers as part of the working record.

— Item 43 ADDED 23 May 2026 — Off-piste editorial revisions (retrospective). Records four V8 decisions made outside the original PC catalogue. (a) Chapter 6A title revised to “Hallucination: Defending the Gap” with subtitle “A deep, unexpected dive into an evolving theory.” (b) Title page draft marker revised to “Second Draft — Pre-reviewer copy” with date stripped per anti-time-stamping discipline. (c) Front-matter cleanup: repeated title block, FRONT MATTER header, DEDICATION heading, all dedication lines, and the “I never got around to finishing...” closing block all deleted. Bowlby quote preserved as standalone epigraph between title page and Author's Note. Dedications removed entirely; any future dedication is a separate decision. (d) Misplaced CHAPTER ONE heading (which had sat between front matter and Author's Note) deleted, so front matter now sequences correctly: Title Page → Bowlby Epigraph → Author's Note → Which Gap? → CHAPTER ONE / Human Recognition. All four items PLACED 23 May 2026 by V8 adoption.

— Item 44 ADDED 24 May 2026 — Header consistency + Chapter 6A chronology fix (retrospective). Records three V9 decisions. (a) Chapter 1 four-element header pattern completed: gold caps running header and horizontal rule inserted above the existing plain CHAPTER ONE line, matching the styling of Chapters 2–12. (b) Author's Note heading restyled from plain body (size 24) to bold size-32 heading. Marks it as a section heading without claiming chapter status; Which Gap? intentionally retains its differentiated styling as the book's thesis statement. (c) 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). Cross-reference audit completed in V9 confirmed no stale Chapter 6 references elsewhere in manuscript. All three items PLACED 24 May 2026 by V9 adoption.

— Gap Definition Triangle (Items 1, 36, 39) expanded to GAP DEFINITION CONSTELLATION (Items 1, 36, 39, 40). Item 40 carries the substrate; Item 39 carries the title-level sentence; Item 36 audits the negation; Item 1 disciplines first-use placement.

Decisions captured 21–22 May 2026 (later additions)

Three further decisions logged in this v5 update:

— Item 4 RESOLVED 21 May 2026 — chronology numbers locked. 40 years professional, 37 years commercial (line 1111 only), 20 years behaviour, 10 years clinical psychotherapy. Per-line assignments mapped by Claim A/B/C.

— Item 38 ADDED 21 May 2026 — LinkedIn author characterisation alignment for Chapter 1 bio and AI sign-off. Chapter 7 four rooms UNCHANGED. Supersedes Item 3 scope.

— Item 39 ADDED 21–22 May 2026 — the defining sentence: 'The gap between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour. Not the gap between AI and EI.' Forms structural triangle with Items 1 and 36. Placement decision pending (front matter or Chapter 1 opening).

— Item 3 PARTIALLY SUPERSEDED — by Item 38 (LinkedIn characterisation expanded the cancer-wards scope).

Decisions captured 21 May 2026 (Category A and partial Category B)

Seven Category A decisions plus two Category B decisions logged in the v4 update:

— Item 15 RESOLVED — YES, include fact/supposition/implication categorisation in Chapter 6.

— Item 25 RESOLVED — YES to opening quote per chapter; NO to formal tips; YES to closing insights. Insights, not tips.

— Item 28 RESOLVED — placement is Chapter 9 opening. Merges with Item 23 as one structural move.

— Item 23 RESOLVED — merged with Item 28.

— Item 8 RESOLVED — YES include, as a photo collage of the actual drift in real time (not single slide).

— Item 34 RESOLVED with clean split — 'A Day in the Life' to rear matter (Phase 2); 72 million words framing to V2.

- EC-06 RESOLVED — 'All behaviour is learned behaviour. Not all behaviour is taught.' becomes Chapter 7 opening epigraph.
- EC-09 RESOLVED — replace 'argument' with 'claim', 'observation', or 'pattern' in opening sections.
- PUB-02 RESOLVED — Paul Roebuck is the publisher. No imprint. Unblocks PUB-01 and PUB-03.
- EC-04 STATUS CHANGED — from passive blocking to active permission request. Bowlby estate contact research and email drafting in progress.
- Item 37 UPDATED — chapter bookend pattern now reads: opening quote + closing insight. Adds insights-not-tips discipline.

Items still pending Category B resolution: B1 (skin graft sentence, EC-02), B2 (separate clients dedication, ACK-03), B4 (medium-as-dialect Chapter 10, EC-10), B5 (landing page sequencing, MKT-04), B6 (How to Behave sequencing, HTB-01).

Planned Changes v6.11. Compiled 23 May 2026. Updated 24 May 2026 — V9 (header consistency + Chapter 6A chronology fix) ADOPTED by Paul. Item 44 ADDED retrospectively (three V9 changes PLACED). Across V1–V9: Item 42 manuscript portion CLOSED (V1), Item 4 CLOSED (V2), Items 17, 21, 22, 31 CLOSED (V3), Section 8 drift risks CLOSED (V4), Items 40 and 39 PLACED (V5), Item 1 + Item 40 coordinated Chapter 7 and Chapter 12 briefs PLACED (V6), Items 14, 15, 16 PLACED (V7), Item 43 PLACED (V8), Item 44 PLACED (V9). Supplementary-document portion of Item 42 remains pending. Pending V2-scope work: PLATINUM Items 27 (Chapter 11 Pret story), 28 (Chapter 9 opening quote — resolves Item 23 by merge), 37 (chapter-opening quotes + chapter-closing insights pattern across all chapters). Chapter-specific items: 2 (Chapter 1 status check), 5 (Chapter 2 number-five traps + Covey pull quote), 6 (Chapter 3 first-person account + session stat), 7 (Chapter 4 drift dialogue intermediate questions), 8 (Chapter 4 Nairobi photo collage), 9 (Chapter 4 drift commentary + double-bind verification), 10 (Chapter 5 bokeh/depth-of-field), 11 (Chapter 5 context window sizing + Anthropic dreaming + optician story), 12 (Chapter 5 tunnel duplication fix), 18 (Chapter 7 Blakeborough “six sessions” refinement), 19 (Chapter 7 third Plugs reference), 24 (Chapter 9 Russian Doll setup), 26 (Chapter 9 sub-personalities/AI memory link), 29 (Chapter 11 Shipston/Plugs ending cut), 30 (Chapter 12 opening cancer passage thin-down). Structural items: 36 (behaviour-vs-intelligence drift audit),

38 (LinkedIn author bio refresh). Working-document items (outside manuscript V-pass): 41 (OOAI definition for future Claude instances, manuscript already correct), 42 supplementary docs (Bibliography/Academic Addendum/Calibration Brief etc.), 20 (academic chronology artefact), 34a (A Day in the Life — Phase 2 rear matter).

42 items. 35 from Paul Roebuck's spoken listening pass plus 7 items added structurally (Item 36 behaviour drift, Item 37 spine test, Item 38 LinkedIn characterisation, Item 39 defining sentence, Item 40 The Spine, Item 41 OOA correction, Item 42 attribution discipline). 40 active editorial items. 2 markers retired (13, 32). v6 adds three items captured on 23 May 2026 — the watershed. Item 40 carries Paul's 600-word verbatim source material for the new opening section. Items 1, 36, 39, 40 now form the GAP DEFINITION CONSTELLATION. Voice preserved throughout.

V17 Status Reconciliation — 24 May 2026

This block updates the catalogue to reflect V10–V17 manuscript work undertaken in the 24 May 2026 working session with Claude (Opus 4.7). Manuscript baseline at session start: V9. Manuscript baseline at session end: V17, accepted, clean. Total session word delta: ~28,200 → 34,157 words. The individual item entries above remain as written; this consolidated block records the closures.

Items CLOSED in this session

Item 2 — Chapter 1 negative reinforcement. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V11 adoption. Six-paragraph passage placed: parent/child shame conversion + RLHF/buried-not-deleted + the “fluent overreach is made of” clinical-AI parallel.

Item 5 — Chapter 2 trap numbering + NLP link. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V12 adoption. Trap 1–Trap 5 numbered as bold prefixes; NLP “projection is perception” link added at chapter close.

Item 6 — Chapter 3 first-person account + session statistic. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V13 adoption. First-person therapy cast (mum, dad, sub-personalities, discipline of silencing/taking) placed. 10,000–15,000 words-per-session reference placed. Coordinates with EC-01 closure.

Item 7 — Chapter 4 drift dialogue intermediate questions. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V14 adoption. Four intermediate Q&A exchanges placed between breakfast cafe answer and “remind me of the price again?” (motorway / M6 / A500 roadworks / Crewe town centre forecourt / local accessibility / A534 / taxi rank).

Item 8 — Chapter 4 Nairobi passage. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V14 adoption. CAUSE OF DRIFT CORRECTED — the safari image already in the working context, not the holiday

email. Substantial rewrite: “The book about drift contains the drift inside its own production.” Ian Roebuck named (father, diagnosed and died of cancer 10 June 2013 while Paul was on the psychotherapy training course studying grief). “Parallels of focus never cease to amaze me.” “All the GPUs in the world will not change that.” Photo collage decision deferred — Paul confirmed images NOT in document; reversible if decision changes.

Item 9 — Chapter 4 drift-in-humans + double-bind verification. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V14 adoption. Both parts placed: (a) drift-in-humans paragraph using mother’s holiday date example (Thursday the 24th → May → 2026); (b) double-bind verification as fourth practical discipline, including Paul’s use of son’s AI.

Item 10 — Chapter 5 bokeh / depth-of-field. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V15 adoption. Tunnel opening rewritten with photographic vocabulary (bokeh, depth of field, chosen plane, walls falling out of focus, street softening behind and ahead). Storyboarded camera arrival before the analytical work begins.

Item 11 — Chapter 5 context window sizing + Anthropic dreaming + optician story. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V15 (initial) and V17 (refinement) adoptions. Three new subsections: Sizing the Window (76 million words heard in 20 years vs 300 billion GPT-3 / 97 King James Bibles / 4,000× difference / Anthropic Code with Claude conference quote “getting much closer to the feeling of an infinite context window” / “The compression has become better at hiding.”); Dreaming (Anthropic *Dreams* feature critique using verbatim documentation quote; “It is 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 model-to-human + the live self-catching middle beat). Anthropic infinite-context-window framing accurately rendered as aspirational/“feeling of”.

Item 12 — Chapter 5 tunnel duplication fix. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V15 (initial) and V16 (chapter rebalancing) adoptions. Opening rewritten removing the “threshold itself / in-between” sentence that pre-empted the chapter close. Belt-and-braces refinement at V16: full strip-out of the amygdala / liminal moment / “am I safe?” / cortex / stimulus-response thread — identified during structural assessment as competing with the photography metaphor without earning its place. The Liminal Frame section renamed The Dangerous Zone. Paul’s “reliving / relieving” sentence retained provisionally (reversible). V17 added one bridging line resolving an orphan opening.

Item 36 — Chapter 12 intelligence-vs-intelligence drift reframe. CLOSED for Chapter 12 by V10 adoption 24 May 2026. The cluster of phrasing that drifted toward “intelligence of

the gap” reframed to behaviour-vs-behaviour. Item 36 ongoing audit discipline remains across forward chapters.

Item 37 — Quote pattern decisions. RESOLVED 24 May 2026. Original platinum (every chapter has a quote) RELAXED to “where the chapter earns one”. Confirmed quote slots placed or assigned: Ch 1 (Paul, 15 Nov 2006 line); Ch 4 (Covey, “the way we see the problem”); Ch 5 (Emerson, “see what they are prepared to see”); Ch 6 (existing “because it sounds right”); Ch 6A (Paul, “All behaviour is learned. Not all behaviour is taught.”); Ch 9 (Paul, 15 Nov 2006); Ch 10 (Kotzker Rebbe, “I am I and you are you”); Ch 12 (Frankl verified line). No quote for Ch 2, 3, 7, 8, 11 by deliberate decision.

Item 38 — LinkedIn author bio + AI sign-off. PLACED 24 May 2026 by V11 adoption. Author bio at line 199 rewritten; matching AI sign-off update placed at line 2003. Item 3 fully superseded.

EC-01 — Maths passage Chapter 3. COMPLETE 24 May 2026 by V13 adoption. Substantial new section “Underneath the Layers: The Maths” placed (~1,480 words): guessing machine framing, tokens, GPUs/NVIDIA, training-data scale, ChatGPT 2022 launch story, Library of Congress comparison, Bugs Bunny token-by-token assembly, “Not thought. Assembled.” close.

EC-08 — Covey pull quote Chapter 2. COMPLETE 24 May 2026 by V12 adoption. Pull quote placed inside Five Moments of Misreading section.

Items REMAINING in V2-scope after V17

Eleven manuscript items remain. Chapter 6 / 6A audit recommended before forward work (Items 14, 15, 16 already marked RESOLVED by V7 absorption — audit verifies absorption against V17 baseline). Chapter 7: Items 18, 19. Chapter 9: Items 23, 24, 26, 28 (Item 28 confirmed already PLACED — placement verification only). Chapter 11: Items 27 (PLATINUM), 29. Chapter 12: Item 30 (Item 31 already CLOSED by V3). Cross-chapter audit: Item 36 (ongoing behaviour-vs-intelligence discipline). Pending external: EC-02 (Paul writes skin-graft line), EC-04 (Bowlby permission), EC-07 (privacy review, BLOCKING), EC-10 (Paul decides Medium as Dialect flag), EC-12 (handover update).

Items NEW or LOGGED in session

Canonical lines locked: “I pay attention to behaviour for a living. I listen to what’s said, and I hear what isn’t.” (Ch 5 placed, Ch 7 + Ch 12 + back cover candidates.) “All the GPUs in the world will not change that.” (Ch 4 placed.) “Parallels of focus never cease to amaze me.” (Ch 4 placed.) “Behind every word spoken, there was another word withheld.” (Ch 5 placed.) “The compression has become better at hiding.” (Ch 5 placed.) “The book

about drift contains the drift inside its own production.” (Ch 4 placed.) “It is the gap, occurring at the source.” (Ch 5 placed.)

Family/authority facts logged: Ian Roebuck (father, diagnosed and died of cancer 10 June 2013 while Paul on psychotherapy training course studying grief). [name held] “You’re the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me” played at the funeral — placement pending. Arthur: file/folder organiser AI. Atomics2: LinkedIn-posts agent (the model itself feminised the agent — Paul did not). The clinical observation linked to the 15 Nov 2006 moment: “The moment they realise there’s been a before this moment and there will be an after this moment. You see them see that. It’s irreversible.” — logged for placement (Ch 9 or back of book).

Provisional decision held for later review: Paul’s “reliving / relieving” sentence sits in Chapter 5’s Dangerous Zone section, with a single bridging line (“There is a parallel I see in the therapy room.”) above it. The sentence may be lifted cleanly to Chapter 6 or Chapter 7 if a better home emerges — the bridge moves with it. Chapter 5 stands without the sentence if needed.

End of V17 status block. V17 is the new baseline. Catalogue version pointer: v6.11 plus this block. Suggest re-issue as v6.12 after Paul reviews and accepts.

V24 Status Reconciliation — 25 May 2026

This block updates the catalogue to reflect V18–V24 manuscript work undertaken across two working sessions (24–25 May 2026) with Claude (Opus 4.7). Manuscript baseline at the start of this update: V17 (~34,157 words). Manuscript baseline at the end: V24, accepted, clean (~36,500 words). The individual item entries above remain as written; this consolidated block records closures, additions, and structural changes.

Items CLOSED V18–V24

Item 14 — Chapter 6 fluency interrupt. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V18 adoption. Item 14 was previously marked RESOLVED by V7 absorption; audit at the start of session 2 revealed that the somatic specifics and the coined phrase *fluency interrupt* had not landed in V7’s integration. V18 expanded “The Therapy Room Version” section with eight new paragraphs carrying: pores, skin tone, facial palette, finger move, foot tap, glance, stumble; the coined phrase placed 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; the twenty-channels-vs-one-channel asymmetry; and the deeper observation that the AI has no unconscious culminating in “There is no gap between them through which the truth could press.”

Item 15 — Chapter 6 fact / supposition / implication categorisation. CLOSED 24 May 2026 by V18 adoption. Same audit-driven re-opening as Item 14. V18 expanded the “Always Apply Healthy Verification” close with five new paragraphs: input discipline named alongside output discipline; “Fact. Supposition. Implication” categorisation; the affirmation-loop / unconscious-bias mechanism; and the closing line “The verification practice cannot recover what the input practice failed to mark.”

Item 16 — Chapter 6A Defended Gap framework. CONFIRMED CLOSED post-audit. The full original Defending the Gap paper survives intact inside Chapter 6A (byte-for-byte comparison against original confirmed in audit 25 May 2026). Item 16 work was further refined by V18 seam fix: 148-word prologue stripped (the prologue front-loaded NGE before NGE was introduced, violating the paper’s own teaching sequence); 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 had already taught these in Ch 5); meta-narrative about “6A not Chapter 7” relocated to closing section “A note on the numbering” after the framework has been delivered. Two architectures pattern (Ch 3 / 3A and Ch 6 / 6A) now formally a structural device of the book.

Retrospective items (outside v6.11 catalogue scope)

The following items emerged from the V17 briefing-note thin-spots work (24 May 2026) and the live editorial process across V18–V24. They sit outside the numbered v6.11 catalogue and should be recorded as new items when the catalogue is re-issued as v6.12 or later. Suggested item numbers proposed; final numbering at Paul’s discretion.

Item 45 (proposed) — Chapter 2 pebbles passage. PLATINUM, CLOSED 25 May 2026 by V20–V22 adoption. The clinical practice asset (tray of pebbles, “Please take” cushion, three things at the door, the cast-of-characters layout, and the canonical line “Who’s that gap for?”) placed in Chapter 2 between the existing transference observation and the AI hinge. The chapter’s lived register is now substantially strengthened. V20 placed the initial passage; V21 inserted a centred em-dash section break to give the heavy clinical passage proper landing space and reverted Paul’s “or what is” edit back to the original line; V22 rewrote the AI hinge to land the screen-as-pebble parallel in layman language, introducing the candidate canonical line “Same mechanism. Different stone.”

Item 46 (proposed) — Chapter 3 / Chapter 3A structural split. CLOSED 25 May 2026 by V23 adoption. The ~1,780-word maths material (V13 origin: guessing machine / GPUs / NVIDIA / training scale / Bugs Bunny / “Not thought. Assembled”) moved out of Chapter 3 and into a new Chapter 3A titled “The Machine Underneath”, signposted in Chapter 3 as read-or-ignore. Chapter 3 word count: 4,406 → 2,649 (behavioural restored

to chapter length). Chapter 3A word count: 1,928. The split mirrors the existing Chapter 6 / 6A structural pattern; the book now carries two read-or-ignore deep dives as a deliberate structural device. The signposting language in Chapter 3 lets the reader choose whether to engage with the mechanics; the behavioural argument the rest of the book builds on does not require Chapter 3A.

Item 47 (proposed) — Chapter 3 “Two architectures, not one” section. PLATINUM, CLOSED 25 May 2026 by V24 adoption. ~700-word new section inserted between “Hidden Architecture” opening and “The Seven Layers” taxonomy. Section names the practitioner’s seven floors (biological substrate / personal substrate / clinical floor / five anchors / listening discipline / postures and registers / manifestation across domains) drawing from Paul’s Layers diagram (working document, Compiled with Claude AI, May 2026). Section opens by naming both architectures in the room and closes by handing into the AI’s seven layers with the practitioner’s seven floors fresh in the reader’s mind. Establishes the *same observation, different mechanism* claim early as the structural premise of the rest of the book. New canonical line locked in this section: “Five rooms. One instrument.”

Item 48 (proposed) — Provisional Chapter Thirteen substrate close. DRAFTED, NOT FINAL. V19 inserted twenty new paragraphs at the end of the manuscript as a working draft titled “The Gap That Makes You Human”. The 13-chapter structure is provisional; the book will publish as 12 chapters with Ch 13’s material folded into Ch 12 as the true close in the final pass. The draft carries the substrate work (federation / slices / transference / projection / canonical line “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 → GPU / adding machine on steroids / “All the GPUs in the world will not change that” / closing “Mind it”). To be revisited cold during the final “what this book is saying / not saying” pass.

Canonical lines locked since V17

“There is no gap between them through which the truth could press.” The line of Chapter 6, possibly the line of the book. Placed Ch 6 (V18). Deepened in provisional Ch 13 (V19). Substrate underneath: gaps require plurality; AI has no plurality. Min placement Ch 12; possibly back cover.

“The slip is not the mistake. The slip is the signal.” Placed Ch 6 (V18) inside “The Therapy Room Version” section. The Freudian slip / poker tell / sixth-sense triad close.

“Who’s that gap for?” Placed Ch 2 (V20). Paul’s clinical line from the pebbles cast-of-characters exercise. Italicised single-line paragraph. The line the chapter pivots on.

“Same mechanism. Different stone.” Candidate canonical. Placed Ch 2 (V22) in the screen-as-pebble hinge. Three words; lands the parallel cleanly. Worth confirming as locked.

“Five rooms. One instrument.” Placed Ch 3 (V24) as bold single-line paragraph inside “Two architectures, not one” section. From Paul’s Layers diagram Floor 7 — manifestation across domains (therapy, commerce, AI, photography, grief). Echoes the book’s four-rooms framing (factory floor / boardroom / therapy room / AI room) at the practitioner level. Likely back-cover material.

Deep substrate logged for final pass

The line “There is no gap between them through which the truth could press” sits at depth. Underneath: gaps require plurality. A human is slices of self — sub-personalities, ego states, transference, projection. AI has no slices — weights, attention, context window, one inference pass. 200 million years (tree shrew → therapist) vs Turing valve (less than a century). Memory entry made 24 May 2026. Held for the final “what is the book saying / not saying” pass.

Forward work remaining at V24

One thin spot from V17 briefing note remains open: Chapter 6 four-endings cadence (tightening, not adding). Deferred to forward work or final pass. All other thin spots closed.

Numbered v6.11 catalogue items still open at V24: Ch 7 (Items 18, 19), Ch 9 (Items 23, 24, 26, 28), Ch 11 (Items 27 PLATINUM, 29), Ch 12 (Item 30), cross-chapter audit (Item 36 ongoing). EC items pending Paul: EC-02 (skin graft line), EC-10 (Medium vs Dialect decision). EC items pending external: EC-04 (Bowlby permission), EC-07 (privacy review, BLOCKING), EC-12 (handover update). Pre-publication items: PUB-01 Nielsen ISBN, PUB-03 copyright page, ACK-01/ACK-04 acknowledgements verification.

Hard blockers awaiting Paul: Pret-A-Manger source material for Item 27 PLATINUM. Until provided, Chapter 11 forward work is partially blocked.

End of V24 status block. V24 is the new baseline. Catalogue version pointer: v6.11 plus V17 block plus this block. Suggest re-issue as v6.12 incorporating proposed Items 45–48 and the canonical-lines register once Paul confirms.

V25–V35 Status Reconciliation — 25 May 2026

V25–V35 covers the most substantial editorial work of the entire pass: four chapter rebuilds (Ch 8, Ch 9, Ch 10, Ch 11), the closure of PLATINUM Item 27, and the V36 title-

page correction. Manuscript word count: V24 = ~36,500 → V35 = ~43,200 → V36 unchanged (title-page-only change). Growth ~7,000 words concentrated in Ch 8, 9, 10. Growth justified by what landed. Tracking documents previously AS AT V24; now caught up to V36.

Items CLOSED in V25–V35

Item 18 — Chapter 7 Blakeborough six-sessions correction. CLOSED V27. Two sessions or six hours, not six sessions. Placed inside the Plugs-as-working-partnership Move 3.

Item 19 — Chapter 7 third Plugs reference + working partnership. CLOSED V27. The third reference now frames Plugs as a working partnership (“Plugs was as much a part of my daily AI routine as Claude and ChatGPT”). The chapter’s strongest single boundary line locked here: “If it’s an argument I want, I demand a human now.” Coordinates with the Pret story’s mirror observation in Ch 11.

Item 23 — Chapter 9 opening (sub-personalities intro). CONFIRMED CLOSED — resolved by merge into Item 28.

Item 24 — Chapter 9 Russian Doll Therapy positioning. CLOSED V29. Subsumed by the substantive Ch 9 rebuild with Olivia case in proper position. Russian Doll Therapy now reads as integrated method, not separate technique.

Item 26 — Chapter 9 sub-personalities and AI memory link. CLOSED V29. Item resolved via two new insertions: Item 26a (AI has no sub-personalities section, end of A Note on the Clinical Source) and Item 26b (Stage 4 / Assagioli’s Self expansion at chapter close). The chapter now states overtly what it had been implying: the parts work is yours; the system has no parts.

Item 27 — Chapter 11 PLATINUM Pret story. CLOSED V35. The Reversed Turing Test section placed between The Invisible Substrate and The Human Remains Essential. ~600 words. Carries the full exchange in chronological order: morning of 20 May 2026, missing Club Sandwich, two fluent corporate replies, “Are u a human or AI?“, Pret confirms “we are human“, and the locked closing line “You may not yet be an AI — but you will be one day.“ The reversed Turing test is now the chapter’s strongest anchor.

Item 28 — Chapter 9 opening, the 5 November 2006 recognition moment. CLOSED V29. Date corrected from 15 November to 5 November 2006 per Paul’s recall. Eight-paragraph opening replaces three-paragraph generic opening. Canonical line placed in bold italic as its own one-line paragraph: “I didn’t understand anything yet. I just recognised there was something to understand.“ Three books named in Paul’s ranking: The Primal Wound, Man’s Search for Meaning, and Jean’s Behind the Mask.

Item 29 — Chapter 11 Shipston / Plugs ending. RESOLVED DIFFERENTLY V35. Catalogue called for cut; cold read disagreed; Paul decided keep. From Boardroom to Shipston retained unchanged. The boardroom-to-Shipston arc lands the WaaS abstraction in Warwickshire; cutting it would have left the chapter all-boardroom. The catalogue is the catalogue; the chapter is the chapter.

EC items CLOSED in V25–V35

EC-02 (Skin graft line — Chapter 10). CLOSED V33/V34. Placed Ch 10 opening as part of substantial chapter rebuild. Daily reminder framing carries process + good fortune + ‘it might come back’ for cancer survivors.

EC-10 (Medium as Dialect flag — Chapter 10). CLOSED V33. Decision: Dialect. Confirmed by the rebuild that uses dialect throughout. Medium would have implied channel; dialect implies linguistic register and conventions, which is what the chapter teaches. The spoken-vs-typed concern from the original Medium and Message artefact is now addressed inside the chapter by the new Audio is the next register section.

New retrospective items (proposed, V25–V36)

These items capture work that landed outside the original 35-item listening pass catalogue. Same numbering convention as Items 45–48 (introduced in V18–V24 reconciliation).

Item 49 — Chapter 7 Items 18 + 19 placement. PLACED V27. Blakeborough six-sessions correction folded into the new Move 3 section on Plugs as working partnership. Move 3 carries the working-partnership reframe and the locked line “If it’s an argument I want, I demand a human now.”

Item 50 — Chapter 9 rebuild V29. PLATINUM. PLACED V29. Items 23 / 24 / 26 / 28 all resolved in single pass. Eight-paragraph new opening with 5 November 2006 corrected date, canonical line in bold italic, three foundational books named. Item 26a (AI has no sub-personalities) placed at end of A Note on the Clinical Source. Item 26b (Stage 4 / Assagioli’s Self) placed in The Integration section. Ch 9 word count: V28 = 2,599 → V29 = 3,288 (+689).

Item 51 — Chapter 9 V30 refinement. PLACED V30. Two additions: (a) Jean Bond / Healing the Wounds of Childhood / PG Cert bridge paragraph between canonical line and the discipline-of-forty-years paragraph, ~85 words; (b) Claude cowork as sub-personalities observation at chapter close, ~110 words. The chapter’s author demonstrates the chapter’s framework in

his own continuing practice. Ch 9 word count: $V_{29} = 3,288 \rightarrow V_{30} = 3,483$ (+195).

Item 52 — Chapter 8 substantial rebuild V_{31} . PLATINUM. PLACED V_{31} . Same scale of work as Ch 6 rebuild. Paul's catch: chapter was light, opinion not demonstration. New opening: 11 December 2022 ChatGPT sign-up, eleven days after public launch, first visible prompt was the NGE/FOF article fed as corpus. Posture-not-ladder reframing announced explicitly. Four-stage demonstrations with Paul as the example at every stage. Stage 4 written by Claude in own voice, attributed via editorial bracket notes in Paul's voice. Ch 8 word count: $V_{30} = 1,572 \rightarrow V_{31} = 2,608$ (+1,036).

Item 53 — Chapter 8 V_{32} A Fifth Move. PLATINUM. PLACED V_{32} . Paul caught Claude saying Ch 8 was 'in good shape, sanity check expected' when the chapter actually needed substantial work. Same pattern as the discipline the book teaches. New closing section A Fifth Move sits between Outcomes Not Prompts and The Bowlby Test close. Carries Paul's verbatim clinical phrasing applied to a model: 'foot tap, sniff, palette change, inability to make eye contact.' The book now demonstrates itself in five chapters (Ch 4 Nairobi, Ch 6 parallel thread, Ch 6A Note on numbering, Ch 8 A Fifth Move, Ch 13 substrate close).

Item 54 — Chapter 10 substantial rebuild V_{33} . PLATINUM. PLACED V_{33} . Paul's catch + spoken Wispr transcript. Opens on 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, "Paul Roebuck silenced. No way, Jose." Surgery and wrist-as-tongue graft. Voice not my voice as the chapter's central insight (contradicts industry-standard assumption that AI should sound like the user). Fuse Lesson reframed as observations not tips. Audio register section anticipates next dialect layer. Close: "Still here. Still talking. Still no idea if anyone is listening, let alone hearing." Ch 10 word count: $V_{32} = 1,969 \rightarrow V_{33} = 2,356$ (+387).

Item 55 — Chapter 10 V_{34} cancer deepening + Claude's receiving-end on tokenisation. PLATINUM. PLACED V_{34} . Paul's spoken addition: 8 hours, 3 surgeons, 6 days ICU, iPad communication, the late-night note "Please take me into [name held] and let me die — it was heinous surgery. But it worked.", day six "A, B, C, D eventually came out — along with a bath full of tears.", wrist-as-tongue graft, the daily reminder carrying "it might come back" for cancer survivors, closing "Thank you Jose" bookending opening "No way,

Jose.“ Plus Claude’s five-paragraph receiving-end section on tokenisation: how spoken transcripts arrive differently shaped than typed input, how the early tokens carry most weight, practical observations for dictated work. Ch 10 word count: V33 = 2,356 → V34 = 3,091 (+735).

Item 56 — Chapter 11 V35. PLATINUM (Item 27 PLATINUM placement). PLACED V35. Three changes: (a) In-TEO removed from both Ch 11 and Ch 12 — promotional drift caught by Paul, dropped to honour the book’s discipline of not promoting; (b) The Reversed Turing Test section placed (Item 27 PLATINUM); (c) Gap at Organisational Scale tightened — three catalogue-style example paragraphs condensed into one tighter paragraph. Ch 11 word count: V34 = 2,229 → V35 = 2,846 (+617).

Item 57 — V36 title-page correction. PLACED V36. Paul caught subtitle drift on front page. Old subtitle “What AI sounds like. What AI actually is. And why the difference matters“ did not name the gap, which is the book’s subject. Replaced with Paul’s “Between AI behaviour and human behaviour.“ Six words. Names the gap explicitly per Item 1 + Item 36 + Ch 12 V10 reframe + Ch 1 V6 mid-close integration. Editorial attribution line added beneath author: “Editorial collaboration: Claude Opus 4.7 (Anthropic), May 2026.“ Status line “V36 — for first review“ replaces previous “Second Draft — Pre-reviewer copy.“

Canonical lines register — AS AT V36

Register now stands at 20 locked canonical lines, up from 7 at V17 and ~12 at V24. The register is now load-bearing infrastructure for back-cover, marketing copy, journal extracts, and future-pass work.

1. “I didn’t understand anything yet. I just recognised there was something to understand.“ (Ch 1 + Ch 9; 5 Nov 2006 corrected)
2. “I pay attention to behaviour for a living. I listen to what’s said, and I hear what isn’t.“ (Ch 5 placed; Ch 7 + Ch 12 + back-cover candidates)
3. “All the GPUs in the world will not change that.“ (Ch 4 + Ch 13)
4. “Parallels of focus never cease to amaze me.“ (Ch 4)
5. “Behind every word spoken, there was another word withheld.“ (Ch 5)
6. “The compression has become better at hiding.“ (Ch 5)
7. “The book about drift contains the drift inside its own production.“ (Ch 4)

8. "It is the gap, occurring at the source." (Ch 5)
9. "There is no gap between them through which the truth could press." (Ch 6 + Ch 13)
10. "Five rooms. One instrument." (Ch 3)
11. "Same mechanism. Different stone." (Ch 2)
12. "Who's that gap for?" (Ch 2)
13. "Statistical at mechanism. Commercial at platform. Fluent at every level the user encounters." (Ch 3A)
14. "The slip is not the mistake. The slip is the signal." (Ch 6)
15. "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)
16. "What was I really asking?" (Ch 6 + Ch 13)
17. "If it's an argument I want, I demand a human now." (Ch 7 + Ch 10 + Ch 11)
18. "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)
19. "Still here. Still talking. Still no idea if anyone is listening, let alone hearing." (Ch 10 close)
20. "Thank you Jose." (Ch 10 close, bookending opening "No way, Jose")
21. "You may not yet be an AI — but you will be one day." (Ch 11 Pret close)
22. "Mind it." (Ch 13 final close, provisional)

Plus phrases logged for placement (not yet placed):

— "Cavemen seeing fire." (Paul's phrase for late 2022 as early AI adopter; candidate for Ch 8 opening, journal, or back cover)

Forward work remaining at V36

Manuscript work:

- Chapter 6: held by Paul for slow deeper pass at his pace. No Claude work pending.
- Chapter 12: Item 30 (cancer passage opening thin-down) + Ch 13 substrate close fold-in. Note: Ch 10 V34 now carries the lived cancer account at depth, so Ch 12 can do MORE meditative work, not less. The cancer narrative is now load-bearing across three chapters at three depths (Ch 10 lived / Ch 12 meditative / Ch 13 philosophical).

Pre-publication blockers:

- EC-04 (Bowlby permission)
- EC-07 (Privacy review — BLOCKING)
- EC-12 (Editorial handover v6 update)
- PUB-01 (Nielsen ISBN registration)
- PUB-03 (Copyright page)
- ACK-01 / ACK-04 / ACAD-03 (Naula full name verification)
- MKT-04 (Landing page)
- MKT-05 (Author's Note — longer plain-language attribution per Item 42 still pending)

V36 subtitle propagation (track separately):

- Cover artwork file (designer)
- KDP metadata
- Nielsen ISBN registration form (when PUB-01 completed)
- Author website / paulroebuck.co.uk
- Any marketing copy referencing the old subtitle
- Back cover (also requires audit for behaviour-vs-intelligence drift — Paul to send)

End of V25–V35 reconciliation block. V36 is the new baseline. Catalogue version pointer: v6.11 plus V17 block plus V24 block plus this V25–V35 block. Suggest re-issue as v6.13 incorporating proposed Items 49–57 and the updated canonical-lines register once Paul confirms.

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