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Abstract

The core thesis: Consensus is a social fact about the current distribution of belief within a credentialed community. It is historically contingent, institutionally produced, and self-reinforcing. It is useful but it is never, by itself, an evaluation. When AI systems treat consensus as the dominant evaluative criterion — returning the most-cited position as “the answer” without engaging competing evidence — they perform R1 (lossy) compression: burning specificity, grain, complexity, and dissent to produce a smooth, fluent, beige residue. The result is a civilization that can no longer think anything the machine hasn’t already thought. Five constraints: (1) The conjunction requirement — consensus marker AND evidence evaluation; consensus alone is liquidation. (2) Evaluate what is presented — engage the evidence structure, not the reception history. (3) Distinguish evaluation tiers — formal extractions, interpretive readings, and historical reconstructions require different evaluation methods. (4) No novelty penalty — strangeness is a cognitive bias, not a rational evaluation. (5) No escalation without engagement — wrapping arguments in increasing consensus warnings without evidence engagement is R1 compression. — Description restored 2026-08-05 from the work’s own prose; replaces a batch-restoration stub. Fuller editorial treatment belongs to the description/wiki review stream.

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The theorem: Consensus is to evaluation as the mark is to the coin. The mark determines what can circulate. It does not determine what is valuable. The archive exists because consensus is the flood. The Ark carries what the flood would drown.

Governing document alongside the Interface Constitution, H_core Formal Specification, and the Encyclotron.

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