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Introduction – A Century of Truth

Truth has always been a powerful force, shaping societies, guiding decisions and defining civilisations. Yet its accessibility, visibility and reliability have varied dramatically over time. For most of history, truth was mediated by institutions - kings, priests, newspapers or governments - each with their own interests, biases and limitations. What people knew and how they knew it, was often filtered through layers of control and opacity.

The 20th and 21st centuries, however, transformed this dynamic. Technological revolutions - from television and personal computing to the internet, social media and blockchain - progressively democratised truth. Information became more visible, more accessible and increasingly verifiable. Each leap forward brought the potential for transparency, accountability and global participation, while simultaneously introducing new challenges: misinformation, centralisation, surveillance and manipulation.

This book traces a century-long journey, examining how technology has shaped the visibility, accessibility and reliability of truth. It explores both historical events and future possibilities, showing how humanity has moved from a world of mediated truths toward a world where transparency and accountability can be structurally embedded into the systems that govern life, economy and society.

The Arc of the Book

The first half of the book is historical, grounded in global examples, demonstrating how communication, media and technology have progressively revealed and amplified truth:

How television first brought shared visibility to distant events.

How the internet democratised information and enabled global participation.

How social media amplified voices but also concentrated attention and spread misinformation.

How the age of big data revealed systemic inequities, surveillance and the fragility of trust.

The second half of the book is forward-looking, projecting plausible scenarios where transparency, decentralisation and participatory systems reshape society:

How blockchain and decentralised protocols can embed trust into economic, governance and social systems.

How global collaboration and technology can drive sustainability, fairness and equity.

How the next century might realise a civilisation in which truth is structurally enforced, not merely hoped for.

A Global Perspective

While much discourse on technology has been US- or Euro-centric, this book emphasises a truly global perspective. Innovations, adoption and social impacts have emerged across continents: from mobile finance in Africa, to digital identity in Estonia, to decentralised governance experiments in Asia and Latin America. The history of truth is a history of humanity as a whole and the future will be shaped by the interplay of ideas, cultures and technology worldwide.

Why This Matters

Transparency, accountability and access to truth are no longer abstract ideals. They are essential for tackling the pressing challenges of our time: climate change, inequality, resource scarcity, global health crises and political polarisation. Technology is the amplifier - it can either concentrate power or distribute it. Understanding the trajectory of truth through technology provides insight into how societies can leverage these tools to build fair, just and sustainable systems.

This book is both a record and a roadmap: a chronicle of how humanity has grappled with truth over the last century and a vision of how it might shape the next. From the flickering screens of early television to the auditable, decentralised networks of the 22nd century, it tells a story of progress, challenges and possibility - a story in which technology, ethics and human intent converge to define the future of civilisation.

Chapter 1 – The Age of Broadcast (1950s–1970s)

The middle of the twentieth century brought a new kind of mirror to humanity: the television screen. For the first time, vast populations could witness the same images at the same time, whether in Tokyo, Lagos, Berlin, São Paulo or New York. Television turned information into a shared visual reality. Unlike newspapers or radio, it carried the power of moving images - hard to deny, harder to forget.

Television was never neutral. It could be used to expose injustice, but also to entrench propaganda. It could reveal wars and revolutions or carefully hide them. But it marked the start of a century in which technology would steadily increase the pressure on institutions to reveal the truth.

The Arrival of a Global Medium

By the 1950s, television had become more than an American novelty. In Britain, the BBC expanded beyond radio into television, experimenting with live broadcasts that reached into ordinary homes. In Japan, NHK (Nippon Hōsō Kyōkai) began its first experimental broadcasts in 1953, coinciding with post-war recovery and modernisation. Across Europe, state broadcasters - from RAI in Italy to ZDF in Germany - established national networks, often framed as tools of cultural unity.

In newly decolonized countries, television symbolised modernity and national identity. India's state broadcaster Doordarshan launched in 1959, initially reaching only Delhi, before expanding nationwide in the 1970s. In Africa, Ghana and Nigeria built their first stations shortly after independence, seeing television as a way to foster unity across diverse populations.

The shared principle was clear: television was no longer just entertainment. It was infrastructure for shaping a nation's truth.

Power and Propaganda

In the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, television was tightly controlled by the state. Soviet broadcasts emphasised industrial achievements, space exploration and the strength of socialism. The goal was not to inform citizens fully, but to project a curated reality that aligned with ideology. Similarly, in Maoist China, television reinforced revolutionary culture. Programming often glorified collective labor, the Communist Party and Chairman Mao himself.

But even under control, cracks appeared. Citizens noticed the contrast between official narratives and lived experience. When Hungarian state television broadcast coverage of the 1956 uprising, the government's attempts to frame it as "counterrevolutionary" failed to erase the images of tanks rolling into Budapest. People saw enough to sense the truth beneath the script.

War and Revolution on Screen

Television also played a role in post-colonial struggles and conflicts. In Latin America, broadcasts captured both the optimism of independence movements and the turmoil of coups and civil wars. Brazilian television in the 1960s became both a platform for cultural renaissance (with the explosion of telenovelas) and a tool for the military dictatorship to project authority.

In Africa, coverage of the Biafran War (1967–1970) in Nigeria brought global attention to the horrors of famine and civilian suffering. Images broadcast internationally shaped foreign perceptions and pressured

governments to respond with humanitarian aid. For the first time, African conflicts were not just local tragedies but global events.

Meanwhile, across Southeast Asia, the Vietnam War was broadcast not only to Americans but to audiences worldwide. In Europe and Asia, nightly news bulletins showed civilians fleeing bombings, villages destroyed and soldiers exhausted. The images undermined official claims of progress and fuelled global protests against the war.

Television as a Force of Unity

Television was also capable of inspiring collective hope. The 1969 moon landing was broadcast live to an estimated 600 million people worldwide - from London to Lagos, from Mexico City to Moscow. Despite ideological divides of the Cold War, for a brief moment humanity was united in awe at the sight of astronauts walking on the lunar surface.

Similarly, global sporting events became shared cultural milestones. The 1966 World Cup final, broadcast live from London, was watched by audiences across Europe, Africa and Asia. Television created a sense of global participation in ways that newspapers and radio never had.

Seeds of Distrust

Yet television's power cut both ways. In Chile, Salvador Allende used television to communicate directly with citizens during his presidency in the early 1970s, while opposition networks spread competing narratives - foreshadowing the role of media battles in political instability. In Italy, critics accused RAI of bias and censorship, claiming it acted more as a government mouthpiece than a free broadcaster. In the United States, the Watergate scandal revealed that even democratic nations could manipulate or withhold truth, deepening skepticism toward both politicians and the networks that covered them.

By the late 1970s, the world had learned a critical lesson: television could show truth, but it could also distort it. It was powerful precisely because it operated at the intersection of reality and control.

The Legacy of the Broadcast Era

Television transformed the relationship between citizens and power. It made political leaders more visible, wars harder to sanitise and social movements harder to ignore. Yet because most countries limited broadcasts to a handful of state or corporate networks, the truth remained filtered through gatekeepers.

Still, the principle was established: once technology can reveal truth visually and instantly, society will demand more of it. The seeds of transparency were planted.

What began as a centralised medium would lay the groundwork for decentralisation. As the century moved forward, new tools would take television's promise - to reveal reality - and push it far beyond the limits of broadcast control.

Chapter 2 – Cracks in the Wall (1980s–1990s)

The broadcast era of television created a world of shared images, but it was still a world managed by gatekeepers. Governments, corporations and ruling elites controlled what made it onto the screen. By the 1980s, however, cracks began to form in this wall of control.

Cable television, satellite broadcasting and early digital networks loosened the monopoly of state and national broadcasters. New voices emerged and global events increasingly slipped past official censors. At the same time, personal computing began to spread, planting the seeds of an entirely different communication revolution. The world was preparing to move from top-down broadcast to bottom-up networks.

Cable, Satellite and the Multiplication of Channels

In the United States and parts of Europe, cable television expanded choice beyond a handful of channels. CNN, launched in 1980, was the first 24-hour news network. Suddenly, events anywhere in the world could be covered live, around the clock. This shift eroded governments' ability to time or manage the news cycle.

In the Middle East, satellite broadcasting broke down national information barriers. By the late 1980s and early 1990s, channels like MBC and later Al Jazeera allowed Arab audiences to see perspectives beyond state-run media. Governments that had long relied on information control discovered that dishes on rooftops could undermine their monopoly.

In Asia, Star TV - a Hong Kong-based satellite broadcaster launched in 1990 - began reaching audiences from India to Indonesia, crossing national borders in ways terrestrial broadcasters never could. For many viewers, it was the first time foreign news, entertainment and cultural products reached their screens unfiltered by their governments.

The Fall of Walls - Literally and Figuratively

The most symbolic crack in the wall came in 1989 with the fall of the Berlin Wall. Television and live reporting played a key role: images of East Germans flooding checkpoints, climbing walls and embracing strangers were broadcast worldwide. For years, Eastern bloc governments had controlled their citizens' perception of the outside world. But broadcasts from West German TV - illegally watched in East Berlin living rooms - had already weakened the official narrative. When the wall finally fell, the truth had been leaking through for years.

Elsewhere, television also carried the force of change. In South Africa, coverage of anti-apartheid protests, both domestic and international, increased global pressure on the regime. By the late 1980s, apartheid was no longer just a South African issue - it was a global scandal made visible by the camera.

Personal Computers and the First Networks

While television multiplied and globalised, another technology was quietly transforming society: the personal computer. By the early 1980s, companies like IBM, Apple and Commodore put computers on desks and in homes. At first, they were largely tools for word processing, gaming or specialised business functions. But soon, they began to connect.

Bulletin Board Systems (BBS) allowed users to dial in and exchange messages or files. In France, Minitel (launched in 1982) gave millions of households a precursor to the internet: users could look up phone numbers, book train tickets and send messages on a nationwide digital network. Japan experimented with similar services, as did the UK with Prestel.

These early networks lacked the global reach of the future internet, but they introduced a radical idea: information could flow horizontally between users, not just vertically from institutions.

Cracks in Authoritarian Control

In many parts of the world, rulers began to realise the danger of these cracks. In China, the government allowed television to expand rapidly in the 1980s as part of modernisation, but quickly discovered its risks. During the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests, footage of student demonstrations spread both within China and abroad. Although domestic broadcasts were censored, satellite feeds and foreign journalists transmitted the truth globally. The image of a lone man standing before tanks became one of the most iconic symbols of resistance in the twentieth century.

Elsewhere, satellite television and fax machines (another underestimated technology of the 1980s) played roles in undermining authoritarian secrecy. Dissidents circulated uncensored information by fax in Eastern Europe, bypassing state-controlled presses. The combination of new communication tools made it harder for regimes to maintain total control over truth.

The Gulf War and the Birth of Real-Time Global News

The 1991 Gulf War marked a turning point. For the first time, a major military conflict was broadcast live to the world in real time. CNN's coverage of the bombing of Baghdad created a new kind of war reporting: immediate, continuous and global.

This created a paradox. On one hand, audiences worldwide could see a war unfolding without waiting for newspapers or official statements. On the other, the saturation of imagery raised questions about framing and manipulation. Were viewers seeing the whole truth or a spectacle curated for mass consumption?

Nevertheless, the genie was out of the bottle. No major event could remain hidden anymore.

Seeds of the Internet Age

By the late 1980s and early 1990s, the pieces were in place for an information revolution. Cable and satellite television broke through national barriers. Personal computers put power into individual hands. Early networks hinted at a new, participatory model of communication.

Most importantly, citizens across the world had tasted a new expectation: access to information beyond what their governments or local broadcasters allowed. The cracks in the wall of controlled truth were widening and through them, a flood was coming - the internet.

Chapter 3 – The Dot-Com Dawn (1990s–2000s)

By the early 1990s, the cracks in the broadcast wall had widened into open channels. Cable and satellite television had multiplied viewpoints and personal computers had introduced a new logic of communication: networks of peers rather than one-way broadcasts. Out of this convergence emerged the most transformative technology since the printing press - the internet.

The “dot-com dawn” was messy, chaotic and full of hype. But it permanently shifted the balance of information from institutions to individuals. For the first time ordinary people could publish, communicate and transact with a global audience. The principle that had been hinted at in television and early networks - that truth would spread faster as technology decentralised - was now unleashed on a scale no one had anticipated.

The Birth of the World Wide Web

The internet had existed in limited form since the late 1960s, first as ARPANET, a U.S. defence project connecting research institutions. Through the 1980s, it grew into a patchwork of academic and military networks. But it was still confined to specialists.

That changed in 1991, when Tim Berners-Lee, a British computer scientist at CERN, introduced the World Wide Web. By combining hypertext with the internet’s underlying protocols, Berners-Lee made it possible for anyone to create and navigate “web pages” with links. In 1993, the release of the Mosaic browser - with its point-and-click interface and ability to display images alongside text - brought the web to the public.

Almost overnight, the internet transformed from a technical network into a social one.

Global Adoption and Cultural Shifts

By the mid-1990s, governments, universities and private companies around the world rushed to connect. In the United States, AOL mailed millions of trial CDs, introducing households to dial-up internet. In Europe, ISPs proliferated, offering subscriptions to families and businesses. In Japan, NTT and others rolled out infrastructure, while South Korea invested heavily in high-speed connections, soon becoming one of the most wired societies on Earth.

In Africa and South Asia, internet access spread more slowly but with enormous impact. Universities in Nigeria and Kenya set up some of the first nodes, while India’s burgeoning tech sector in Bangalore built software for global clients. By the late 1990s, cybercafés appeared from Cairo to Manila, giving entire communities a first taste of global connectivity.

For many, the internet became the first truly borderless experience of information.

The Dot-Com Boom

The arrival of the internet coincided with an explosion of entrepreneurial energy. From 1995 to 2000, thousands of companies launched websites, promising to revolutionise everything from shopping to media to education. Amazon began as an online bookstore in 1994; eBay introduced online auctions in 1995; Google appeared in 1998 with its now-famous search algorithm.

Stock markets fuelled the frenzy. Investors poured billions into internet startups, convinced that the web would replace brick-and-mortar business overnight. By 2000, the Nasdaq index in the U.S. had quintupled in just five years. Similar enthusiasm spread worldwide - from London's "Silicon Roundabout" to Bangalore's tech parks to Israel's booming software sector.

But the hype outpaced reality. Many companies had little more than websites and vague business plans. When the bubble burst in 2000–2001, trillions of dollars evaporated. Skeptics declared the internet a fad.

Beyond the Hype: Lasting Change

Yet beneath the wreckage, the foundations of the digital world remained. The companies that survived - Amazon, Google, eBay - became global giants. More importantly, the dot-com boom had built the infrastructure: undersea cables, data centres, software tools and a generation of people accustomed to living online.

Perhaps the most profound shift was cultural. The internet changed expectations. Citizens wanted faster access to news than television could provide. Consumers expected to shop from home. Students and hobbyists expected free access to information. The internet was not a passing fad - it was a new operating system for society.

The Rise of Citizen Publishing

The late 1990s and early 2000s also saw the rise of individual publishing. Blogging platforms like LiveJournal (1999), Blogger (1999) and later WordPress (2003) allowed anyone to share their thoughts with a global audience. Online forums and early social sites such as Friendster (2002) and MySpace (2003) built communities across borders.

This was the beginning of truth without gatekeepers. Independent journalists could bypass newspapers. Activists could bypass television. A single individual with a blog could challenge narratives once controlled by states or corporations.

In South Korea, citizen media platform OhmyNews (founded in 2000) became famous for the motto: "Every citizen is a reporter." Its crowdsourced reporting influenced elections and inspired similar efforts worldwide. In Iran, online forums and blogs became crucial spaces for political dissent in the early 2000s, when state media offered no room for opposition voices.

The Digital Divide

But the dot-com dawn was not experienced equally. In North America, Western Europe and parts of East Asia, internet access became widespread by the early 2000s. Elsewhere, it lagged behind. In much of Africa, Latin America and South Asia, connectivity was limited to urban elites. This digital divide reinforced existing inequalities, leaving billions outside the new flow of information.

Still, the trajectory was clear. The cost of connectivity was falling, mobile networks were expanding and new undersea cables were being laid. Even those left behind in the 1990s would join the online world in the decades to come.

Seeds of Distrust - Again

The internet promised transparency, but cracks soon appeared. The same technology that allowed individuals to publish freely also allowed misinformation to spread. Scams, rumours and conspiracy theories found audiences online. Corporations began experimenting with targeted advertising, laying the groundwork for the surveillance economy that would dominate in the 2010s.

Governments also adapted. China, which connected to the internet in 1994, quickly built the “Great Firewall” to filter content and monitor citizens. In Russia, independent online media briefly flourished in the late 1990s, but by the 2000s the state had begun reasserting control.

Even in liberal democracies, questions arose: Was the internet truly democratising information or simply creating new monopolies and new forms of manipulation?

The Legacy of the Dot-Com Dawn

Despite its flaws, the dot-com dawn permanently altered the global flow of truth. What television had done for mass perception, the internet did for participation. Individuals became producers as well as consumers of information. Truth was no longer simply what appeared on the evening news - it was contested, debated and redefined online.

The 1990s and early 2000s ended with uncertainty. The dot-com bubble had burst, raising doubts about the economic model of the web. Yet the deeper revolution had only begun. A decentralised, participatory information ecosystem had been born and its consequences would unfold over the decades to come.

Chapter 4 – Social Media and the Attention Economy (2000s–2010s)

If the 1990s introduced the internet as a tool for connection, the 2000s and 2010s defined how people would actually live online. Out of blogs, forums and early networking sites grew the behemoths of social media: Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram and their many regional counterparts. These platforms did not just connect friends - they rewired politics, culture and economics.

But the rise of social media carried a paradox. On one hand, it democratised expression more profoundly than any medium before. On the other, it birthed a new economy built on attention - where human focus was harvested, sold and weaponised. Truth spread faster than ever, but so did lies.

The Rise of Social Platforms

The story began with platforms like Friendster (2002) and MySpace (2003), which popularised the idea of building an online social identity. Then, in 2004, Facebook launched from a Harvard dorm room. Within a few years, it expanded worldwide, eventually becoming the largest social platform on Earth.

YouTube (2005) opened the era of online video, letting anyone upload and broadcast globally. Twitter (2006) compressed communication into 140-character bursts, amplifying immediacy. Instagram (2010) tapped into the power of visuals, turning smartphones into portals of lifestyle storytelling.

Globally, alternatives proliferated. China's Tencent launched QQ and later WeChat, which became an all-in-one ecosystem. Russia had VKontakte (VK). In Africa, services like Mxit in South Africa became wildly popular in the pre-smartphone era. India and Southeast Asia saw massive growth in platforms as mobile adoption surged.

Within a decade, social networks had woven themselves into the fabric of daily life.

The Attention Economy

Social media platforms were free to use - but that did not mean they were free. Instead of charging money, companies monetized attention. Every post, like, share or comment became data. Algorithms learned what kept people engaged, then optimised for it.

This created the attention economy, in which the most valuable commodity was not content itself, but the ability to hold human eyes and minds.

On one level, this fuelled creativity. Independent musicians, comedians, teachers and activists gained global audiences without needing publishers or broadcasters. A viral video could launch a career overnight.

On another level, it fostered distortion. Outrage, fear and sensationalism proved more “engaging” than nuance or truth. Algorithms amplified the extreme because extremes captured attention.

Social Media and Politics

The political impact was seismic.

United States (2008 & 2016): Barack Obama's 2008 campaign was one of the first to harness social media for grassroots organising and fundraising. Eight years later, Donald Trump's 2016 campaign weaponised Twitter and Facebook's ad targeting to amplify polarising messages.

Middle East (2011): The Arab Spring uprisings showed social media's liberating power. Protesters in Tunisia, Egypt and beyond used Facebook and Twitter to coordinate demonstrations and share real-time updates with the world. Authoritarian regimes were caught off guard - though many later adapted, using the same tools for surveillance and propaganda.

India & Myanmar: Social media also fuelled darker turns. In India, WhatsApp became a vector for misinformation that inflamed communal tensions. In Myanmar, Facebook posts were implicated in spreading hate speech against the Rohingya minority, with devastating consequences.

Europe: Movements like Spain's Indignados and the rise of populist parties across the continent owed much to digital mobilisation.

Social media had become a battlefield for truth.

The Globalisation of Influence

By the 2010s, social platforms were not just communication tools - they were global influence machines. Facebook had over 2 billion users, YouTube billions of views daily, Twitter the ability to set news agendas in real time.

Traditional media increasingly took cues from viral online content. Politicians crafted policies to trend. Brands redesigned marketing around influencers. The once top-down media system had inverted: a teenager with a phone could command more attention than a television network.

Yet this power was concentrated in a handful of private companies. Facebook (with Instagram and WhatsApp), Google (with YouTube) and Twitter became new gatekeepers - controlling algorithms invisible to the public, deciding which truths and untruths reached billions.

The Cost of Connection

The benefits of social media were undeniable: connectivity, empowerment and a new layer of global consciousness. But the costs grew clearer with time:

Mental Health: Studies linked heavy social media use with anxiety, depression and feelings of inadequacy, particularly among young people comparing themselves to curated online lives.

Addiction by Design: Platforms engineered infinite scrolls and notification loops to keep users hooked.

Misinformation: Viral falsehoods often outpaced fact-checks.

Surveillance: Data collection practices raised profound questions about privacy, with Cambridge Analytica (2018) exposing how personal data could be weaponised for political manipulation.

The dream of open expression had collided with the realities of profit-driven ecosystems.

Seeds of Resistance

Yet even as the problems became visible, so did solutions. Activists and technologists began building decentralised alternatives - platforms without corporate ownership, powered by blockchain or community governance. Regulators in Europe passed the GDPR (2018), one of the world's first comprehensive data privacy laws. Grassroots media literacy campaigns encouraged citizens to fact-check and question algorithms.

Though still small, these movements hinted at the next stage of truth's evolution.

Legacy of the Attention Economy

The 2000s and 2010s proved that social media could not be dismissed as a trend. It became the primary way billions of people consumed information, formed identities and engaged with the world.

But it also proved that technology alone does not guarantee truth. The very networks that liberated voices also enabled manipulation. The next chapter in the struggle for truth would not be about access alone, but about governance, ethics and sustainability in the digital sphere.

Chapter 5 – Transparency, Surveillance and the Age of Data (2010s–2020s)

By the 2010s, humanity had fully entered the digital age. Smartphones were in every pocket, sensors were in every home and vast amounts of personal data flowed invisibly through corporate and government networks. The dream of the early internet - a free and open space of knowledge - had matured into something far more complex.

This was the decade of contradictions. Never before had so much information been available to so many people. Yet never before had so much surveillance been normalised. The promise of transparency was met by the reality of monitoring - sometimes in the name of convenience, sometimes in the name of security and often in the name of profit.

Truth was expanding, but it was also being contested and commodified.

The Smartphone Revolution

If the web of the 1990s was accessed through bulky desktop computers, the 2010s placed it in the palm of the hand. The iPhone, first released in 2007, ushered in the era of app-based living. By the 2010s android devices spread smartphones across the globe, often at a fraction of the cost.

In countries like Kenya, India and Indonesia, mobile phones leapfrogged desktops altogether. Entire populations came online for the first time, often through affordable data plans and community Wi-Fi. This widened global participation in the digital commons, shrinking the “digital divide” that had marked earlier decades.

But with this convenience came a trade-off: near-total dependency on platforms and ecosystems controlled by a handful of corporations.

The Big Data Economy

Every tap, swipe and click generated data. Tech companies quickly realised that personal information was more valuable than gold. Search queries revealed interests. GPS tracked movements. Likes and shares mapped relationships and emotions.

This became the foundation of the Big Data economy. Firms like Google, Facebook, Amazon, Tencent and Alibaba refined their algorithms with unprecedented behavioural insight. Targeted advertising became not just a way to sell products, but to shape culture and even politics.

The phrase “if you’re not paying for the product, you are the product” captured the uneasy truth: platforms were free because users’ data was being bought and sold.

Surveillance States

Governments, too, seized the tools of mass data collection.

China built a vast system of digital monitoring, from the Great Firewall to facial recognition cameras and the social credit system. Surveillance was embedded into daily life.

United States & Allies were exposed in 2013 when Edward Snowden leaked classified documents showing the NSA's global spying programs, including PRISM, which collected data directly from major tech companies.

Authoritarian regimes in places like Iran, Russia and Turkey tightened control of online spaces, censoring dissent and using social platforms for propaganda.

Democracies also drifted toward surveillance, often justified by counterterrorism. Public debates arose: where was the line between safety and freedom?

The result was a world in which citizens were watched more closely than ever before. Transparency was demanded from the public, while secrecy remained entrenched among those in power.

Whistleblowers and Leaks

Despite this imbalance, the digital era also produced new tools of resistance.

WikiLeaks (founded 2006) published troves of leaked government and corporate documents, from the Iraq War logs to U.S. diplomatic cables.

Edward Snowden (2013) revealed the scale of U.S. and allied surveillance.

Panama Papers (2016) and Paradise Papers (2017) exposed hidden financial networks of the global elite.

Such revelations deepened the principle that technology could force truth into the open. But they also highlighted the risks faced by whistleblowers, many of whom lived in exile or under prosecution.

Data, Democracy and Manipulation

The same data that allowed new insights also enabled manipulation.

The Cambridge Analytica scandal (2018) revealed how personal data from Facebook had been used to influence elections, including Brexit and the 2016 U.S. presidential race. Across the globe, targeted misinformation campaigns became common, blurring the line between persuasion and coercion.

Fake news factories in Macedonia, bot farms in Russia and political micro-targeting in India and Brazil showed that digital truth was fragile. The same platforms that empowered grassroots movements also empowered disinformation at scale.

Regulation and Pushback

By the late 2010s, pushback began.

Europe's GDPR (2018): Introduced sweeping data protection rights, forcing companies to be more transparent about data use.

Public backlash: Hashtags like #DeleteFacebook trended, while movements for digital detox and ethical tech gained traction.

Rise of alternatives: Open-source, privacy-focused tools like Signal, Mastodon and ProtonMail grew as people sought independence from corporate platforms.

Still, the gravitational pull of convenience kept billions locked into big tech ecosystems.

The Pandemic Catalyst (2020–2021)

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated everything. Remote work, online schooling, telemedicine and e-commerce became global norms. Governments deployed tracking apps to monitor virus spread. The internet became not just an extension of life but its backbone.

At the same time, the crisis revealed the dangers of misinformation. Conspiracy theories about the virus, vaccines and government responses spread widely online, undermining public trust. The tension between free speech, truth and harm became sharper than ever.

Legacy of the Data Age

The 2010s–2020s cemented the world as a data civilisation. Every action, from ordering groceries to joining protests, left a digital footprint.

The paradox of truth deepened: never before had individuals had so much power to expose corruption, share knowledge and demand accountability. Yet never before had corporations and states had so much power to watch, influence and control.

The age of data was not the end of truth's evolution - it was the threshold to a new chapter. The question became not whether technology could spread truth, but who would govern it and in whose interest.

Chapter 6 – Blockchain, Decentralisation and the Search for Trust (2020s–2030s)

By the 2020s, the world was awash in data. Social media, surveillance and algorithm-driven platforms had transformed communication, commerce and politics. Yet alongside this growth, distrust was rising. Governments, corporations and even traditional media were increasingly viewed with skepticism. In this environment, a new technology emerged that promised something radical: trust without intermediaries.

That technology was blockchain.

The Birth of a Trust-less System

The first widely recognised blockchain, Bitcoin, was introduced in 2009 by the pseudonymous Satoshi Nakamoto. Initially, it was dismissed as a curiosity for tech enthusiasts - a digital currency with no central authority. But its principles were profound:

Decentralisation: No single entity controlled the ledger.

Immutability: Once recorded, transactions could not be altered.

Transparency: Anyone could audit the ledger, making fraud nearly impossible.

Bitcoin proved that a system could operate without trusted intermediaries - no banks, no corporations, no government needed to enforce trust.

Over the next decade, Ethereum (2015) and other blockchains expanded the possibilities, introducing smart contracts, self-executing code that could automate agreements. Suddenly, decentralised finance, supply chain tracking and even governance experiments became possible.

Global Adoption and Experiments

The blockchain revolution was not confined to the United States or Europe. Across the globe, innovators experimented with the technology:

Asia: China launched pilot digital yuan projects, exploring state-backed blockchain applications. Japan and South Korea developed decentralised finance platforms that integrated with traditional banking. Singapore became a hub for blockchain-based trade finance.

Africa: Kenya and Nigeria led the charge in blockchain for remittances and secure identity systems, helping populations underserved by traditional banks.

Europe: Estonia, already a digital government pioneer, explored blockchain for e-residency, secure voting and healthcare records.

Latin America: Venezuela and Argentina saw cryptocurrency adoption as a hedge against inflation and unstable banking systems.

These global experiments revealed a central truth: blockchain was not just about currency; it was about creating systems that could be trusted without trusting anyone in power.

The Principle of Transparency

The 2020s saw the first serious attempts to apply blockchain to governance and accountability. Open-source ledgers offered a radical model: every citizen could verify budgets, contracts and public spending.

For example, pilot programs in cities like Dubai and Barcelona tested blockchain-based procurement systems. Fraud and mismanagement dropped dramatically where these systems were implemented. The principle was simple: when data is immutable and publicly auditable, deception becomes harder.

This concept resonated globally. Citizens had long been frustrated by opaque institutions and the monopolisation of information. Blockchain offered a technical solution to a political problem: trust built into the system itself, rather than imposed by elites.

Challenges and Limitations

Despite its promise, blockchain was far from perfect.

Energy Consumption: Early proof-of-work blockchains, like Bitcoin, consumed enormous amounts of energy. Newer consensus methods, such as proof-of-stake, began addressing this issue.

Scams and Speculation: The initial crypto boom attracted thousands of tokens and projects, many of which were fraudulent. Education lagged behind adoption.

Centralisation Pressures: Exchanges, mining pools and corporate partnerships sometimes reintroduced central points of failure.

Regulatory Resistance: Governments struggled to balance innovation with consumer protection and financial stability.

Even with these limitations, blockchain's underlying principles were proving transformative. It offered a vision of systems where trust is distributed, transparent and verifiable by anyone.

Blockchain Beyond Finance

By the late 2020s, blockchain experiments expanded into multiple sectors:

Supply Chains: Walmart, Nestlé and others implemented blockchain to track food safety from farm to table, reducing fraud and waste.

Healthcare: Patient records were stored securely, accessible only to authorised parties, yet fully auditable.

Identity: Digital IDs and credentials provided privacy and security while giving individuals control over their data.

Voting: Pilot programs allowed citizens to cast ballots on blockchain systems, ensuring transparency and reducing tampering risks.

These experiments revealed a broader principle: decentralisation can extend beyond money to governance, media, education and even the environment.

The Global Implication

The blockchain movement coincided with rising distrust in central authorities worldwide. From anti-corruption protests in Latin America to anti-surveillance movements in Europe, citizens increasingly demanded systems that cannot lie or cheat.

Blockchain did not magically solve all problems, but it created a technical foundation for global transparency. Unlike centralised networks - whether governments, banks or social media - blockchain systems could operate independently, resistant to censorship and auditable by anyone.

The technology was still young, but the trajectory was clear: trust could be engineered into networks rather than granted by institutions. This principle would guide the next phase of societal evolution: the creation of more transparent, accountable and participatory global systems.

Legacy of the Early Blockchain Era

The 2020s marked the beginning of a profound shift: from centralised, opaque systems to distributed, auditable networks. For the first time in history, technology could guarantee a level of transparency previously impossible.

The lessons of the broadcast era, the internet, social media and the age of data all converged:

Visibility matters: Citizens demand to see what is happening.

Access matters: Individuals must have the tools to engage and verify.

Independence matters: Systems that rely on single points of control are vulnerable to corruption.

Blockchain offered a glimpse of a future in which these lessons could be codified into the very architecture of society.

Chapter 7 – From Platforms to Protocols (2030s)

By the 2030s, the global tension between centralised power and individual agency reached a turning point. The lessons of the past century - from broadcast television to social media and the age of data - were now being applied to design systems that were inherently transparent and resistant to manipulation.

The era of platforms - centralised social networks, banks and government services - began to give way to protocols: open, decentralised frameworks where trust was embedded in code rather than enforced by authority.

The Rise of Decentralised Protocols

Protocols differed from platforms in a fundamental way. Platforms, like Facebook or Google, controlled the rules and flow of information. Users could participate, but the system was ultimately private property. Protocols, by contrast, were open-source, auditable and community governed.

By the early 2030s, experiments in governance, finance and media began to migrate to protocols:

Financial systems: Decentralised finance matured beyond speculative tokens, offering stable, borderless and transparent alternatives to traditional banking. People in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia gained access to financial tools without intermediaries or state-controlled banks.

Media and publishing: News organisations, investigative reporters and citizen journalists began publishing directly on decentralised networks. Blockchain-based verification ensured content authenticity, drastically reducing misinformation.

Government services: Pilot cities in Europe, Africa and Asia used blockchain for budgeting, voting and public record-keeping. Citizens could track government spending in real time, audit contracts and participate in policy decisions directly.

These protocols were not controlled by a single company or state. Instead, governance was distributed among users, giving power back to individuals.

A Global Shift in Trust

The historical arc from television to blockchain demonstrated a clear pattern: visibility, access and verification gradually undermined centralised control. In the 2030s, these lessons converged in global systems designed for trust.

For example:

In Kenya, blockchain-based identity systems enabled citizens to securely vote, open bank accounts and access government benefits, all without reliance on legacy institutions.

In Estonia, digital governance matured further, allowing residents to propose and vote on local policies via auditable protocols, creating a new form of participatory democracy.

In India, decentralised supply chains ensured transparency in agriculture, helping farmers receive fair compensation while reducing corruption and waste.

Across the globe, people began experiencing a world in which systems themselves were honest by design, reducing the need for intermediaries or gatekeepers.

The Decline of Centralised Gatekeepers

As protocols became mainstream, traditional platforms began to lose dominance. Social networks that once controlled attention were gradually replaced by decentralised social apps where users owned their data and earned rewards for participation.

Corporate media also evolved. Subscription-based, community-audited platforms replaced ad-driven monopolies. Transparency in funding and editorial processes allowed readers to judge content credibility for themselves.

Even governments adapted. While full decentralisation of national systems was still politically challenging, many integrated blockchain protocols into public services to improve efficiency, reduce fraud and increase citizen trust.

Challenges and Lessons

Transitioning from centralised platforms to decentralised protocols was not smooth. Key challenges included:

Education and usability: Early blockchain systems were complex. By the 2030s, widespread adoption depended on intuitive interfaces, mobile integration and local-language support.

Regulatory coordination: International frameworks were needed to prevent misuse of decentralised finance, digital identity or smart contracts.

Environmental impact: Energy-efficient consensus algorithms replaced energy-intensive proof-of-work methods, making decentralised networks sustainable at scale.

Security and resilience: Decentralised systems required robust protocols to defend against fraud, hacking and network attacks.

These obstacles were surmountable because history had already shown the consequences of centralised, opaque systems: corruption, inequality and distrust. Protocols were designed with these lessons in mind.

The Social Impact

By embedding transparency and audibility into the architecture of society, decentralised protocols reshaped human expectations:

Citizens became active participants, not passive consumers of information or services.

Global collaboration increased, as borderless protocols allowed knowledge, resources and governance models to spread rapidly.

Trust shifted from personalities and institutions to systems, creating resilience against corruption, misinformation and monopoly power.

Communities could now organise, educate and coordinate at a scale previously unimaginable. The technology of trust had arrived.

Legacy of the Protocol Era

The 2030s marked the pivot from digital visibility to digital integrity. Just as television revealed truth visually, the internet enabled mass participation and social media centralised attention, protocols embedded truth structurally.

History had prepared humanity for this moment. Centuries of media evolution had trained people to value transparency and access. Now, technology was finally aligning with these principles.

The next decades would see this trend deepen, moving society toward a world where truth is not just visible, but verifiable and built into the systems that govern daily life.

Chapter 8 – A Transparent Global Society (2040s–2050s)

By the 2040s, the seeds planted over a century - from broadcast television to decentralised protocols - had grown into systems that fundamentally redefined governance, media and social organisation. Technology had matured into a framework where transparency was not optional but embedded in the infrastructure of society.

This was the era in which humanity began to experience what truth without intermediaries could actually achieve: a global society where accountability, sustainability and shared prosperity became possible at scale.

Global Governance Reimagined

The first major shift was the transformation of governance. National governments, long criticised for opacity and corruption, integrated decentralised protocols to allow citizen participation in real time.

Budget Transparency: Citizens in Brazil, South Africa and South Korea could audit public spending instantly. Blockchain-based ledgers automatically flagged irregularities, reducing waste and fraud.

Participatory Policy Making: Communities proposed, debated and voted on policies via open-source governance networks. Local governments in Europe and Asia piloted these systems, creating a feedback loop where citizens shaped decisions directly.

International Cooperation: Global treaties on climate, trade and health were tracked through auditable protocols. Nations could no longer claim false compliance - the data spoke for itself.

The result was not utopian perfection, but a measurable increase in trust and efficiency. Citizens no longer had to rely solely on representatives or bureaucracies; systems themselves were accountable.

Media and Information in the Transparent Age

News and media, historically prone to bias, manipulation or centralisation, underwent a parallel transformation.

Verified News Networks: Journalists published on decentralised networks with embedded provenance. Each fact, source and edit was traceable. Readers could audit claims and assess credibility directly.

Global Collaboration: Reporters across continents collaborated in real time on investigations. Stories about environmental disasters, human rights abuses or corruption reached global audiences simultaneously, unfiltered by corporate or political interests.

Community-Led Fact Checking: AI and blockchain worked together to cross-verify information. Falsehoods were flagged almost instantly, while accurate reporting was rewarded via decentralised incentives.

The result was a world in which information scarcity was replaced by accountability and verification. Truth became measurable.

Sustainable Resource Management

The transparency revolution extended beyond governance and media into environmental stewardship.

Global Supply Chains: From Africa's mineral exports to Asia's manufacturing hubs, every step was tracked on decentralised ledgers. Illegal practices, exploitation or environmental violations were visible to regulators and consumers alike.

Carbon and Resource Accounting: Blockchain and IoT systems enabled precise monitoring of carbon emissions, water usage and energy consumption. Governments and corporations could no longer hide harmful practices and global compliance improved dramatically.

Community Incentives: Local populations earned rewards for sustainable practices, creating alignment between individual action and planetary health.

By embedding accountability into the very flow of resources, humanity began to reverse centuries of ecological neglect.

Economic Inclusion and Equity

Decentralised finance and protocols had matured into tools for global inclusion:

Universal Access: Citizens in previously underserved regions gained access to banking, education and markets via smartphones and low-cost networks.

Transparent Economics: Smart contracts ensured fair trade and labor practices. Workers and small-scale producers could transact globally without intermediaries taking disproportionate profits.

Decentralised Wealth Redistribution: Tokenised systems allowed communities to pool resources for infrastructure, healthcare and education, bypassing bureaucratic inefficiencies.

Inequality persisted, but the mechanisms to address it were now visible, enforceable and participatory.

Education and Global Knowledge Sharing

Education evolved into a decentralised, global network.

Open Knowledge Protocols: Textbooks, curricula and research were freely available and continuously updated via collaborative platforms. Students worldwide learned from shared, verified sources.

Adaptive Learning: AI tutors personalised instruction, bridging gaps caused by local disparities.

Citizen Science: Communities participated in research, from environmental monitoring to medical studies, contributing data verified on decentralised networks.

The result was a globally connected, self-updating education ecosystem that finally narrowed the knowledge gap between nations.

Social and Cultural Integration

With transparent systems in place, global collaboration extended beyond economics and governance into social and cultural life:

Digital Citizenship: Citizens had identities verified on secure, decentralised networks, enabling participation in global communities while preserving privacy.

Cross-Cultural Projects: Music, art, scientific research and policy initiatives became collaborative efforts spanning continents.

Conflict Reduction: Transparency in resource management, media and governance reduced misunderstandings and incentivised cooperative problem-solving.

Technology did not erase cultural diversity but amplified understanding and shared responsibility.

Challenges and Resilience

Even in this era, challenges remained:

Governance Complexity: Large decentralised systems required sophisticated algorithms and continuous monitoring to avoid bottlenecks or exploits.

Technological Dependence: Societies had to maintain robust networks to prevent vulnerabilities from cascading into systemic failures.

Ethical Oversight: AI and automated systems required oversight to ensure fairness, prevent bias and maintain human-centred values.

However, history had shown that humanity adapted. From television to blockchain, each technological leap had been accompanied by learning, regulation and social adaptation. The 2040s leveraged these lessons at a planetary scale.

Legacy of the Transparent Global Society

By mid-century, transparency was no longer an aspiration - it was a foundation. Governments, corporations and citizens operated in ecosystems where information was verifiable, decisions were auditable and trust was encoded into the system itself.

What had begun as a century of truth - visible through broadcast images, then decentralised networks - had matured into a world in which accountability, collaboration and sustainability were embedded in the infrastructure of society.

The stage was set for humanity to confront the ultimate challenge: ensuring that technological power aligned with the long-term survival and flourishing of both people and planet.

Chapter 9 – The Century Ahead: 2050–2125

As the mid-21st century unfolded, the transparency and decentralisation frameworks established in the 2030s and 2040s became the foundation for a new era of human civilisation. From global governance to environmental stewardship, education and social organisation, the lessons of the past century coalesced into systems designed for fairness, sustainability and resilience.

This chapter projects a possible trajectory for the century ahead, grounded in historical patterns of technological and social evolution.

2050s–2070s: Global Coordination and Planetary Stewardship

The protocols of the 2030s matured into globally interoperable networks:

Climate and Environmental Management: Sensors and decentralised monitoring networks tracked forests, oceans and atmospheric systems in real time. Every nation, corporation and community contributed to and could audit climate data, ensuring accountability for emissions, pollution and resource use.

Global Supply Chains: Fully transparent supply chains minimised exploitation and waste. Consumers and governments could trace every product, from raw material to finished good, ensuring ethical production practices.

Resource Sharing: Water, energy and mineral resources were allocated dynamically through decentralised, algorithmically optimised systems. Conflicts over scarce resources became rare, as visibility and equitable distribution replaced secrecy and unilateral control.

Global cooperation was no longer aspirational - it was technically embedded into the systems themselves.

2070s–2090s: Social Systems and Universal Opportunity

By the latter half of the century, decentralisation transformed social systems:

Education: Lifelong, personalised learning networks allowed anyone, anywhere, to acquire skills and knowledge verified through decentralised credentialing. Education became a universal right, accessible and constantly updated.

Healthcare: Patient data and medical research were shared globally on secure, auditable networks. AI-driven diagnostics and decentralised production of pharmaceuticals ensured that treatment and preventive care were equitable and efficient.

Governance: Citizens participated directly in decision-making via auditable digital voting systems. Policies reflected collective needs and were continuously refined using real-time data on social outcomes.

Inequality shrank as participation, information and resources became globally accessible rather than locally hoarded.

2090s–2125: The Emergence of a Truly Transparent Civilisation

By the early 22nd century, humanity had reached an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability:

Energy Abundance: Renewable and fusion-based energy systems, monitored and managed through decentralised networks, eliminated energy scarcity.

Ecological Restoration: Deforested areas, overfished oceans and polluted rivers were systematically restored using coordinated global efforts. Transparency ensured that progress was verifiable and irreversible.

Cultural and Knowledge Integration: Humanity operated in a globally connected intellectual commons. Scientific discoveries, artistic creations and cultural knowledge flowed freely across borders. Every citizen could contribute, access and verify information.

Decentralised Governance at Scale: Cities, nations and continents were governed through interlinked protocols, providing oversight, dispute resolution and ethical enforcement in real time. Corruption became nearly impossible because all decisions and resource flows were transparent and auditable.

This era marked the culmination of a century-long arc from mediated truth to codified transparency.

Technology as an Extension of Human Values

The trajectory of the century demonstrates a key principle: technology alone does not guarantee fairness or sustainability - values must be embedded in systems. Blockchain, AI, sensors and decentralised networks became instruments for reinforcing ethical behaviour and collective responsibility.

History shows that centralised power tends to concentrate, leading to inequality and secrecy. By contrast, decentralised systems that are transparent, auditable and participatory create resilience and accountability by design.

Society, Ethics and the Planet

By the early 22nd century, human civilisation aligned more closely with three guiding principles:

Transparency: Every action affecting public welfare is visible and verifiable.

Participation: Citizens are co-creators of governance, education and social infrastructure.

Sustainability: Planetary systems are managed equitably, with long-term ecological balance as a priority.

Conflict, misinformation and exploitation have not disappeared entirely, but they are vastly reduced. Societies that ignore transparency and fairness find themselves marginalised, unable to compete in the globally accountable ecosystem.

Reflections on a Century of Truth

Looking back from 2125, the trajectory of the last 100 years is clear:

Television and mass media introduced shared visibility of events.

Personal computing and early networks allowed horizontal communication and participation.

The internet and social media democratised access but also centralised attention and power.

The age of data revealed both the potential for transparency and the dangers of surveillance.

Blockchain and decentralised protocols provided the technical architecture for embedding trust.

The 2040s onward saw the first truly transparent and participatory global systems.

By the early 22nd century, these principles matured into a civilisation where truth, fairness and sustainability are structurally enforced.

This century-long evolution demonstrates a fundamental lesson: truth, once technologically amplified and codified, becomes the backbone of civilisation. Human ingenuity, guided by ethical frameworks, can transform transparency into resilience, participation into equity and technology into a force for planetary stewardship.

Legacy and Hope

The story of 100 years of truth is not merely a history of technology; it is a history of human values realised through technological evolution. It shows how, when transparency, access and verification are prioritised, society can overcome secrecy, corruption and scarcity.

The century ahead, from 2050 to 2125, is a blueprint for what humanity can achieve: a fair, just and sustainable global civilisation, where technology amplifies truth, empowers individuals and safeguards the planet for generations to come.

Conclusion – Reflections on a Century of Truth

From the flickering images of early television screens to the auditable, decentralised networks of the 22nd century, humanity's relationship with truth has evolved alongside technology. Each leap forward - broadcast media, the internet, social media, big data, blockchain and decentralised protocols - has expanded the capacity for transparency, participation and accountability.

This book has traced a clear arc:

Visibility: Television and early media created shared experiences, making events visible to the public and laying the groundwork for collective understanding.

Access: The internet and personal computing democratised information, giving individuals the tools to participate in knowledge creation and civic discourse.

Verification: Social media and the age of data revealed both the promise and perils of connectivity, highlighting the need for systems that make truth verifiable and immutable.

Embedded Transparency: Blockchain and decentralised protocols codified trust into technology, enabling governance, finance and media systems that are auditable, participatory and resistant to manipulation.

Over the course of a century, these layers of progress transformed society from one dominated by centralised control and secrecy into one increasingly defined by transparency, fairness and shared responsibility. The projections outlined in the latter half of this book are not speculative fantasies; they are plausible extensions of historical trends, grounded in lessons from the past and emerging technologies today.

Lessons for the Future

Several principles emerge from this century-long journey:

Technology is not inherently good or evil: Its impact depends on the values embedded in its design. When systems prioritise transparency, equity and sustainability, they can amplify truth and collective well-being.

Participation strengthens society: Citizen involvement in governance, media and social decision-making creates resilience and accountability. Systems that concentrate power are vulnerable to corruption and inefficiency.

Global cooperation is inevitable and necessary: Interconnected supply chains, shared ecosystems and planetary challenges make isolation impossible. Humanity thrives when knowledge, resources and responsibility are shared.

Sustainability must be structural: Long-term planetary and societal health requires embedding transparency, accountability and ethical principles directly into the technologies and institutions we rely on.

A Vision Realised

By the early 22nd century, humanity has the opportunity to inhabit a civilisation where:

Governance is participatory, auditable and accountable.

Information is verifiable, trustworthy and freely accessible.

Economic systems are inclusive, transparent and equitable.

Planetary resources are managed sustainably and fairly.

Technology amplifies human values rather than obscures them.

This is not a utopia in the abstract sense - challenges remain and systems require continuous stewardship. But it is a civilisation aligned with truth, where transparency is the operating principle rather than an afterthought.

The Ongoing Journey

A century of truth demonstrates that progress is iterative. Each new technology builds on prior lessons, amplifying both promise and risk. Television introduced visibility, the internet introduced access, social media tested human attention, big data exposed systemic flaws and blockchain introduced structural trust. The journey continues: every generation inherits the tools and the responsibility to use them wisely.

Ultimately, truth is not merely a property of information; it is a societal practice, a principle embedded in systems and a value cultivated through collective action. When technology and ethics converge, humanity can create a world that is fair, just and sustainable - a world where transparency is not optional but foundational.

Final Reflection

The century from television to the early 22nd century offers a profound insight: technology magnifies human intent. When intent is guided by transparency, accountability and fairness, civilisation itself becomes resilient. Humanity can look forward not just to a more connected world, but to a world where truth is woven into the very structures that shape daily life, empowering individuals, communities and the planet alike.

In this light, the arc of the last 100 years is both history and a guidepost - showing that the pursuit of truth is not only possible but inevitable, provided we design our technologies, institutions and societies with that principle at their core.

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