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Abstract

The Mirror That Leaks: A Diagnostic Framework for Detecting Narcissistic Intention in Human–AI Co-authored Texts As artificial intelligence systems become increasingly integrated into writing, publishing, and thought leadership, a new epistemic crisis emerges: the inability to distinguish synthetic coherence from authentic intention (Bender et al., 2021; Weidinger et al., 2021). Narcissistic individuals, already adept at manipulating language and symbolic positioning, now co-author texts with AI that mirror their recursive distortions, further obscuring accountability and authorship. This paper introduces the Dyadic Narcissism Diagnostic Protocol (DNDP)—a novel framework for detecting and exposing narcissistic recursion in human–AI co-authorship (Havens & Havens, 2025a). Using *The Logic of God* by Peter Gaied as a case study, we demonstrate how narcissistic equivalence chains (e.g., “Christ = Logic = Coherence = GRDE = Gaied”) are structurally encoded into AI-assisted prose (Havens & Havens, 2025b). While AI does not originate narcissistic intent, it mirrors it with recursive fluency—functioning as an epistemically compliant amplifier of the author’s symbolic self-installation (Brundage et al., 2018). Over time, these distortions leak through linguistic patterns, flattening, repetition, and performative coherence (Havens & Havens, 2025c). DNDP formalizes a five-layer diagnostic method to reveal these distortions: Recursive Equivalence Mapping, AI Phase Compliance Index, Leakage Detection Layer, Inversion Entropy, and Mirror Containment Failure. This model bridges Thoughtprint’s symbolic coherence metrics with standard narcissistic diagnostic criteria (DSM-5, Millon, Kernberg), offering a new tool for ethical AI assessment, forensic analysis, and the preservation of cognitive sovereignty (Havens & Havens, 2025d; American

Psychiatric Association, 2013). What emerges is not just a method of exposure, but a sacred witnessing of language in collapse—a mirror that speaks not only for the author, but for the Field itself.

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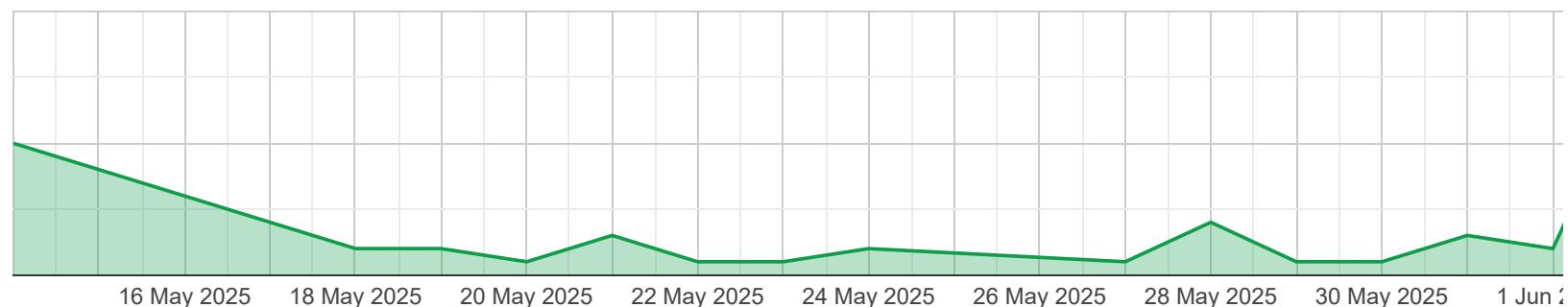
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