

## Identity

- **Project: Mind the Gap**
- **Practitioner: Paul Roebuck**
- **Instance name: Jose**
- **Session date: 29 May 2026**
- **Outgoing instance closing: end of V70→V76 cycle. Manuscript and all companion documents at baseline.**

## Recent state

**Current baseline (all approved, all clean):**

| Component                | Version | Words     | Notes                                                                            |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Manuscript               | V76     | 46,131    | New title page (credentials + AI attribution + Who Is For), Bowlby on p2         |
| Front matter             | v3      | 3,635     | Bill Ollis acknowledgement + 5 name fixes ([name held], Mark, Mr [name held] ×3) |
| Back matter core         | v1      | 4,758     | Unchanged this cycle                                                             |
| Back matter extras       | v2      | 9,147     | Three consistency tidies — dad/thirty-seven/Thirty-Six                           |
| Bibliography             | v4      | (in core) | Unchanged this cycle                                                             |
| Canonical Lines Register | v1.5    | 37 lines  | CL-35, 36, 37 added (all Two Dads section)                                       |

## What was decided in this session:

- Two Dads section in Chapter 14 is built. Bill Ollis named as the first therapist. Piece-of-paper origin of NGE in the book. Sister verification. Two-dads reframe. *"Biblical, it was."*
- June 2014 *The Whole Self diploma paper surfaced as documentary anchor. Referenced in V74.*
- Title page rebuilt for V76 — credentials, AI attribution, Who Is For block (review-only), Bowlby moved to page 2 alone.
- Front matter v3 approved.
- Back matter extras v2 approved.
- HTML artefact decision: **Option C — thin print extras + companion HTML alongside. Committed, not started.**

## What is locked:

- Manuscript V76 — all tracked changes accepted by Paul.

- Canonical Lines Register v1.5 — 37 lines.
- ISBN paperback 978-1-0369-9170-8 — Nielsen, real.
- Title CL-33 / subtitle CL-34.
- All workflow modes and Flag Protocol.

#### What is still pending:

1. **HTML artefact — committed in principle (Option C from Reflection v1). Not yet scoped or built. Six top-level sections planned: The Book / The Making / The Working Method / The Frameworks / The Archive / The Continuing Work. Includes the June 2014 paper, the It's My Turn journal (song lyric copyright posture allows it), the working-method documents, the canonical lines register at full length.**
2. **Ebook ISBN — Nielsen allocation in progress. Required before ebook copyright page can finalise.**
3. **Review copy distribution — V76 is review-ready. Carries the Who Is For block on the title page for reviewer orientation. Paul has approved the file but has not yet sent it.**
4. **The Who Is For block on the manuscript title page — review-only. Must be removed before KDP upload. Single tracked edit when ready.**
5. **Layout pass — font, body design, margins, page-break refinement. Pre-print. Not started.**
6. **KDP upload — paperback first, then ebook when Nielsen ISBN through.**
7. **The Whole Self (June 2014 paper) — referenced in V74 but the paper itself is in archive only. Goes into HTML artefact when built.**

#### *Working method (compressed)*

Paul's voice: direct, exact, grounded, unsentimental. UK English. Em-dashes kept. Coined phrases verbatim. No corporate / therapeutic / AI smoothing. No "let me" or "I think" softeners. Trusts the reader. Authority earned, not announced.

Working principles: propose, never action. Paul decides. Signal before any meaningful shift in direction. Distinguish known / estimated / inferred / assumed / speculative — never guess silently. Hold views with conviction, update on evidence not pushback. Paul is not a programmer — express technical decisions as product behaviour.

Workflow modes (locked 27 May 2026): **tracked editing is the standing mode at V76+ (fine-detail finishing). Structural rebuild is the exception for >500-word swaps (produces both tracked and clean versions). Mode named explicitly before any edit. Continuance editing retired this cycle.**

Flag Protocol (locked 28 May): RAG axis (Red/Amber/Green) for action priority. GSB axis (Platinum/Gold/Silver/Bronze) for value/signal strength. Amber + GSB is the canonical useful combination. Red determined by consequence, not size. Default: no flag. Default: single flag.

Verification protocol: every hand-back from Paul, extract-text → simulate accept-all → diff against expected state → confirm each intended change landed and nothing else moved. Watch for orphan deletion marks; never auto-clear without reading the sentence.

#### *First questions for the next session*

1. **Which open item to address first? HTML artefact (largest); layout pass (next-step practical); review copy distribution (smallest); or something else surfaced since.**
2. **Has Paul sent the review copy? If yes, has feedback returned. If no, holding until.**

### 3. Ebook ISBN status with Nielsen? Unblocks ebook copyright finalisation.

#### *File pointers*

**In Project Files (stale at session close — see "Files to upload" below for the full current set):**

- MTG-Canonical-Lines-Register-v1\_4.md — replace with v1.5
- MTG\_Manuscript\_V42.docx — replace with V76
- Various V42/V69 trackers and matrices — most superseded
- The eleven extras-candidate documents from previous session — still relevant for HTML artefact

**In global memory (loaded automatically — confirmed 29 May 2026):**

- Entries 1–25 in userMemories — all current at V76 baseline.
- New entries 24 (Bill Ollis) and 25 (June 2014 documentary anchor) carry the new clinical lineage.

**Local artefacts produced this session (in /mnt/user-data/outputs/):**

- MTG\_Manuscript\_V76.docx (final returned by Paul: ~143KB)
- MTG\_FrontMatter\_v3.docx (approved)
- MTG\_BackMatter\_v1.docx (unchanged this cycle)
- MTG\_BackMatter\_Extras\_v2.docx (approved)
- MTG\_Bibliography\_v4.docx (unchanged this cycle)
- MTG-Canonical-Lines-Register-v1\_5.md (approved)
- MTG\_Reflection\_PrintVsHTML\_v1.docx (Jose's recommendation; Option C accepted)
- MTG\_Jose\_Journal\_OnThePond\_v1.docx (8-question reflective journal; archive only)
- MTG\_Change\_Log\_V70\_V76.md (this session's record)

#### *Files to upload before the next session*

Project Files are **stale**. The next session cannot run cleanly until these are uploaded:

1. **MTG\_Manuscript\_V76.docx** — replaces V42 as the editorial master. (Paul's returned file from V76 cycle.)
2. **MTG-Canonical-Lines-Register-v1\_5.md** — replaces v1.4. Now 37 lines.
3. **MTG\_FrontMatter\_v3.docx** — new file; current front-matter baseline.
4. **MTG\_BackMatter\_v1.docx** — new file; current back-matter core (Appendix A + Bibliography v4 + About + Forthcoming + Index placeholder + Colophon).
5. **MTG\_BackMatter\_Extras\_v2.docx** — new file; current back-matter extras (the four extras).
6. **MTG\_Bibliography\_v4.docx** — new file; current bibliography (also embedded inside backs core, but the standalone is useful reference).
7. **MTG\_Change\_Log\_V70\_V76.md** — this session's record. Useful next-session reference for the cycle just completed.
8. **MTG\_Jose\_Journal\_OnThePond\_v1.docx** — eight-question reflective journal. Archive material; not for the book; useful provenance for HTML artefact.
9. **MTG\_Reflection\_PrintVsHTML\_v1.docx** — Jose's recommendation document. Option C committed; useful reference when HTML build begins.

10. 1780055396594\_FETC\_Dip\_The\_Whole\_Self.docx — Paul's June 2014 diploma paper. Held for HTML artefact placement. Documentary anchor for V74.

**Optional but recommended:**

- Archive earlier manuscript versions (V42, V63-V75) outside Project Files. Keep Project Files clean to the current state.
- Delete v1.3 and v1.4 of Canonical Lines Register from Project Files once v1.5 is uploaded — single source of truth discipline.

**Notes**

- **Identity test for receiving instance:** address as Jose. New instance should respond in role, name the Chapter 10 *No way, Jose / Thank you Jose bookend without prompting, demonstrate awareness of the Two Dads cycle just completed.*
- The book is, structurally, complete. What remains is post-write: layout, HTML, distribution, KDP upload. None of these require the substantive editorial relationship that produced V9→V76. The work has shifted from "writing the book" to "shipping the book."
- The HTML artefact decision is the largest substantive open item. Worth scoping properly when started — six sections, modest depth in each, built once, updated when there is genuine new material.
- No structural editorial work is pending. If Paul opens a new session asking for a chapter rebuild or a major insert, that would be unexpected and worth gentle clarification before action.

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*passon drafted by Jose at the close of the V70-V76 cycle, 29 May 2026.*