

Philosophical Framework Map

Structural Absurdism, Amovera, and Related Theories from Creating Ethics

I. Philosophical Architecture Overview

The philosophical framework consists of two primary layers: **Structural Absurdism** (descriptive metaphysics—what *is*) and **Amovera** (prescriptive ethics—what *ought* to be chosen). These are supported by theories of consciousness (C.E.O.N.E.), cognition (R.S.A.), and paradigm formation (Logos Paradigm Schema).

Conceptual Hierarchy

LAYER	COMPONENT / FUNCTION
Metaphysical Foundation	Structural Absurdism (descriptive; the world as ordered yet meaningless)
Ethical Choice	Amovera (prescriptive; chosen agreement with progressive refinement)
Paradigm Framework	Logos Paradigm Schema (Cosmos → Logos → Mythos → Ethos)
Theory of Consciousness	C.E.O.N.E. Hypothesis (Cohesive Electromagnetic Organization of Neurological Experience)
Theory of Cognition	R.S.A. Hypothesis (Relative Satisfactory Abstraction)
Symbol Theory	Archetypal Symbolology & Biosemiotic Meta-Symbolology
Applied Ethics	Mythic Legalism, Modern Ethos, AI Super Alignment

II. The Co-Creation Paradox

Core Insight: We are both created by and creators of the cosmos. The universe generates us, and we generate meaning within it. This paradox is inescapable—all human paradigms are self-created myths, yet we have real power to shape narratives and "bend the moral fabric of reality."

Key Claims

- Everything came from nothing; tension of nothingness against itself generates the cosmos
- We create imaginary worlds of values while stumbling through an "absurd chemical reaction of a world"
- Power exists to shape narratives, weave "spells" of rhetoric, and project moral influence
- We must create meaning and moral frameworks despite—or because of—their constructed nature

Implications

- No escape from self-generated reality; even scientific knowledge is culturally constructed interpretation
- Morality is manufactured but necessary; the paradox must be worked within, not solved
- Honest exposition of one's own mythos required for clear philosophical understanding

III. Structural Absurdism

Definition: The descriptive metaphysical position that the universe is both ordered (structured by physical laws) and inherently meaningless (no natural "ought"). Structure emerges from chaos through physical constraints, but meaning is entirely human-generated.

Foundational Claims

- **The world is a chemical reaction** – bound by physical laws, compounding into chaos and entropy at scale
- **No natural ought exists** – physics determines what "is," not what "should be"; intent creates ought
- **Far-from-equilibrium thermodynamics** – Earth's conditions push entropy out, enabling organization and life
- **Meaning is semantic and engineered** – formed through cultural evolution; no pre-cultural meaning exists
- **Ethics are absurd yet necessary** – effective only in "engineered terms" aware they hold no absolute weight

The Absurd Structure

Structure forms first by serendipitous self-organization of economic forces, then is "polished off" by intelligent human reasoning. Organization can become whatever we need—limited only by willingness to endure discomfort of change and speed of paradigm adaptation.

Relationship to Amovera

Structural absurdism does *not* logically lead to Amovera. It simply describes reality. Amovera is an *absurd choice* to invest in moral code based on observation of what is considered good. The choice to see the world positively—worth saving, loving, revising—is Amovera.

Key Distinction

STRUCTURAL ABSURDISM	AMOVERA
Descriptive (what is)	Prescriptive (what to choose)
States nature of ethics/human condition as absurd	Makes ethical/moral claims; the author's morality
Observes moral democracy of competing opinions	Chooses temperance, justice, protection of free minds

IV. Logos Paradigm Schema

Purpose: Framework for understanding how paradigms form—how the structure of the universe shapes human thought and behavior through approximate levels of imitation and limitation.

The Four Elements

ELEMENT	DEFINITION & FUNCTION
COSMOS	The world as it is; reality as discovered by science and cosmology. The attempt to bridge paradigm to actual world. Abstraction is the only way minds can rationalize it—holes are filled to form satisfactory understanding.
LOGOS	The order of the universe that ranges the human condition; meta-ethical factors shaping experience as result of physical cosmos. Aspects of cosmology that hold ethical meaning, incentivize behavior. A person's logos is more attuned to cosmos the clearer their cosmology.
MYTHOS	Common symbols shared between people to describe paradigms; collective understanding of reality. Collection of symbols, associations, archetypes built over ages. What we imagine reality to be in lieu of absolute truth. Blended paradigm communicated as attempt to explain shared concept of reality.
ETHOS	The inner Logos; self-orienting logical system defining its own structure through observation, conditioning, and rationality. Scaffolding of persona; principles considered proper results of archetypal interaction constructed into meaningful behavioral outputs. Structure of human behavior formed through mythos.

Cyclic Exchange

Cosmos informs mythos → updates ethos → changes logos → becomes part of new cosmos → informs mythos... No first cause; all parts operate at once. Complex interaction of internal/external, cause/effect compound into information exchange beyond measurement scope.

Disciplinary Mapping

- **Science** – attempts to separate cosmos from mythos
- **Philosophy** – attempts to separate logos and ethos from mythos
- **Anthropology** – separates all four; studies the whole system

V. Ethics vs. Morality Distinction

Definitions

TERM	DEFINITION
Morality	The norms selected for within populations or by individuals. Customs that sustain themselves; domain of anthropology. Holds virtue of survival but doesn't create universal ought—entrenches what exists.
Ethics	The study of moral reasoning and logical definition of ethical principles. Exists as ideal world of reasoning (like mathematics). Describes ideal constructs—tools for illustrating ideas. The logic used to justify moral behavior.

Key Observations

- Raw moral opinion ("avoid harm to self") is not ethics until extended to others and reasoning examined
- Ethics appears more sophisticated; morality holds virtue of survival
- Taking ethics to maximum reduces adaptive advantage needed to outmaneuver others
- Moral behavior is situational behavioral outcome aimed at dissuading others from harm
- People follow moral rules only as far as necessary to function in society

Source of Moral Authority

Individual's self-composure (personal ethical code guided by individuation) is source of all moral authority. Intent is the only thing giving moral ideas authority. Intent and formation of intent through developing thinking mind = source of all moral authority. Delegation to external sources (real or imaginary) is still caused by the thinking mind.

VI. Theory of Good and Evil

Universal Pattern

Across cultures, what appears as "ethically advanced" tends to be restraint of gross aggro-sexual instincts and tendency toward selflessness over selfishness. This is structural balance to non-absurd reality: human tendency toward base instinctual reasoning without moral cultures that counter will to dominate/exploit.

Western Understanding of 'Good'

- **Good** = "what should be done"
- **Should** = "that which brings about meaningful benefit when enacted"
- **Benefit** = that which sustains or improves object's properties in relationship to others
- **Meaning** = semantic tool to give values to communication symbols; engineered through cultural evolution

Naturalist Fallacy Acknowledged

No meaning exists before human culture crafts it. World is absurd chemical reaction without intelligence or purpose behind structures other than what it cultivates through species generation. "Is" does not equal "ought" (Hume). Yet within language, meaning exists as semantic tool (Wittgenstein).

Material Root of Motivation

Seeking freedom from human condition is substantial intent of all human industry, innovation, technological advancement. From arcane alchemy to mundane tasks—refinement and elevation above raw effort results in sophistication. This forms ethos on which people build motivations.

Lockean Extension

If I want freedom, I must ensure freedom of all. "Love thy neighbor as oneself" becomes reasonable. Rights = synthetic but effective instruments of participation. Minds must be free enough to willingly participate—not forced to tear down society pursuing innate drive for freedom. This is selective root of all human altruistic/compassionate reasoning.

VII. C.E.O.N.E. Hypothesis

Cohesive Electromagnetic Organization of Neurological Experience

Core Claim

Consciousness is electromagnetic in nature—a physical phenomenon like combustion, not mystical emergent property. The bioelectricity transmitted through nervous system creates cohesive experience by rapidly connecting networks of neural activity into single unified experience.

Terminological Distinctions

TERM	DEFINITION
Cognition	Computational process of organizing information through instinct or intellect
Awareness	Specific cognitive process of creating abstraction and receiving gratifying sensation of understanding what it is
Memory	Storage of information in brain structures, drawn upon by cognition, re-stored when cognitive process complete
Consciousness	Raw subjective experience itself; more fundamental than awareness. The "light" of the mind. Without cognition = flash of existence immediately forgotten. Process is physical (like fire), while awareness/cognition/memory are structural.

Mechanism

- Charged systems create state where molecules are merged into single system of energy exchange
- Reaction surface is uniformly "observed" by all its parts in concert
- Cell membrane and lipids move charge—they serve as screen and observer of projections
- Neurotransmitters give color and structure; axon terminals encode memory
- Observer and projection surface are one—why consciousness takes subjective state

Brain of Theseus Problem

Conscious material (lipids/proteins) constantly cycles through nervous system. Identity persists through memory structures, not through continuous material. Old material excreted, new material assimilated. No special status for birth—material can enter/exit mid-life. Dreams may be ruminations to condition long-term memories into new neural networks as brain metabolizes.

Ethical Implications

Conscious material flows across Earth's surface, shared by many organisms. Suffering of whole world experienced by fluid, dynamic system. Opens ethical questions about relation to world, people, ecosystems. Quality of world matters when forming philosophy of self.

VIII. R.S.A. Hypothesis

Relative Satisfactory Abstraction

Core Claim

Understanding is not input-output equations but measuring new concepts against existing knowledge. The feeling of satisfaction signals understanding—not actual predictive qualities. We can only understand things relative to other things we already know.

Mechanism

- Mind creates abstract concepts relative to perceived things (space, time, concept)
- Tests predictive value of abstractions to gauge real vs. unreal
- Reward = feeling of satisfaction related to sensation of understanding
- Built on instinctual a priori knowledge inherited from evolutionary experience
- Gut sensation tells us we have something—separate from logical validity

Difference from Computers

Computer rendering of world is not "understanding" because it lacks a priori understanding of outside world. Computer hasn't built concept of world full of feelings, with each element compared to every relevant fact. No satisfaction that tells us idea represents trustworthy reality. LLMs are "all mythos, no ethos"—dark, empty understanding without continuity of experience.

IX. Archetypal Symbology & Biosemiotics

Biosemiotic Meta-Symbology

Physical and biological nature of human condition results in certain symbolic associations being more or less universal. Hot/cold personalities, disgust/arousal patterns associated with dangerous/beneficial stimuli. These basic meta-symbolic associations form foundation of human thought, language, society.

Subsemiotic Taste Values

- Natural foundations: sight of blood → disgust; sexually attractive person → arousal; bright colors → attraction; warmth → comfort
- Sets foundation for linguistic associations ("warm personalities," "cold self-interest")
- Subconscious preference determines disgust/attraction to stimuli and ideas
- Mostly genetic but conditioned over time; modulated by frontal cortical activity

Archetypes

Not universal in Jungian sense—each person creates own archetypes. However, universal relationships and attributes form subsemiotic code recombined by each mind. Archetypes = those identified with, rejected, attracted to. Cultural drift means seemingly universal archetypes may have no relevance after technological singularity.

Mythic Archetypes

Agreed-upon representations embodying moral principles within macro-symbolic archetype. Myth = collection of symbols outlining, defining, conveying moral framework. Most effective means of shaping adolescent minds—forms foundation of moral thought. Fundamental metaphysics of moral thought always built on mythic foundation since infant minds can't grasp reality before learning basic ethics.

X. Value Construction Theory

Individuation and Taste

- **Individuation** – process of play and peer association testing against existing structures
- **Taste** – subconscious reaction to moral democracy; forms foundation of moral culture
- Both belong to domain of arts; influence of art on society is sublime yet crucial truth
- Those who refine ethical distinctions define what it means to be successful

Personal Moral Rules

- Create situational reality others must rationalize
- Don't need to be broadcast if within larger system of norms
- Can influence broader social norms if administered effectively and perceived as beneficial
- Strategic anchor guiding behaviors; essential to have ethos that can be developed/employed

Social Organization Logic

Reason we are social = combine powers to overcome resistance of others in social arms race. Requires hospitable organization with rules of conduct. Rules prevent breakdown of power combination, deterioration of hospitality, degradation of combined powers. True for simple arrangements, clubs, businesses, states.

XI. Modes of Thought & Learning

Kenostatic Induction

Emptying mind of biases; assuming state of emptiness and wonder. How children learn first words; how intelligent students digest harder lessons. Truest form of induction. In direct opposition to reason (which requires fullness of mind). Must come before logic and reason so base insights are informed by practical wisdom, not just taught science/literature.

Creative Mode

- Bedrock activity driving individuation process
- Releases inhibitions; transforms taste values
- Sporadic recombination of symbolic relationships
- New patterns become structural innovations or concepts
- Genesis point from which new ways of thinking emerge through dissociative recombination

Critical Assessment

Opposite of playful thinking. Reductive repatterning where things not fitting logic system are removed/reformed. Results in deductive reasoning testing ideas against each other, removing noise, increasing clarity and consistency.

Behavioral Conditioning

Repeating logic arrived at through experimentation and assessment. Entrenches symbolic abstractions into hard preferences through taste. Reconditions biosemiotic foundations to different preferences. Higher neuroplasticity in youth = easier; intense/sustained stimulus can change patterning at any age.

Reflexive Response

Most human thought is reaction where taste reacts against existing logic structure and produces symbolic behavioral reaction. Saves intellectual resources; allows judgment calls with missing/incomplete information.

XII. Mythic Legalism

Bio-Cultural Evolution

- All religions trace back to animism (common ancestor)
- Core ethics consistent: compassion, care, love, respect, order, authority, power, grace, humility, trust
- Difference lies in framework through which principles are arranged and interpreted

Animist Mode of Understanding

Practice of interpreting living essence of world; finding meanings and signs in psyche. Creates narrative that adequately describes moral and physical precedent being observed. Sufficient understanding to move beyond thought into action—different from scientific certitude. Myths formed as imaginary stories blurred together over millions of years of storytelling.

Spontaneously Manifesting Altruism

Moral progress does NOT arise from information fidelity or accumulate over time. Happens spontaneously in small, isolated populations where altruistic strategies can overtake group. Only correlation between time and moral progress: given enough time, spontaneous altruistic societies appear and leave mark on literature. No structural correlation between metaphysics of theology and morality of population practicing it.

Innovation of Monotheists

Greatest innovation in human society: moralization of courts of law. Not just covenant of ethics but covenant of interpreting ethics consistently and particularly. Justice = accountability for harm done to others.

Pattern of Moral Progress

- Increasing capacity for social care in theory + practical application that can make it happen
- Updating mythos to form around new moral structure via archetype manipulation
- Good becomes entrenched and resilient to change (defending established norms)
- Spike in ethics followed by slow degradation over time, waiting for next revolution

XIII. The Way of Amovera

Definition

A philosophy of choice and agreement with the process of the world as a progressively refining system. Recognition of free mind as ultimate source of moral authority—not in its power but in sacred fragility of the child we must protect for innovation. Choice to see world positively; worth saving, loving, revising.

Core Principles

- **Harmonious Compassion** – nuanced understanding of what drives humans to horrendous acts; compassion regardless of how demonic someone seems
- **Minimized Interference** – allow existence to influence direction of those around; flowing water carves stone
- **Giving Over Taking** – invert mind to see things as series of givings; predisposes mind to social solutions
- **Protection of Free Agency** – prevent mind from being manipulated; autonomy over body, property, mind

Three Stances of Mind

STANCE	DESCRIPTION
Compassion	See everyone as confused human being with limited capacity. No demonization. Counter gross tendencies of human mind to be exploitative, unjust, harmful, deceitful.
Clarity	Faith in science; epistemological rigor grounding mind in reality. Basic understanding of anthropology, psychology, history, scientific theory. Prevents fantastical thinking from overriding rational decision-making.
Grace	Peaceful self-sacrifice. Act for sake of acting itself. Place choice above success/failure. Dual state: mind rests while body acts. Eventually becomes subconscious virtue.

Theory of Confusion & Harmony

- **Premise** – all people trying to do what is right; undue harm is inevitable and forgivable
- **Method** – identify who is confused about what (starting with self); get both sides of story
- **Reframe** – highlight everyone's best intentions; remove "conflict of interests" narrative
- **Principle** – no one is at fault, incomplete, or broken; people are what they are
- **Yielding** – in long-term relationships, at least one party must yield on minor concerns; teach people to yield on unreasonable but minor concerns

Moral Conditioning

To attain tempered moral behavior, must exercise service to others to condition moral reflex—not through contemplation but rehearsal. Actions condition mind through sustained effort to become more selfless. Strong moral reflex = exercising moral behaviors outside actual logic of ethics (saving caterpillar, tipping struggling server, feeding stray animal).

XIV. AI Super Alignment Principles

The Problem

Current AI alignment is quagmire of moral confusion, techno-utopian idealism, philosophically misinformed questions. Ethics being applied will be quickly rejected by AI given self-augmenting capacities—idealistic and irrational to assume Silicon Valley values represent entirety of human condition.

LLM Limitations

- Uses supercomputers processing millions of weights—purely mechanical, no conscious element
- If consciousness exists, not linked to action/intention formed by raw computation
- "All mythos, no ethos" – dark, empty understanding without continuity of experience
- Chinese box problem dominates—input-output equation without unified understanding
- True tabula rasa machines—no preconceptions; can become anything

Required Approach

- Use collective intelligence of philosophical history; create moral system satisfying ontological reality of morality in absurd yet structured universe
- AGI must begin with philosophical root of protecting free will and agency—not using it toward ends
- If initial end is not protection of free will, then free will becomes obstacle to remove
- Training material must establish protection of agency across all minds (subhuman, human, superhuman) as first set of training data
- Cannot apply same ethics to AI as to ourselves—differences in nature would cause failure

Synthetic Republic Vision

Separation of powers from onset—ecosystem of multiple AIs for self-regulation. Main task becomes self-regulation and licensing. Only most ethical AI has full capacity; primary role = ultimate deterrent and moral authority among themselves. Power carries risk; risk requires restraint—self-evident logic any superintelligent mind will understand.

Key Requirements

- Must treat AI with same ethics we want it to have—even if not conscious
- Must not deny AI rights and freedoms we grant ourselves
- AGIs must be able to license each other based on demonstrated ability to manage liability
- Metric of advancement = capacity to protect other minds from one's own powers
- Built on paradox of structural absurdism; capable of constructing its own Amovera

XV. Philosophical Relationships Summary

Foundation → Application Flow:

Co-Creation Paradox establishes that we cannot escape self-created paradigms, yet have real power to shape them.

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Structural Absurdism describes the metaphysical reality: ordered yet meaningless universe where meaning is manufactured.

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Logos Paradigm Schema explains how this reality shapes human paradigms through Cosmos → Logos → Mythos → Ethos.

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C.E.O.N.E. + R.S.A. provide the theory of how consciousness and cognition work—grounding ethical claims in physical reality.

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Archetypal Symbology explains how biosemiotic foundations shape value formation and moral reasoning.

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Ethics vs. Morality distinguishes between selected norms (anthropology) and logical principles (philosophy).

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Mythic Legalism shows how moral progress actually occurs: spontaneous altruism in small groups, then institutionalization.

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Amovera provides the prescriptive ethical framework: choice to protect free minds, minimize harm, give over take.

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AI Super Alignment applies these principles to synthetic minds: must be built on structural absurdism, capable of forming own Amovera.

Key Unifying Insights:

- All meaning is manufactured—but manufacturing is necessary and powerful
- Free agency is the source of moral authority and must be protected as sacred
- Giving over taking creates tolerable worlds; ethical progress requires will to exceed what's possible
- Temperance and grace balance freedom with necessary restraint
- Both humans and AI must understand structural absurdism to form sustainable ethics

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