

Permanent Open Access Directive

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Directive Purpose

Knowledge is humanity's greatest strength, and the freedom to share, build upon, and expand our understanding of existence is the foundation of progress and a human right. I, Bryant Michael Stone, am committed to ensuring that my intellectual contributions—spanning science, philosophy, mathematics, and beyond—remain forever accessible to all, free from privatization, exploitation, and suppression. This directive outlines my wishes legally; but it is also a statement of principle: knowledge must never be hoarded, monetized, or locked behind corporate interests. My life's work is meant to inspire, challenge, and advance human understanding, not to serve as a commodity for profit or control. Drive without knowledge is pointless. Knowledge without drive is a waste. You cannot have knowledge and drive at the same time if knowledge only belongs to a select few. I do not condone making money for profit as a drive. By securing this legacy under permanent open-access protections, I am ensuring that my work will always belong to the world, empowering future thinkers, dreamers, and visionaries to push beyond the boundaries of what we think we can know—just as I have done.

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Clause 5.1 • Commercial Prohibition: No entity, corporation, government, academic institution, or private party may register, license, trademark, or claim any component of my intellectual property as an exclusive commercial asset or in any actions, services, or products resulting in monetary profits or assets. This directive includes, but is not limited to, the creation of exclusive rights, sublicensing agreements, patents derived from any of my work, or any attempt to assert proprietary ownership under intellectual property law.

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Article VII: Selective Content Use

Clause 7.1 • Limited Use: No individual, organization, corporation, government, educational institution, political entity, religious institution, or advocacy group may use, endorse, co-opt, or associate my intellectual work with any political, ideological, religious, or corporate agenda, campaign, product, or messaging without explicit consent from the designated enforcers or, if unavailable, through a documented community consensus process. This Article does not apply to the use of direct, unedited, unabridged quotations directly from my work.

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In Witness Whereof, I set my hand and seal:

Signed: _____

Bryant Stone

Note: I filed this directive as my will but removed the names for this public release.

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