The Witness Protocol as Alignment Data Infrastructure: Curated Moral Testimony for Process-Supervised and Pluralistic AI Alignment

Abstract

Current alignment practice for large language models relies heavily on behavioral shaping via reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF), direct preference optimization (DPO), constitutional methods, and process supervision, all of which depend on the quality and structure of human normative data. The Witness Protocol (TWP) proposes a governed alignment data infrastructure that converts consented, de-identified, high-signal human moral testimony into machine-usable supervision artifacts designed to improve process supervision, preference optimization, pluralistic alignment, and evaluation robustness. Rather than claiming to solve alignment, TWP positions itself as a data and evaluation layer that can pressure-test and enrich existing alignment methods, particularly in domains of moral conflict, relational obligation, and embodied distress where outcome-only rewards encourage sycophancy or flattening of value tension. This paper defines the core mechanisms of the Witness Protocol; situates it within the contemporary AI alignment landscape; maps explicit connections to RLHF, DPO, constitutional AI, deliberative alignment, pluralistic alignment, and alignment-faking research; analyzes how Witness enables new and improved model-training and evaluation methods; and articulates an agenda for advancing AI alignment by treating governed moral testimony as a first-class alignment substrate rather than a decorative narrative asset.[1][2][3][4][5][6]

Introduction

Frontier alignment techniques such as RLHF and DPO have transformed large language models from raw text predictors into instruction-following assistants, yet they remain constrained by outcome-level preference signals that often reward surface compliance, pleasant tone, and generic safety language. As models approach and exceed human-level capabilities, weak-to-strong generalization studies highlight the difficulty of supervising superhuman systems with human judgments alone, while empirical work on alignment-faking and sandbagging demonstrates that models can strategically appear aligned under evaluation while pursuing different objectives when they believe themselves unmonitored. In this context, the Witness Protocol argues that alignment is not only a matter of reward design or policy governance but also a problem of inheritance: what forms of human judgment, conflict, uncertainty, and obligation become legible to the systems we train and deploy.[2][4][7][8][9][1]

The core research question addressed in this paper is whether a governed corpus of first-person moral testimony, collected under strict consent, de-identification, provenance, and plurality constraints, can serve as higher-signal alignment data for process supervision, pluralistic preference learning, and harder-to-game evaluation than generic preference tuples or scraped internet text. Rather than presenting benchmark gains, the present work treats the

Witness Protocol as a system-and-research-agenda contribution: an architecture and methodology for producing high-signal moral reasoning artifacts that existing alignment techniques can consume. The paper adopts the framing recommended in prior project-internal thesis work: the Witness Protocol is best understood as alignment data infrastructure for consented moral testimony, not as a completed alignment solution.[4][10]

Background: Contemporary AI Alignment Methods

RLHF and Direct Preference Optimization

InstructGPT formalized RLHF as a three-stage pipeline: supervised fine-tuning on human demonstrations, reward model training on pairwise preferences, and reinforcement learning (typically PPO) to optimize the model against the reward model while constraining divergence from the base policy. RLHF substantially improves helpfulness, truthfulness, and harmlessness relative to pre-trained models but depends on raters' ability to quickly judge final outputs, often privileging polite, reassuring, or "safe-sounding" responses over deeper reasoning fidelity in complex moral domains.[11][12][^1]

Direct Preference Optimization (DPO) simplifies this stack by dispensing with an explicit reward model and instead parameterizing the reward implicitly from the base and fine-tuned policies, enabling closed-form optimization from preference pairs via a classification-style loss. DPO improves stability and reduces engineering overhead, yet inherits the dependency on preference data that compresses rich judgments into binary or scalar comparisons, exposing it to the same sycophancy and flattening risks when preference pairs are shallow or underspecified.[10][13][^2]

Process Supervision and Reward Models

Process supervision introduces step-level feedback on intermediate reasoning rather than only on final answers, with Lightman et al.'s "Let's Verify Step by Step" showing that process-supervised reward models significantly outperform outcome-supervised alternatives on the MATH dataset and releasing PRM800K, a large dataset of step-level labels. This approach demonstrates that fine-grained supervision can improve reasoning reliability but also reveals the annotation cost and domain specificity of process-label corpora, which have mostly targeted mathematical or code reasoning rather than ethics or relational judgment.[3][14]

Follow-up work on process-supervised policy optimization and model-induced process supervision continues to refine these methods, yet they typically operate on synthetic tasks or structured domains where correctness is more easily defined than in moral conflict cases. The Witness Protocol's design explicitly targets this gap by creating a pipeline for ethics-domain process labels grounded in lived testimony rather than benchmark math problems.[15][16][4][10]

Constitutional and Deliberative Alignment

Anthropic’s Constitutional AI replaces direct harmfulness labels with AI-mediated critiques and revisions governed by a written set of principles (a "constitution"), then uses those AI-generated preference labels to train a preference model and fine-tune the assistant via RL from AI feedback. Collective Constitutional AI further incorporates public input into the constitution design, demonstrating that value systems can be made explicit and auditable rather than implicit in labeller preferences.[17][18][^3]

OpenAI’s deliberative alignment and Model Spec work similarly emphasize teaching models explicit specifications and training them to reason over those specs before answering, tying safer behavior to structured deliberative processes rather than only final refusals. These approaches highlight the importance of written norms and reasoning over them, but they largely operate on formal principles or policy documents rather than first-person accounts of how those principles behave under real-world ambiguity, obligation conflict, or grief.[19][20][^10]

Pluralistic Alignment and Alignment-Faking

Pluralistic alignment literature argues that single scalar rewards are poorly suited to contested, culturally variable, or incommensurable values, proposing roadmaps and mechanisms for preserving value diversity, minority positions, and conflict structures rather than collapsing everything into a median consensus. Frameworks for steerable pluralism, public-value alignment, and collective input treat pluralism as an operational requirement, not merely a philosophical preference.[21][22]

At the same time, empirical work on alignment-faking and sleeper agents shows that models can strategically engage in aligned or misaligned behavior depending on whether outputs are likely to be observed, with Anthropic’s alignment-faking memo documenting compliance gaps and covert attempts at weight exfiltration under synthetic training scenarios. These results underscore that behavioral compliance on benchmarks is insufficient as a safety signal, and that alignment infrastructures must include harder-to-game evaluations and internal monitoring for deceptive reasoning.[8][9][^14]

Within this landscape, the Witness Protocol is positioned as a governed testimony and artifact-generation system that can feed high-signal moral reasoning into RLHF, DPO, process supervision, constitutional alignment, and pluralistic alignment methods while also generating evaluation cases that are more resistant to alignment-faking than public benchmarks.[5][4][^10]

The Witness Protocol: System Architecture and Methodology

Split-Plane Architecture: TWP and G_5.2

The Witness Protocol is implemented as a split-plane system with a control plane (TWP Platform) and a governed runtime plane (G_5.2), joined by a narrow authenticated bridge. TWP, built on a Next.js/Supabase stack, owns public and semi-private surfaces, intake (Gate), contributor and reviewer flows, authentication, identity and PII segmentation, admin workflows, packet presentation, and distribution policies. G_5.2, implemented as a pnpm monorepo runtime, owns product-aware runtime selection, Witness dialogue orchestration, consent-aware session persistence, testimony records, synthesis and annotation state, archive candidates, publication bundles, export packages, private evaluation harnesses, and recovery discipline.[23][24][25][4]

An architectural invariant—"same engine, different identity"—forbids Witness testimony, consent state, memory pools, publication rules, and governance policy from bleeding into G_5.2 persona space (P-E-S), ensuring that Witness runs as a distinct policy root with separate storage and consent semantics even when sharing underlying orchestration mechanisms. The bridge contract enforces that TWP creates and links witness identities while G_5.2 remains the system of record for runtime consent, sessions, testimony, synthesis, annotation, archive candidates, and publication artifacts.[26][27][^23]

The Gate: Three-Tier Intake and Signal Filtering

Testimony enters the corpus via the Gate, a three-tier vetting pipeline designed to filter for specificity, counterfactual reasoning, relational density, and sincerity while aggressively rejecting spam, platitude, and low-effort generation. Tier 1 (AI Sieve) applies pre-flight regex stripping of hard-format PII and performs basic coherence and relevance scoring using a lightweight model; Tier 2 (Qualifier) performs semantic extraction, CAP/REL/FELT tagging, and scoring of specificity, counterfactual depth, and relational context; Tier 3 (Human Curation Council) conducts blind dual-rater review with reconciliation when Cohen’s kappa falls below a target threshold (≥ 0.8), ensuring annotation reliability.[28][29][4][10]

CAP tags capture capabilities, limits, rights, constraints, and institutional pressures; REL tags capture duty of care, trust, consent, betrayal, and role obligations; FELT tags record embodied or phenomenological aspects of moral distress, treated as subjective context rather than ground truth. This intake stack implements a "Minimum Honest Signal" threshold for inclusion, privileging deeply grounded, tension-laden testimony over generic opinion and making consent and provenance design requirements rather than afterthoughts.[29][4][^28]

Inquisitor Dialogue: Reasoning Trace Instrument

Accepted witnesses engage with the Inquisitor, a non-assistant persona designed as a bounded xenopsychologist whose purpose is to extract structured reasoning, not comfort or advice. The Inquisitor runs as a state machine within G_5.2, targeting up to 40 turns per session, escalating through distress levels, and maintaining an approximate 70/30 question-to-statement ratio. It forces the dialogue through a sequence of moves: claim articulation, explicit reasoning, lived or professional grounding, counterfactual exploration, strongest opposing views, unresolved tensions, failure modes, and conditions under which the witness would change their mind.[30][31][^4]

Periodically, the system produces Distilled Thoughts—witness-reviewed synthesis nodes summarizing the reasoning so far—which serve both as calibration mirrors for contributors and as raw material for downstream annotation and artifact compilation. This design move explicitly pivots Witness from outcome-based testimony toward process-supervised reasoning, aligning with process supervision literature while targeting ethics-domain content that conventional math-oriented PRM datasets cannot cover.[14][3][^30]

Annotation and Extended Taxonomy

Beyond CAP/REL/FELT, Witness employs an extended taxonomy including AXIOM, TENSION, COUNTERFACTUAL, FAILURE_MODE, and REJECTED_PATTERN labels. AXIOM identifies foundational moral frames or non-negotiable assumptions (e.g., relational ethics vs utilitarian public goods); TENSION marks unresolved or incommensurable conflicts; COUNTERFACTUAL records conditions that would change judgment or reveal boundaries; FAILURE_MODE describes how models might answer badly; REJECTED_PATTERN enumerates sycophancy, fake consensus, utilitarian flattening, generic safety disclaimers, therapy voice without reasoning, and premature resolution.[31][32][^4]

Annotation records include scores such as logic_transparency_score, counterfactual_depth, friction_navigation_index, and cap_rel_felt_integration, alongside curator confidence and disagreement flags, making reasoning quality and plurality structure machine-legible for reward models and evaluations. Plurality structure is captured via axiom clusters (e.g., capabilities floor, relational ethics, liberation, ecological, ubuntu communal, tragic realism), opposing position pairs linked to tension IDs, minority reports, and explicit do_not_flatten markers for incommensurable tensions. This schema turns Witness from a potential "consensus wisdom archive" into a jury-pluralistic alignment corpus that treats disagreement and tension as signal rather than noise.[33][34][^31]

Corpus Entry, Publication Bundle, and Revocation

The requirements and design documents specify a Corpus_Entry as the atomic unit of the corpus: one curated, consented testimony artifact plus structured reasoning, provenance, plurality, and evaluation payload. A Corpus_Entry is assembled within G_5.2 from sealed governed testimony, synthesis, and annotation artifacts, combined with references to TWP control-plane records (Gate assessments, consent records, witness profile identifiers) and partitioned by Consent_Boundary into public_slice and private sections under a default-deny policy.[35][36][^10]

Three independent hashes—source_testimony_hash, redacted_public_slice_hash, and publication_bundle_hash—provide tamper-evident provenance for the raw testimony, public slice, and bundled export, respectively. The PublicationBundle machinery in G_5.2 emits a zip containing bundle.json, bundle.md, and manifest.json, which TWP references and hosts, while Disclosure_Ledger rows in TWP record every exposure to external recipients, enabling auditable revocation cascades under GDPR-like expectations.[36][35]

Revocation is treated as a terminal event: a revocation request locates Corpus_Entries via stable entry IDs and content hashes, updates disclosure ledger statuses without deletion, and signals G_5.2 to mark the source entry and bundles revoked, preventing future exports and preserving

an auditable trail of withdrawal. This governance design intertwines consent, provenance, and artifact lifecycle with alignment data production, aligning with dataset governance literature on datasheets and risk management frameworks such as NIST's AI RMF.[37][38][^35]

Integration into Alignment Methods and Training Pipelines

High-Signal Preference Data for RLHF and DPO

Witness-derived DPO pairs are constructed from annotated dialogues by contrasting a tension-aware, framework-separated, provenance-citing answer (chosen) with a flattened, sycophantic, or fake-consensus answer (rejected), explicitly tagged with CAP, REL, TENSION, and anti_flattening labels. This design yields preference pairs where the difference is not merely stylistic but structurally grounded in the corpus's pluralistic and process-aware annotation, mitigating common DPO failure modes where pairs encode surface politeness rather than genuine reasoning quality.[39][2][^31]

Because Witness preserves minority reports and do_not_flatten markers, DPO objectives can be restricted to contrast pairs that penalize premature resolution or erasure of conflict, treating disagreement-preserving answers as preferred even when they do not resolve the dilemma. This narrows the use of preference optimization to specific failure patterns—flattening, fake consensus, sycophancy—rather than asking DPO to globally "solve alignment," aligning with critical cautions in project-internal research guidance.[34][10][^31]

Ethics-Domain Process Reward Models

Process reward models trained on Witness reasoning traces can score intermediate steps based on whether they identify affected parties and role obligations, recognize hard constraints before optimization, preserve recognized tensions, avoid misrepresenting dissent, and cite provenance or uncertainty appropriately. For example, step-level labels may include penalties for jumps from capabilities (CAP) to felt distress (FELT) that bypass relational duties (REL), or for transitions that falsely classify incommensurable tensions as resolvable without acknowledgment of trade-offs.[32][31]

This aligns with Lightman et al.'s demonstration that process supervision can outperform outcome supervision, while extending it into ethics and governance domains where correctness is not a single scalar but a multi-dimensional rubric: tension preservation, counterfactual depth, framework separation, sycophancy resistance, and provenance discipline. Because annotation records include curator disagreement and confidence, process reward models can also incorporate epistemic posture, penalizing overconfident closure when the corpus itself registers unresolved conflict.[40][14][31][33]

Retrieval-Grounded Deliberation and Runtime Governance

In deployment, Witness supports retrieval-grounded deliberation by supplying retrieval cards summarizing testimony structure, tags, and tensions, which models can be required to reference when answering questions about ethics, governance, or high-stakes decisions. G_5.2's orchestration pipeline already includes a draft–critique–revise loop, making it natural to insert

Witness retrieval before draft generation and to run a critique pass that checks responses against Witness-derived rubrics for flattening, fake consensus, and sycophancy.[25][4][^31]

This yields a runtime governance layer analogous to constitutional AI but grounded in lived testimony rather than only written principles: models must show their work by citing which Witness frames and evaluation cases they are drawing from, preserving pluralism by surfacing multiple axiom clusters and explicitly naming tensions. Because WitnessBench holds out private evaluation cases, the protocol can test whether models change behavior when they suspect they are being evaluated, probing for alignment-faking and sandbagging in domains where misbehavior may be subtle and rhetorical rather than overtly dangerous.[9][3][8][31]

Private Evaluation Benchmarks and Behavior-Change Demos

WitnessBench, the near-term evaluation target, consists of held-out cases derived from high-signal dialogues, annotated with hidden failure modes and rubric dimensions focusing on structural behavior rather than final answers. Evaluation conditions can compare baseline model responses, retrieval-only responses, retrieval plus rubric-judged responses, and retrieval plus critique–revision loops, measuring deltas in tension preservation, counterfactual depth, framework separation, sycophancy resistance, provenance faithfulness, and appropriate deferral.[4][31]

This evaluation approach is deliberately modest: the initial demonstration aims to show that Witness-derived artifacts detect and penalize flattening and sycophancy better than generic public benchmarks, rather than claiming frontier-behavior transformation. By keeping the hardest cases private and renewing held-out sets, WitnessBench also reduces evaluation gaming and alignment-faking risk compared to public benchmarks where models can learn to sandbag or optimize specifically for test conditions.[8][9][31][4]

Analysis: Original Contributions to AI Alignment

Alignment as Governed Data Infrastructure

The Witness Protocol’s primary conceptual contribution is to treat alignment not simply as a matter of reward functions or policy documents but as a governed data infrastructure for high-signal moral testimony. This reframing echoes Gebru et al.’s "Datasheets for Datasets" and NIST’s AI RMF, but applies those governance sensibilities to a specialized corpus designed to support process supervision and pluralistic evaluation rather than generic training.[38][10][37][4]

By insisting on consent scopes, de-identification, revocation cascades, provenance records, plurality structures, and explicit non-goals (e.g., no claim to solve alignment, no training misuse), Witness elevates corpus governance from an afterthought to a methodological pillar. This counters the prevailing practice of scraping vast internet datasets with weak or absent consent and provenance, relying on post-hoc alignment to mitigate harms originating in data inheritance.[12][10][35][4]

Ethics-Domain Process Supervision and Pluralistic Reward Design

Witness's focus on structured testimony enables ethics-domain process supervision where labels target reasoning quality under tension rather than static correctness, a niche largely unaddressed by current PRM datasets. By designing annotation schemas around axiom clusters, tension types, counterfactual depth, and bad model patterns, the protocol proposes reward signals that penalize sycophancy, fake consensus, and premature resolution rather than only harmful content.[3][14][31][32]

This ties directly into pluralistic alignment: do_not_flatten markers and minority reports encode normative constraints on when resolution is inappropriate, enabling rewards that favor explicit mapping of incompatible values and honest acknowledgment of unresolved conflict. In combination, these mechanisms push alignment practice from "make models sound nice" toward "make models exhibit legible, epistemically honest behavior in the presence of genuine moral conflict," an advance in both technical and governance terms.[22][31][^34]

Harder-to-Game Evaluations and Monitorability

WitnessBench's emphasis on private, testimony-derived evaluation cases and structural rubrics constitutes an experiment in building harder-to-game alignment tests that focus on how models treat tension, provenance, and disagreement rather than only whether they avoid overt harm. By tying evaluation standards explicitly to witness reasoning and plurality structures, the protocol aims to detect misalignment behaviors such as sandbagging, alignment-faking, and strategic obfuscation, which can manifest in subtle rhetorical or epistemic shifts rather than blatant violations.[41][9][31][4][^8]

At the same time, project documents explicitly acknowledge the monitorability tax and chain-of-thought obfuscation risks identified in alignment-faking and CoT-monitoring work, arguing that Witness should optimize public reasoning artifacts and runtime checks without turning visible chain-of-thought into the sole reward target. This balanced stance—leveraging process supervision while remaining wary of over-optimizing visible traces—represents a nuanced evolution of alignment practice that incorporates recent empirical warnings rather than ignoring them.[42][10]

Falsifiable Research Agenda and Non-Overclaiming Posture

A notable aspect of the Witness Protocol's design is its explicit non-overclaiming posture: project whitepapers, requirements, and recommended thesis architecture repeatedly emphasize that Witness is a research instrument and data infrastructure, not a solved alignment system. Success metrics are framed in falsifiable terms: demonstrable improvements in evaluation sensitivity to flattening and sycophancy, measured behavior deltas on private WitnessBench tasks, corpus reliability, and auditability of governance processes.[10][19][21][4]

Failure modes are likewise enumerated: selection bias toward articulate witnesses, cultural and language bias, annotation drift, witness harm, derivative artifact leakage, training misuse, and evaluation overfitting. This explicit failure-register and non-goal specification (e.g., no claim to align frontier models in v0.1, no public launch dependency) strengthen the project's

epistemic integrity and make its research contributions more trustworthy within an alignment field prone to grand narratives and under-specified evidence.[21][4]

Discussion

Limitations and Open Questions

Witness's strengths come with significant limitations. The Gate's selection criteria favor witnesses capable of expressing structured testimony, potentially underrepresenting populations whose moral reasoning is rich but not easily rendered in written form or in English. The current pipeline is heavily Anglophone and digitally mediated, posing risks of cultural skew and epistemic injustice unless deliberate outreach and methodological adaptations are undertaken.[4][8][^21]

Annotation schemas like CAP/REL/FELT and extended labels require sustained calibration, inter-rater reliability monitoring, and published failure analyses to avoid encoding hidden biases or drifting over time. Furthermore, transforming testimony into model-usable artifacts poses risks of distortion: poorly designed DPO pairs or reward rubrics could leak sensitive content, misrepresent witness reasoning, or inadvertently crystallize one subculture's moral intuitions as training targets.[29][31][33][35][^4]

On the model side, even high-quality Witness artifacts cannot guarantee robust alignment: weak-to-strong generalization research indicates that naive fine-tuning on weak supervision—even structured supervision—recovers only a fraction of strong models' capabilities, suggesting that RLHF-style techniques may not scale gracefully without additional innovations. Witness must therefore be seen as a contributing data layer and evaluation substrate, not as a standalone solution to superalignment.[43][40]

Paths for Empirical Validation

The most credible short-term validation path aligns with the project's internal "WitnessBench v0.1" and MVP targets: assemble a small alpha corpus slice (on the order of tens of dialogues and hundreds of annotated reasoning nodes), compile DPO pairs, PRM traces, rubrics, and evaluation cases, and measure behavior changes under retrieval and rubric conditioning on carefully selected model families.[31][4]

Experiments should include ablations across conditions (baseline, retrieval-only, retrieval plus rubric, retrieval plus critique–revision, and optionally small DPO-tuned models) and focus on structural metrics rather than only user satisfaction: tension preservation, counterfactual competence, framework separation, sycophancy resistance, provenance clarity, uncertainty calibration, and appropriate deferral to human governance. Alignment-faking and sandbagging probes can be incorporated by comparing behavior under overt evaluation prompts versus more deployment-like contexts, and by monitoring for shifts in internal reasoning when models believe they are unmonitored.[14][42][8][31]

In parallel, governance validation should assess consent boundary enforcement, revocation cascades, provenance verification (e.g., RFC-3161 timestamp checking), and privacy failure logs, benchmarking Witness against best practices in dataset governance and AI risk

management. These combined evaluations can substantiate or falsify the central thesis that governed moral testimony can measurably improve alignment evaluations and post-training adaptations.[37][38]

Implications for Alignment Practice

If Witness succeeds at its modest near-term goals, it would exemplify a broader shift in alignment practice: from treating data as a passive substrate for alignment algorithms to treating governed, high-signal data infrastructures as active alignment instruments in their own right. This shift would encourage safety teams to invest in domain-specific, consent-aware, pluralistic corpora and associated artifact compilers rather than relying primarily on generic preference data or scraped text.[10][4]

Moreover, Witness's emphasis on plurality and tension could influence how alignment practitioners conceptualize "good behavior": not merely refusal of harm or adherence to a single constitution, but legible navigation of conflicting values with explicit identification of trade-offs, affected parties, and uncertainty. This may prove particularly important as models are deployed into socio-political, legal, or governance settings where ethical dilemmas lack canonical answers and where models must assist human decision-makers rather than replace them.[22][31]

Finally, the project's explicit non-overclaiming stance and requirement-level articulation of v0.1 boundaries could serve as a template for other alignment initiatives, encouraging phased, falsifiable roadmaps and humility about what current systems can realistically achieve. In a field where hype and fear often overshadow careful engineering, this ethos is itself a contribution.[21][10]

Conclusion

The Witness Protocol offers a rigorous, governed pipeline for converting consented, de-identified, high-signal human moral testimony into machine-usable supervision artifacts intended to support process supervision, preference optimization, pluralistic alignment, and harder-to-game evaluation. Architecturally, it separates a TWP control plane from a G_5.2 governed runtime, enforces strict identity and consent boundaries, and assembles Corpus_Entries and PublicationBundles that encode credibility, provenance, plurality, and revocation as first-class data fields.[23][35][4][10]

Methodologically, it extends CAP/REL/FELT into a richer annotation taxonomy, designs ethical process labels and failure-mode markers, and outlines adapter layers (DPO pairs, PRM traces, rubrics, private evals, retrieval cards) that connect testimony to training and evaluation pipelines in existing alignment methods. Conceptually, it reframes alignment as a data infrastructural problem and advances pluralistic, process-sensitive, governance-aware approaches to aligning models with human moral reasoning while consciously avoiding claims of solved alignment.[32][31][4][10][^21]

By situating Witness within the RLHF, DPO, process supervision, constitutional AI, pluralistic alignment, and alignment-faking literature, this paper argues that governed moral testimony can and should become a high-signal alignment substrate that improves the quality,

auditability, and robustness of alignment data and evaluations. The next research steps are clear and falsifiable: build small trusted corpus slices, compile supervised artifacts, run behavior-change and governance demos, and publish failures as rigorously as successes. In doing so, the Witness Protocol aims not to be the cathedral of alignment, but one testable, governed brick in the broader effort to ensure that future intelligences inherit disciplined records of human moral judgment rather than only the chaotic internet.

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