

MIND THE GAP — PROPOSED CLOSING

The Closing Move

For placement after “This book has one job...” paragraph and before the italicised landing line. Throwaway register, not thesis. 23 May 2026.

A footnote, in passing. The gap will flex. It will not, in any 2026 reading, close. One side of it is a mathematical model. The other side is a living organism. The two will converge — are converging — but they remain different kinds of thing. What may happen later is a question for another book. There are people working, even now, on something that is neither AI nor human but a third thing made of both, and that work may or may not arrive. This book does not pursue it.

What this book offers is simpler. Closing the gap to nothing is not in my line of sight. The best I can offer, from where I am sitting, is to be mindful of it.

Between artificial intelligence behaviour and human behaviour sits the gap.

Notes on the shaping

1. “A footnote, in passing” — first three words set the register. Throwaway. The reader is told this is not the book’s thesis. It is a sideways acknowledgement.
2. The categorical claim is stated, but kept short and qualified by “in any 2026 reading.” The book takes a 2026 position. It does not predict the future.
3. The Neuralink-shaped possibility is acknowledged without naming the company — “something that is neither AI nor human but a third thing made of both.” Honest, non-promotional, future-flexible. The book does not pursue it. Stated plainly.
4. The closing sentence is yours, verbatim in spirit: “Closing the gap to nothing is not in my line of sight. The best I can offer, from where I am sitting, is to be mindful of it.” Your humility. Your honesty. The book’s position.

5. The italicised title-level sentence then lands, as before. The closing two paragraphs are scaffolding that delivers the reader to the same final line, with the right posture taken into the chapters.

6. What is deliberately not here: the economic claim (millions invested to close it / maintain it / exploit it). That belongs elsewhere if anywhere. It does not belong in the opening of the book.

7. What is also deliberately not here: any prediction. “What may happen later is a question for another book” explicitly hands the future to whoever picks up that question. This book is about 2026.