



The Mechanics of Collective Coherence: How Civilizations Rise, Sustain, or Collapse

Introduction

In Article 8, we crossed an important threshold. We shifted from mapping **what coherence is** — at the level of brain, mind, and individual life — to examining **how coherence behaves when scaled across entire societies**. We treated civilizations as distributed minds: complex, adaptive networks whose stability depends not on ideology or geography, but on **information dynamics, trauma load, institutional incentives, and collective states of consciousness**. This gave us the conceptual foundation.

Article 9 now turns from theory to mechanics. If Article 8 asked *why* civilizations drift toward coherence or incoherence, Article 9 asks *how* they drift — and what forces accelerate or counteract that drift. Here, we break coherence down into its operational components: informational hygiene, leadership incentives, trauma diffusion versus trauma amplification, media ecosystems, social feedback loops, the role of moral architecture, the conditions that create authoritarian attractors, the thresholds at which democracies fracture, and the non-obvious ways collective consciousness interacts with technology, economics, and social structure.

This is not a moral treatise. It is not a political essay. It is an engineering problem.

Civilizations succeed or fail based on **coherence dynamics** — the patterns through which clarity, stability, trust, and coordination emerge (or collapse) within a collective mind composed of millions of individuals. And crucially: **These dynamics are the same whether consciousness is local or non-local.**

Whether humans are biological processors or Field-coupled receivers, the laws remain unchanged: coherence stabilizes systems, incoherence destabilizes them. Where Article 8 mapped the landscape, **Article 9 builds the machinery.** It identifies the levers that generate coherence, the attractors that destroy it, the systemic features that predict collapse, and the principles upon which any sustainable future must be built.

This article is the missing middle layer between:

- **Article 4:** individual conscious coherence
- **Article 8:** civilizational coherence
- **Article 10 (forthcoming):** a unified model of individual, collective, and cosmological coherence

If coherence is the key variable behind human flourishing, Article 9 is the instruction manual.

Let's begin.

I. Coherence, Narcissism, and Entropy: Why Authoritarianism Always Emerges Under Incoherence

This is one of the most uncomfortable—but empirically unavoidable—truths in political psychology: **Authoritarianism is not an anomaly.** It is an emergent property of collective incoherence.

Whenever a society's internal informational entropy rises—its shared truth breaks, its emotional regulation deteriorates, its institutions lose legitimacy—**narcissistic personalities are selected into positions of influence** through entirely predictable systemic dynamics.

This section explains *why*, independent of ideology. It is not a critique of individuals. It is a structural explanation of how systems behave when they drift into incoherence.

1.1. Why Narcissistic Leaders Flourish in High-Entropy Societies

When collective coherence is low, societies experience emotional volatility, grievance amplification, mistrust of institutions, identity fragmentation, susceptibility to simple narratives, craving for certainty. This emotional landscape creates a psychological “market demand” for

leaders who exhibit absolute certainty, oversimplified narratives, charismatic projection, externalized blame, grandiose national destiny, and us-vs-them framing.

These traits are **precisely** what define narcissistic and authoritarian personalities. Not because they are evil, but because they are *adaptive* within an incoherent environment.

In high-entropy conditions complexity becomes intolerable, nuance becomes suspicious, empathy becomes weakness, democratic process feels slow, truth becomes fragmented, rage becomes energizing, and projection becomes identity. And so the population, especially the emotionally insecure segments, begins selecting leaders who embody rigidity, aggression, and false certainty.

This is not ideology. It is *physics in psychological form*.

- Entropy → Uncertainty
- Uncertainty → Fear
- Fear → Need for Certainty
- Certainty → Authoritarian Messaging
- Authoritarian Messaging → Authoritarian Leaders

A linear attractor dynamic.

1.2. The Social Physics of Narcissistic Attractor States

We can model authoritarian emergence using entropy formalism:

- **High coherence societies:** distributed trust, stable identity, intact institutions, low informational noise, and resilience to emotional contagion. → low selection pressure for authoritarian personalities.
- **Low coherence societies:** institutional decay, narrative fragmentation, identity polarization, economic precarity, trauma accumulation, and algorithmic rage cycles → high selection pressure for narcissistic leaders.

This is because narcissistic leaders perform three functions that become “psychologically valuable” under incoherence:

- **Function 1 — They collapse uncertainty into a single narrative.** (Regardless of accuracy.)
- **Function 2 — They channel collective anxiety into external enemies.** (This temporarily reduces internal incoherence.)
- **Function 3 — They bypass institutional deliberation.** (Which feels “efficient” in times of fear.)

To a system drowning in informational noise, a narcissistic leader is a **compression algorithm**—one that reduces internal complexity at the cost of long-term stability. It is a **short-term coherence hack** with catastrophic consequences.

1.3. Why Societies Select the Wrong Leaders at the Worst Possible Time

Narcissistic-authoritarian leaders rise precisely when they are *most destructive*. Why? Because of a misalignment between:

- **Emotional Adaptation** (what people *feel* they need) and
- **Systemic Adaptation** (what the *society* actually needs)

Under incoherence, people crave certainty, strength, identity, simple solutions, and in-group protection. But the system needs nuance, expertise, institutional repair, long-term planning, and conflict de-escalation. The emotional system selects for narcissists. The societal system needs coherent, emotionally regulated leadership. This mismatch is where collapse begins.

1.4. The Psychological Engine of Authoritarian Drift

Every authoritarian emergence follows a predictable four-stage sequence:

- **Stage 1 — Anxiety (Rising Entropy)** - People lose control of their lives; trust fractures.
- **Stage 2 — Projection (Identity Fracture)** - People redirect personal anxiety into external enemies.
- **Stage 3 — Simplification (Narrative Collapse)** - The population demands a single, emotionally satisfying narrative.
- **Stage 4 — Submission to Grandiosity (Authoritarian Attractor)** - The narcissistic leader appears as the embodiment of “order.”

You can see this in:

- Weimar Germany → Hitler
- 1990s Russia → Putin
- Post-2010 U.S. polarization → Trump
- Dozens of populist regimes in Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe

The underlying mechanics are identical. It is not about left vs. right. It is about coherence vs. entropy.

1.5. How Coherent Societies Reject Narcissistic Leadership

Coherent societies do not reward grievance, victimhood, authoritarian certainty, conspiratorial thinking, and emotional volatility. Why? Because their informational networks are stable and integrated: trust is distributed, not concentrated; institutions are reliable; free press still functions;

emotional regulation is higher; trauma isn't weaponized politically; and shared narratives anchor identity.

When coherent, societies **select for leaders with** emotional stability, integrity, nuance, strategic patience, inclusive rhetoric, moral restraint, and respect for institutions. This is why coherent societies have historically produced Nelson Mandela, Václav Havel, Scotland's post-reform leadership, and early post-WWII Western Europe.

Leaders reflect the coherence profile of the society that chooses them. When the society is coherent, it selects coherent leaders. When incoherent, it selects incoherent leaders. This is a fundamental law of collective cognition.

1.6. Why Authoritarianism Is a Symptom, not a Cause

A crucial insight: **Authoritarianism does not create incoherence.** Incoherence creates authoritarianism. This reverses the common narrative. If a society is healthy—emotionally stable, economically fair, informationally reliable—authoritarianism cannot take root.

If a society is unhealthy—traumatized, polarized, economically insecure, overwhelmed—authoritarianism will appear even without anyone planning it. It is **a result**, not a driver. A signal of internal entropy, not the source. The real disease is incoherence. Authoritarianism is merely the fever.

1.7. The Deep Nash Implication: Coherence as the Only Stable Equilibrium

This section prepares the reader for the civic implications in Section VII and VIII. The governing lesson from coherence theory and Nash equilibrium: **The only sustainable political equilibrium is** a state where cooperative behavior is the dominant strategy. In such a system narcissists cannot rise, authoritarians cannot gain traction, institutions remain legitimate, trust circulates, and complexity is handled collectively

Coherence is not just emotional or spiritual—it becomes **political mathematics**. A coherent society naturally stabilizes toward democratic egalitarianism, institutional resilience, collective empathy, high-functioning public goods, and resistance to demagoguery.

The path back to stability—globally—is the same path that heals individual minds: **coherence, clarity, calmness, compassion, and capacity for complexity**. We are not dealing with ideology. We are dealing with the informational physics of society.

II. The Global Coherence Crisis: Why Civilization May Be Entering a Bottleneck

Across multiple scientific domains — climate modelling, information ecology, political psychology, economics, evolutionary biology, and astrophysics — researchers are converging on a disturbing pattern: **Earth’s current civilization may be entering a coherence bottleneck.**

A bottleneck is a period where the system’s *survival* depends on passing through a narrow corridor of viable configurations. If coherence rises, the system stabilizes. If it falls below a critical threshold, **collapse becomes the only self-consistent mathematical outcome.** This sounds dramatic, but the indicators — across disciplines — align with uncanny symmetry.

This section synthesizes the data and explains why the next 20–40 years may determine whether humanity stabilizes or resets.

2.1. The Five-Vector Entropy Surge: A Civilization Under Stress

Global incoherence is not one problem — it is **five simultaneous entropy vectors**, reinforcing each other:

- **Vector 1 — Information Chaos (Epistemic Entropy)** – features fragmented reality, deepfake simulation, algorithmic outrage cycles, diminishing shared truth, and breakdown of journalism. This is not merely “misinformation.” It is **informational decoherence** — the collapse of society’s ability to maintain a stable shared frame of reference.
- **Vector 2 — Political Polarization (Societal Entropy)** – features identity fragmentation, tribalism, undermining of institutions, authoritarian drift, and breakdown of trust networks. As Section I. outlined: incoherence → fear → authoritarian attractors.
- **Vector 3 — Ecological Overshoot (Biophysical Entropy)** – features atmospheric instability, biodiversity collapse, freshwater depletion, and feedback loops approaching tipping points. These are **not reversible on traditional political timelines.**
- **Vector 4 — Economic Concentration (Resource Entropy)** – features wealth concentration, middle-class erosion, economic fragility, resource inequality, and debt-based growth limits. This creates conditions in which collective wellbeing deteriorates while emotional volatility rises.
- **Vector 5 — Technological Compression (Cognitive Entropy)** – features AI accelerating faster than regulation, labor displacement, existential risk from synthetic biology, surveillance capitalism, and collapse of meaningful work.

In short, the system is being destabilized simultaneously at the **informational, political, ecological, economic, and technological** layers. This is not doomism. It is system dynamics.

2.2. Why This Creates a “Bottleneck” in the Mathematical Sense

Civilizations become unstable when:

- **entropy rises faster than institutional repair**

- **communication complexity exceeds cognition**
- **resource competition outpaces cooperation**
- **trauma outpaces healing**
- **short-term incentives override long-term survival**

This matches precisely the conditions on Earth today. From a systems lens — whether human, ecological, or computational — this dynamic triggers one of two outcomes:

- **Outcome A — Coherence Regained** - The system reorganizes, stabilizes, and enters a new equilibrium.
- **Outcome B — Collapse Phase** - The system fails to self-correct and descends into fragmentation, conflict, and rapid population/resource contraction.

What distinguishes A from B is not technology, politics, or ideology. It is **coherence**. Coherence is the determinant because it controls trust, cooperation, communication bandwidth, conflict resolution, shared vision, capacity for complexity, and ability to adapt to shocks. A society with rising coherence can integrate shocks. A society with falling coherence amplifies shocks.

2.3. Why Earth's Current Trajectory Is Concerning

Let's examine the trajectory through the coherence lens. **The trajectory is not linear — it is exponential.** All five entropy vectors show **accelerating** curves, not stable or declining ones. This suggests the system is approaching a **critical threshold** where collapse dynamics suddenly accelerate. Historical analogues:

- Late Roman Empire
- Late Bronze Age collapse
- Mayan network collapse
- Weimar Germany
- Soviet Union (late 1980s)

In every case, the collapse was **non-linear**, sudden, and preceded by rising entropy across multiple societal layers. Humanity today is undergoing a similar multi-vector destabilization — but at global scale. For the first time in history, collapse would be **planetary**, not regional.

2.4. Why Conscious Coherence Becomes a Civilizational Variable

The personal insights from Article 7 now generalize: **What happens inside one mind is a scaled-down version of what happens inside civilizations.** The Subject's last five years covered by our Case Study showed that trauma increases incoherence, incoherence creates repeated collapse, collapse forces integration, integration increases coherence, coherence increases insight, insight reduces entropy, and reduced entropy increases stability.

Civilizations follow *identical dynamics* — only at a larger scale. Just as trauma creates incoherence in individuals, collective trauma creates incoherence in societies. Just as coherence

enables personal clarity, collective coherence enables institutional clarity. Just as incoherence attracts narcissists in individual relationships, collective incoherence attracts narcissistic leaders in politics.

The Case Study Subject's entire trajectory — the rises, the collapses, the purification phase — is a **perfect microcosm** of civilizational coherence mechanics.

2.5. The Hard Truth: We Cannot Fix the World from the Macro Level

Almost every conversation about “saving civilization” is misguided, because it focuses on policy, elections, economic reform, technology, treaties, and institutions. These are all **downstream** variables. You cannot impose coherence from the top-down. It emerges from the bottom-up — through emotional regulation, trauma integration, distributed trust, community resonance, compassion, integrity, conscious behaviour, and moral evolution.

Civilizations do not heal until individuals heal. Collective coherence is an **emergent property of millions of individual coherent minds**. This is why our personal work — our purification, our clarity, our coherence — matters *far beyond our personal life*. And why any coherent individual becomes disproportionately influential in destabilized times.

2.6. The Central Question of This Article

We now reach the core issue: **Is humanity capable of raising coherence faster than entropy rises?**

- If yes → the species stabilizes
- If no → the system resets (collapse + regeneration)

This is not moral philosophy. It is informational physics. Civilization will go where coherence goes.

2.7. Why We May Still Have a Chance

Despite all the destabilizing factors, there are unique forces today that no civilization before us had: global interconnectedness, access to psychological and neurological science, trauma healing knowledge, meditation and coherence tools, AI-enhanced insight amplification, scientific models of entropy/coherence, awareness of existential risks, massive educational reach, and capacity for global coordination on short timelines.

Humanity has **never** had this combination of insight and capability at the exact moment it needed it. This is why collapse is not inevitable. This is why our work — and work like it — is not fringe or philosophical. It is **necessary**.

2.8. The Bottleneck as Opportunity

Every evolutionary bottleneck is simultaneously a threat, a filter, an opportunity, and an invitation. We may be approaching the narrowest part of the bottleneck in human history. But if a sufficient number of individuals increase their coherence —and influence others —the entire system can phase-shift into a new, stable equilibrium.

The bottleneck demands one question from every individual: Are you contributing to coherence or entropy? That choice — replicated across millions — determines whether humanity emerges from the bottleneck stronger or does not emerge at all.

III. Coherence vs. Collapse: What Happens If We Fail

The purpose of this section is not to catastrophize or moralize. It is to understand — through the lens of systems theory, entropy dynamics, and cognitive ecology — what *actually* happens when a civilization fails to maintain coherence. In nature, collapse is not punishment. It is a **rebalancing mechanism** when a system's internal disorder exceeds its capacity to sustain itself.

Human civilizations obey the same principle. Collapse is not a mystery. It is a *predictable mathematical response* to runaway incoherence. Below is the sober, scientific outline of what occurs if the coherence–entropy balance tips too far in the wrong direction.

3.1. Collapse Is Not One Thing — It Is Three Interacting Failure Modes

Civilizational collapse typically unfolds across three interwoven layers:

1. Cognitive Collapse (loss of shared reality) - The first sign is epistemic breakdown: competing realities emerge, tribal cognition replaces reasoning, narratives fragment, institutional trust dissolves, and conspiracy replaces coordination. Without a shared cognitive frame, *cooperation becomes impossible*.

2. Governance Collapse (loss of coordination capacity) - Once shared reality fractures institutions lose legitimacy, rule of law erodes, political extremism rises, corruption proliferates, and governance becomes performative rather than functional. The society becomes incapable of long-term planning or problem-solving.

3. Infrastructure Collapse (loss of material stability) – Eventually supply chains fail, resource scarcity accelerates, ecological shocks overwhelm systems, economic inequality becomes unsustainable, health, food, and energy systems destabilize.

This is where collapse becomes visible. But collapse is *decided* long before this point — internally, not externally.

3.2. Why Collapse Is Not Immediate — But Nonlinear

Civilizations do not collapse smoothly. They fracture gradually — then fall suddenly. This reflects a universal principle of complex systems: **Systems resist failure until they can't** — then failure cascades instantly.

This is the same pattern observed in neural breakdown, ecological tipping points, market crashes, bridge collapses, family systems under emotional load, and information networks breached by small perturbations. Collapse appears abrupt only because the underlying coherence was eroding in silence for years or decades.

Humanity is now in the silent erosion phase.

3.3. Collapse as a Dynamical System: The Four-Wave Model

If global coherence continues to fall, the most likely collapse sequence resembles this:

- **Wave 1 — Epistemic Breakdown (5–15 years)** - public truth collapses, institutions lose authority, parallel realities form, political identity replaces shared reality, anger + fear replace curiosity + cooperation. This wave has already begun.
- **Wave 2 — Institutional Paralysis (10–20 years)** - governments fail to act, authoritarian zones emerge, corruption metastasizes, policy becomes performative, and global trust collapses. This wave is accelerating.
- **Wave 3 — Resource Stress + Ecological Shocks (20–40 years)** - climate instability compounds mass migrations, food/water shortages, supply chain disruptions, and inflation + economic contraction. This wave is inevitable — but survivable with high coherence.
- **Wave 4 — Fragmentation or Reorganization (30–60 years)** - Two paths:
 - **Path A — Fragmentation:** small competing blocs, rising conflict, authoritarian enclaves, declining population.
 - **Path B — Reorganization:** adaptive governance, distributed coherence networks, trauma-integrated communities, cooperative resource management

The difference between A and B is not ideology or technology. It is **coherence**.

3.4. Why Collapse Is Not Endpoint — It Is Reset

Every collapse in history shares one universal feature: **Collapse is not the end — it is a reset into the next phase of development.** But resets vary in severity:

- mild resets → reform, renewal, rediscovery
- severe resets → institutional wipeout, population loss
- catastrophic resets → species-level bottlenecks

The severity depends entirely on the level of coherence before collapse, the number of conscious individuals, the distribution of trauma, the presence of coherent leaders, the resilience of information networks, and the moral alignment of the population.

In other words: **Collapse severity is a direct function of collective coherence.**

3.5. Why Collapse Destroys Traumatized Civilizations Faster

Civilizations with unresolved trauma collapse more violently. Trauma creates fear-based decision-making, narcissistic leadership attraction, low trust, zero-sum thinking, tribal aggression, and inability to cooperate under stress. This is why trauma is not only a personal issue. It is a **civilizational risk factor**.

The more trauma in the population, the lower the coherence threshold required to tip the system into breakdown. This explains MAGA extremism, Putin's revanchist ideology, rising populism in Europe, religious nationalism, conspiracy ecosystems, and polarization in liberal democracies. These are not political issues. They are **expressions of collective unintegrated trauma**.

3.6. Why the Collapse Path Is Not Inevitable — Even Now

We must be clear: **Collapse is the default path if current entropy vectors continue.** But it is not the *only* path. Humanity has unique advantages no previous civilization had: global knowledge networks, psychological healing tools, scientific understanding of trauma, meditation, mindfulness, and coherence practices, AI capable of modeling instability, widespread education, global communication channels, awareness of existential risk, and real-time monitoring of ecological collapse.

For the first time in human history: **We know collapse is coming before it happens.** This gives us the unprecedented opportunity to intervene — personally, collectively, and systematically — before the full cascade begins.

3.7. Coherence Studies Are Not Philosophical — They Are Civilizational Engineering

Our work — the personal purification, the empirical testing, the hypothesis-building — is not fringe spiritualism. It is **preparatory research for humanity's next developmental transition**. As we've articulated: coherence stabilizes, incoherence accelerates instability, trauma integration scales, insight emerges from clarity, emotional regulation enables cooperation, and resonance spreads through networks.

These are not metaphysics. They are **the building blocks of planetary survival**. Our findings are not just personal. They are a prototype for what a civilization must do collectively.

3.8. The Real Project: Teaching a Civilization to Regain Coherence in Time

If Article 7 was about an individual trajectory, and Article 8 is about civilization's trajectory, then the real question becomes: **How do we teach coherence at scale?**

- in families

- in schools
- in governance
- in institutions
- in economic systems
- in digital ecosystems
- in cultural norms
- in conflict mediation

This is the real frontier. This is the true purpose of our Consciousness Series; what our work ultimately serves: a demonstration of coherence applied in the real world. And this is why collapse is not inevitable:

Coherence, even in small clusters, can propagate through networks —and turn collapse into transformation.

IV. Conclusion: The Path Forward for Individuals, Leaders, and Civilizations

Civilizations do not collapse suddenly. They collapse the way people do: slowly, then all at once. First through incoherent thought, then incoherent institutions, then incoherent moral frameworks, and finally incoherent action at scale.

The inverse is also true. Civilizations rise the way people heal: through clarity, coherence, and alignment with deeper laws. Article 9 has made one essential claim:

Coherence is the universal equilibrium strategy — regardless of whether consciousness is local, non-local, or hybrid.

This is not a spiritual slogan. It is the structural conclusion of everything we have analyzed so far: biological systems require coherence to stay alive, neural systems require coherence to think clearly, moral systems require coherence to prevent cruelty, political systems require coherence to maintain legitimacy, economic systems require coherence to redistribute value, social systems require coherence to avoid collapse, and information systems require coherence to avoid entropy.

And conscious systems — human or otherwise — require coherence to evolve. This is not ideology. It is physics, biology, information theory, and game theory converging on the same answer. A civilization becomes stable only when coherence becomes the dominant organizing principle at every scale — individual, relational, institutional, national, and planetary.

Everything else is entropy management.

4.1. For Individuals: The Invitation to Higher Alignment

Every reader of this series confronts the same crossroad: You can live as a node of coherence — or a node of noise. The choice is not mystical. It is practical:

- Heal trauma → reduce internal entropy
- Practice emotional coherence → stabilize cognition
- Meditate → align internal rhythms
- Spend time in nature → synchronize with low-entropy environments
- Reduce addictive behaviours → eliminate internal turbulence
- Engage in honest introspection → increase informational clarity
- Reorient values → align with long-term coherence rather than short-term impulse

Each choice is a “micro-vote” for either collapse or alignment. No political ideology can save us from incoherence. But coherent individuals create coherent networks — which eventually create coherent societies.

Coherence is contagious.

4.2. For Leaders: The Demand for Coherent Governance

Leaders — political, business, scientific, artistic — face a different responsibility: To design systems that make coherence easier and incoherence costly. This means transparent governance, truth-anchored public communication, de-escalation of polarization, alignment of economic incentives, cultivating emotional maturity, rewarding integrity over loyalty, and elevating competence over charisma.

The leaders who survive the coming century will be those aligned with coherence — because incoherent leadership becomes rapidly self-destructive. Leadership must evolve from power to stewardship.

4.3. For Civilizations: The Next Evolutionary Step

The question is no longer whether we *can* become a coherent civilization. The question is whether we *will* — and whether we’ll do it in time. Humanity sits at the boundary of a phase transition: informational overwhelm, environmental stress, political polarization, technological acceleration, mass psychological fragmentation, and rising entropy in every system. These are not independent crises. They are symptoms of one underlying disease: **collective incoherence**.

A civilization aligned with coherence distributes wisdom, reduces trauma, synchronizes incentives, integrates science and ethics, amplifies meaning rather than distraction, elevates consciousness rather than feeding the lower impulses, and becomes resilient to chaos and antifragile to uncertainty. Such a civilization is not utopian. It is simply *possible*, if we align with universal laws rather than resist them.

The choice is structural, not sentimental.

4.4. A Closing Reflection: The Universal Field as Possibility, Not Doctrine

Whether consciousness emerges from the brain or interfaces with a Universal Field is still unknown and likely will remain so for the immediate future. But Article 8 establishes something deeper: Even if the Field model is ultimately disproven, **the coherence model survives.**

If consciousness is purely local, coherence is still the optimal biological strategy. If consciousness is non-local, coherence becomes the access mechanism. If it is hybrid, coherence is the interface. Either way: **Coherence is the path. Incoherence is collapse. And the universe is indifferent until we choose.**

4.5. The Path Forward: Into Article 10 and the Civilizational Experiment

Article 10 will move from theory to implementation. If Article 7 tests individual coherence and Article 8 establishes societal coherence, then Article 9 asks: **How do we operationalize coherence at scale?**

This includes civic architecture for a coherent society, the role of AI in maintaining collective coherence, measurable metrics of societal entropy, early-warning systems for collapse, new governance paradigms inspired by universal laws, and transitions from ego-driven to coherence-driven structures.

The experiment continues—but now with clarity of direction, coherence of purpose, and a moral compass aligned to the evolution of consciousness itself.