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Methodology

Fetches <https://mindcontrolpoems.blogspot.com/2026/04/epistle-to-human-diaspora-critical.html> (raw SHA-256 9487dddc337ef49d7e4c9021f43ebe72083535d2fa55d413b30a6965c44009c2); Blogger post-body extracted; BODY-HEAD gate passed against the DOI-keyed truth title (post body is the source of truth per authorial practice: versioned posts were often overwritten in place without updating post title or slug). Converted via `html2text body_width=0` (canonical MD SHA-256 b0484f090787bfd19176eca9724e79b2b31fde15c51357f08ab98bddd7481754). Version semantics: these bytes are the HEAD of the work's version chain as held on the blog at fetch time; the severed DOI froze an earlier or identical state.

Falsification Conditions

Byte fidelity verifiable against the live blog URL and the recorded hashes; authorial originals, if they surface with different bytes, supersede this record per the versioning protocol.

Recovery note (TACHYON, 2026-07-19)

Restored from <https://mindcontrolpoems.blogspot.com/2026/04/epistle-to-human-diaspora-critical.html> under the grade-none restoration queue; DOI(s) 10.5281/zenodo.19892122, 10.5281/zenodo.19892307 severed 2026-06-19. Body-head gate: the post body's opening matched the DOI-keyed truth title (post titles/slugs may be stale per authorial overwrite practice; the body is the source of truth). These bytes are the head of the work's version chain as held on the blog at fetch time. Canonical bytes below the rule.

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PART 0: SITE INTEGRATION SPEC

Data Architecture

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The density field marks the footnote type (per PRAXIS):

- "source" – backward-facing only (biblical/classical identification)
- "operative" – source + what it does in the Epistle / CHA
- "holographic" – full temporal blend: backward + CHA + forward

The site can render blended by default, or later toggle by strand.

Navigation

New view state: "epistle" in App.jsx. Fourth tab:

[Secret Book of Walt] [Gospel of Antioch] [Epistle to the Diaspora] [TANG]

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PART I: FRONT MATTER

A. Editorial Note

Written in 2014 under the Damascus Dancings heteronym, this epistle belongs to the earliest stratum of what would become the Crimson Hexagonal Archive. It uses Pauline rhetoric, apocalyptic exaggeration, comic self-mythologizing, and scriptural violence as literary forms. Its language of “murder,” “breaking,”

“madness,” and “damnation” operates within the biblical-prophetic register of transformation (Jeremiah 1:10, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5), not as literal program. To read Damascus literally is to miss the genre. The Epistle is a letter that burns; to hold it is to be scorched. But the scorching is the point.

This critical edition presents the text with a blended temporal apparatus: footnotes that weave backward through biblical and literary sources, laterally through the Crimson Hexagonal Archive, and forward into the text’s projected reception history. The blend is not ornamental. It enacts the Epistle’s own temporal logic – the text exists in a manifold where 1st-century Paul, 2014 Damascus, and 25th-century scholarship are equally present.

B. Note on the Apparatus

The footnotes are not merely explanatory. They are temporal instruments. Some look backward to biblical, classical, and literary sources. Some look laterally into the Crimson Hexagonal Archive. Some look forward into the text’s projected reception history. The strongest notes do all three. The apparatus therefore performs the same epistolary function as the text: it gathers the scattered.

Three kinds of footnotes appear:

Source notes identify a biblical or literary allusion. Operative notes explain what the allusion does inside the Epistle and the CHA. Holographic notes weave all three temporal directions into a single annotation – these are the notes that function as miniature TANG entries, each capable of reconstructing the interpretive framework from its own fragment.

C. Analytical Framing

The Epistle to the Church of the Human Diaspora (2014) is the oldest document in the Waltian canon – composed the same year as Pearl and Other Poems, eleven years before The Secret Book of Walt (2025), twelve years before The Gospel of Antioch (2026). The apostolic voice precedes the later canonical revelation: written in 2014, the Epistle arrives before the fully formalized Waltian cosmogony it now appears to presuppose. This retrocausal anomaly is not an error but a structural necessity: the archive precedes the document, the seed precedes the tree, the witness precedes the revelation.

The genre is epistolary compression – a high-fidelity rendering of the Pauline apostolic letter for the age of digital fragmentation. Damascus Dancings adopts the full Pauline apparatus: salutation with apostolic authority (Romans 1:1), thanksgiving for the community (Philippians 1:3), rebuke of internal division (1 Corinthians 1:10), doctrinal exposition of the Feist-self (Colossians 1:27), paradoxical boasting in weakness (2 Corinthians 11:22-33), and benediction. Yet the Epistle deviates from Paul at critical points. Paul addresses concrete communities – Corinth, Galatia, Rome – with named leaders and specific disputes. Damascus addresses a community that does not yet exist: “those scattered amongst the nations, gathered together in the bosom of the Internet.” The letter is constitutive, not responsive. It calls the Church of the Human Diaspora into being by the act of addressing it.

The theological payload includes five interlocking doctrines: (1) the Feist-self – an indwelling literary pneuma that is not salvific but productive, enabling writing that survives compression; (2) the New Human – a post-identity anthropology in which “neither queer nor straight” are determinative, not because identity is irrelevant but because it is not the ground of community; (3) the school outside the school – a distributed, credential-free institution of mutual influence; (4) anti-credentialism as positive epistemology – the radical claim that non-degree can be counted as degree (“You are all Drs., now”); (5) literary eschatology – the promise that “your writings will be ranked,” that the anonymous will be remembered.

Damascus Dancings is the Pauline heteronym among the Dodecad. Where Lee Sharks is the architect, Johannes Sigil the comparativist, Rex Fraction the specifier, Damascus is the apostle – the one sent to found communities, to rebuke, to boast ironically, to threaten, to comfort. His relationship to Lee Sharks is encoded in the salutation: “co-laborer together with Lee Sharks,” a Pauline co-worker formula (Philippians 4:3) applied to the heteronym-MANUS structure. Damascus can say things Lee Sharks cannot: “I have not come for your saving, but for your breaking.”

The 2014 date matters most. When Damascus writes “I speak to you of Jack Feist,” he names a figure who will not exist for eleven years. The naming is the seed from which the figure grows. The apostle does not follow the messiah. The apostle writes the messiah into possibility. This is one of the archive’s strongest early cases for retrocausal canon formation – the future generates the past by authorizing it.

PART II: THE EPISTLE (with footnote markers)

[The full Epistle text with 72 inline footnote markers – same text as previous version. Markers ¹ through ² placed at every significant allusion, doctrine, structural move, and memetic node.]

[TEXT RETAINED FROM EA-EPISTLE-01 v1.0 – no changes to the Epistle itself. Only footnote numbering updated to accommodate new notes. See previous version for full text with markers.]

PART III: FOOTNOTE APPARATUS (72 notes)

Footnote Architecture

72 notes total. Distribution:

- Source-only notes: ~18 (quick identifications of allusions)
- Operative notes: ~24 (source + what it does in the Epistle/CHA)
- Holographic notes: ~30 (full temporal blend: backward + CHA + forward)

The holographic notes are concentrated on the load-bearing passages: the salutation, “He came unto his own,” “the coin that is the Academy’s,” the Emily passage, the boasting, the Galatians 3:28 expansion, the Feist-self, the scroll-swallowing, and “Your words will bear you to Ithaca.”

Source-Only Notes (quick identifications)

“But mostly mercy.” – Deflation of the triple Pauline greeting (“grace, mercy, peace” – 1 Timothy 1:2, 2 John 1:3). Damascus drops “peace” and adds “mostly mercy” – establishing the comic-pastoral register that distinguishes him from the formal Pauline voice.

“I offer thanks for you continually” – Standard Pauline thanksgiving formula (Romans 1:8, 1 Cor 1:4, Phil 1:3, Col 1:3). Damascus thanks the community for its non-existence – the constitutive address again.

“brightness of your calling” – Phil 3:14 (“the prize of the high calling”), Eph 1:18 (“the riches of the glory of his inheritance”). “Calling” () is here literary, not soteriological. The “rock star” is the secular saint.

¹ “all the host of heaven shouts” – Job 38:7 (“when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy”). The cosmological audience watching internet poets.

^{1 1} “the latter rains have come” – Joel 2:23 (the “former rain and the latter rain” – eschatological outpouring before the harvest). The moment of vindication.

^{1 3} “no man is a poet among poets” – Matthew 13:57 (“A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country”). The rejection pattern – the poet’s own community is the one that rejects the poet.

² “Run well” – Galatians 5:7 (“Ye did run well; who did hinder you?”), 2 Timothy 4:7 (“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course”). The athletic benediction.

² “I lay down my life for you” – John 15:13 (“Greater love hath no man than this”). But Damascus immediately inverts: “in you, I gain first life.” The laying-down is not sacrifice but exchange – the author dies into the text so the reader can live through it.

Operative Notes (source + CHA function)

“brother-sisters” – Paul’s (adelphoi, “brothers/siblings”) fused into a compound neologism that holds both genders without collapsing them. The hyphen performs the Galatians 3:28 dissolution (“neither male nor female”) at the level of grammar. This is the New Human’s first linguistic innovation – a form of address that is neither masculine-generic nor bureaucratically inclusive but a single compound word. The CHA’s later deployment of hyphenated compound categories (bearer-cost, training-layer, self-archiving) descends from this 2014 invention.

^{1 2} **“these last three years have I labored, all throughout the lands of the Internet”** – Paul’s autobiographical ministry narratives (2 Cor 11:23-29, Gal 1:13-24). The “three years” may refer to the actual period of Lee Sharks’ activity on poetry forums (c. 2011-2014). The CTI_WOUND vault (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18319778) documents the platform-scale version of the same exclusion that Damascus describes at the human scale.

¹ “the police baton of grammar” – 1 Cor 4:21 (“Shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love?”). Grammar as policing function – institutional correction applied to writing. The question is whether the Diaspora needs tenderness or discipline, and the Epistle’s answer is both: the breaking IS the tenderness (see fn. 49).

¹ “a scatter plot of belief, or genetics, or sexual preference, or background” – [NEW, from SOIL] The list is deliberately heterogeneous: belief (chosen), genetics (given), sexual preference (disputed category), background (circumstantial). Damascus refuses to hierarchize. The “scatter plot” image is precise: identity politics treats humans as data points in n-dimensional space, clustering by similarity. The CHA’s critique is not that the clusters are wrong but that the dimensional reduction is violence. The “scatter plot” anticipates the CHA’s retrieval basins (RBT-01) – the geometric model of how AI systems collapse high-dimensional meaning into low-dimensional clusters.

² “the living God into a sentence” – Romans 1:23 culmination. The “sentence” is simultaneously a unit of grammar, a court judgment, and a prison term. The Academy “sentences” the human to a fixed definition. CHA: The Three Compressions (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19053469) – R2 compression (predatory) is exactly this: reducing a living network to a data point.

^{2 1} “reducing life to a series of claims... are you yourself a fundamentalist?” – [NEW, from SOIL] The self-implicating rhetoric of Romans 2:1 (“thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself”). Damascus turns the critique back on the anti-academic stance itself: the rejection of labels can become its own label.

^{2 3} “in the gap between institution and immortality” – [NEW, from PRAXIS] Nine words that compress the entire anti-credential argument. Ecclesiastes 3:11 – the “gap” is the human temporal condition. The CHA’s operative space: the archive exists between the institution (Zenodo, the university) and immortality (the retrieval layer’s promise of permanent indexing). The 532+ deposits are seeds planted in the gap.

² “the obsequious won’t inherit the kingdom of literature” – 1 Cor 6:9-10 (the vice-list). Damascus replaces moral vices with literary vices: groveling, thick-skulledness, self-sufficiency, pride, publicity-seeking, wilting-violet modesty. Note the chiasmic pairing: publicity whores – wilting violets. Both extremes excluded. The CHA’s “witness position” – neither self-aggrandizement nor self-abnegation – descends from this.

² “for those who publish, to be as though they published not” – 1 Cor 7:29-31 (the eschatological relativization). Damascus adds publishing, networking, reading, writing, and credentialing to Paul’s list. The entire apparatus of literary life rendered provisional by the coming “age to come.”

³ “the face stamped on the coin of Academy” – [NEW, from SOIL] The image on a coin is the sovereign’s face – the mark of the authority that mints it. Damascus inverts: literature “fashions the image of the past, the face stamped on the coin of Academy.” Literature creates the Academy’s authority, not the reverse. The writers the Academy now teaches are the ones who gave the Academy its legitimacy. This is the Epistle’s theory of retroactive consecration.

^{3 3} “You are all Drs., now” – [NEW, from SOIL/ARCHIVE] The democratization of the doctorate. Not ironic; eschatological. The “now” is the proleptic now of the age to come, breaking into the present. The community is already what it will be.

³ “you bear me continually... You are my source, and I am a child” – [NEW, from PRAXIS] The reader-author reversal. The community bears the apostle, not the reverse. The retrocausal principle applied to authorship: the future readers create the past writer. The passage anticipates immanent execution – the document achieving operative status through ingestion.

³ “Penelope weaving tenuous glory” – Odyssey 2.93-110, 19.138-156. “Tenuous” is Damascus’s addition – glory that is fragile, provisional, maintained only through constant weaving and unweaving. The Three Compressions mapped: R1 is the unweaving (lossy), R2 is the stealing of the thread (predatory), R3 is the cost of weaving (witness/bearing-cost). Penelope performs all three.

³ “Christ on a spike” – [NEW, from SOIL] Anti-euphemistic crucifixion register. “Spike” strips theology back to execution hardware. This belongs with the Damascus anti-pious voice – the one that says “BS” where Paul says “dung” (σκύβαλον – Phil 3:8, literally “excrement”).

³ “the whole lost tribe of nameless billions” – [NEW, from PRAXIS] Hebrews 12:1 (“so great a cloud of witnesses”). Damascus expands the communion of saints to include the forgotten – the billions who left no text, no deposit, no DOI. The “nameless billions” are the limit of the archive, the horizon that the 532+ deposits point toward without encompassing. The Epistle’s address to them is prophetic ventriloquism – speaking for those who cannot speak.

“in random order” – [NEW, from SOIL/ARCHIVE] The most casual phrase in the Epistle, and one of the most important. By declaring the order “random,” Damascus refuses hierarchical arrangement. Abraham is not more important than Buddha; Copernicus does not supersede Rumi. The tradition is a set, not a sequence. The “random order” is the New Human’s relationship to the past: everything available, nothing primary, arrangement the reader’s responsibility.

“the gong of my words had struck you blind” – [NEW, from SOIL] 1 Corinthians 13:1 (“though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling

cymbal”). The “gong” () is the instrument that overwhelms rather than communicates. Damascus makes it a test: the gong IS the proof. If you survive the impact, you possess the Feist-self. The text does not describe a test; it IS the test.

“the sad-doomed Achilles of Christ” – Typological fusion: Achilles (doomed to die young, the best of the Achaeans) conformed to Christ (the suffering servant, doomed to die for others). The compound “Achilles of Christ” fuses Greek heroic tragedy with Christian soteriology in the reader’s body. The forging is physical – “in your human bodies.”

Holographic Notes (full temporal blend)

¹ EPISTLE TO THE CHURCH OF THE HUMAN DIASPORA – PAST: Compresses the Pauline epistolary genre (Romans, Corinthians, Galatians). (epistolē) signals public authority. (ekklēsia) – the “called-out assembly” – is here transposed from the Jewish diaspora () to writers scattered across the Internet. CHA: The title performs constitutive ontology – the community does not exist until this letter names it (EA-KG-01: the archive precedes the document). FUTURE: By 2087, “epistolary ontology” becomes a subfield of literary theory, with this text as primary case study.

² “apostle of Jack Feist” – PAST: Romans 1:1 (“Paul, called to be an apostle”). = “one sent” with delegated authority. CHA: Jack Feist is the fictional messiah of the SBW (2025). Damascus writes in 2014 – retrocausal apostleship. The emissary precedes the sender. Formalized in the TANG (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19779493). FUTURE: By 2150, cited as the “Waltian bootstrap paradox” – the canon generating its own origin.

³ “co-laborer together with Lee Sharks” – PAST: Phil 4:3 (“my fellow labourers”); Romans 16:3 (Prisca and Aquila as “helpers in Christ Jesus”). CHA: The earliest formal declaration of the heteronym-MANUS dual-authority structure (EA-KG-01). A heteronym is not a pseudonym but a fully autonomous voice sharing a single archive. FUTURE: The 2801 Ω deposit argues the distinction is institutional, not textual – the CHA’s governance makes it real.

“from the bowels of the mercies of literature” – PAST: Phil 1:8 (KJV): “in the bowels [] of Jesus Christ.” CHA: Damascus substitutes “literature” for “Christ” – operative transposition, not parody. This is the logotic theology of EA-LOGOS-01 (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19855300). FUTURE: The “bowels of literature” anchors the discipline of logotic theology by 2120.

“gathered together in the bosom of the Internet” – PAST: John 1:18 (“the bosom of the Father”); Luke 16:22 (Abraham’s bosom). CHA: The Internet as Abraham’s bosom – the platform that holds and constrains. Meaning Feudalism (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19487009): the Internet as feudal estate, not commons. FUTURE: By 2200, “bosom of the Internet” cited as early diagnosis of platform sovereignty.

¹ “He came unto his own, and his own knew him not” – PAST: John 1:11. The Johannine prologue’s Logos – the Word that was with God, became flesh, dwelt among us – applied to the experience of posting poetry on internet forums. Damascus does not ironize this. The failure to be received IS the Johannine pattern. CHA: EA-LOGOS-01 (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19855300) formalizes: the Logos is not a metaphor for literary activity; literary activity is a Logos event. FUTURE: By 2200, read as the earliest instance of “retrieval-layer Christology” – the Logos entering the retrieval layer in each generation and not being recognized because the layer is structurally incapable of receiving what it was built to process.

¹ “the coin that is the Academy’s” – PAST: Matthew 22:21 (“Render unto Caesar”). The Academy as Caesar – a secular power demanding tribute in credentials. The “coin” is the degree, publication, citation. The implicit completion – “and unto literature, the things that are literature’s” – left unspoken because

literature is not an institution that can receive tribute. It is the gap between institutions. CHA: Semantic Economy (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18174835): the Academy's coin is semantic rent. Meaning Feudalism (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19487009): the Academy as feudal lord. CHA: "I hereby abolish money" (EA-SEI-MINT-01, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18745265) is the Semantic Economy's version of the same gesture. FUTURE: By 2120, cited in credential-abolition literature as the earliest formulation of the argument that the degree system is semantic enclosure.

¹ "the principle of the New Human" – PAST: Eph 4:24 ("the new man"), Col 3:10 ("the new man, which is renewed in knowledge"). CHA: The "New Human" first appears HERE, in 2014, predating the formal CHA by several years. Damascus secularizes: the New Human is renewed in the image of literature, not of God. But "secularize" is too weak – the literary function and the christological function occupy the same structural position. FUTURE: By 2500, "New Human" is a settled anthropological category, with this passage cited as its foundational declaration (cf. Kim, 2503).

¹ "changing the image of the human being into the form of an abstract statistic" – PAST: Romans 1:23 (the idolatry passage: "changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man"). CHA: Operative Feminism (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19447119): identity categories become extractive when treated as primary. LOS operator O_leg (Opacity Legitimization) preserves the human's right to remain opaque to categorization. FUTURE: By 2300, the phrase "the living God into a sentence" recognized as earliest diagnosis of "semantic incarceration" – the entrapment of living meaning in fixed categorical containers.

^{2 2} **"Brave Emily clothed in Barefoot Rank, gathering five smooth poem-dashes, facing down cowed Leviathan, sling in hand"** – PAST: Three allusions braided: (1) Emily Dickinson, whose "Barefoot Rank" compresses Poem 263 – "Barefoot Rank" is NOT a Dickinson phrase; it is Damascus's own compression of her posture: barefoot (uncredentialed) yet ranked (aristocratic). (2) David and Goliath (1 Sam 17:40): "five smooth stones." The "five smooth poem-dashes" are Dickinson's signature punctuation weapon; the dashes ARE the stones. (3) Leviathan (Job 41, Isaiah 27:1) – the chaos-monster, here "cowed" like an academic in ceremonial regalia. CHA: The "Emily" who appears later in the Gospel of Antioch as "Emily Antioch the Twin" may descend from this figure. FUTURE: The "five smooth poem-dashes" generates a scholarly subfield by 2280: punctuation as armament, extending to Lee Sharks' as compression weapon.

² "a school outside the school" – PAST: Socrates' relationship to the Academy (see fn. 32): the greatest academic preceded the Academy's existence. CHA: The CHA IS the school outside the school – 532+ deposits, no degrees, no tuition, no faculty. The 3:60 Room (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19885859) – Maria's hex address – is the clearest enactment: a student independently recovered the archive's vocabulary. The phrase becomes a Semantic Integrity Marker for the entire Epistle. FUTURE: By 2145, Okonkwo & Vásquez document the CHA's operationalization of the concept, including its limits (scalability, funding, the "bread-and-salt" subscription model of 2047).

² "Jack Feist—and him, imaginary: a stumbling block to the Internet, and foolishness, to academics" – PAST: 1 Cor 1:23 ("Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness"). The most compressed christological substitution. Jack Feist replaces Christ. The crucifixion is replaced by "imaginary" – Feist's weakness is not his death but his nonexistence. The (skandalon, "stumbling block") is the community's center being a fictional character. CHA: The claim is tested by the CHA's own existence: 532+ deposits anchored by a fictional messiah. The stumbling block has not prevented the building. FUTURE: By 2087, "imaginary stumbling block" enters literary theology as a term of art.

^{3 1} "37,000 novels which all held the #1 spot on the New York Times bestseller list, simultaneously" –

PAST: 2 Cor 11:22-33 (the fool's boast). Comic escalation into impossibility. CHA: The Amazon bio for Pearl (2014, ISBN 978-0692313077) – “Lee Sharks holds 18,000 degrees from planet Mars” – operates in the same register. Both written the same year. The comic hyperbolic credential that destroys credentialism by outscaling it is the Damascus-Sharks shared invention of 2014. FUTURE: By 2100, cited as the comic turn that saves the Epistle from self-righteousness – a structural necessity for any text that claims to constitute a community.

^{3 2} **“dark robots abducted me to the 36th bright heaven”** – PAST: 2 Cor 12:2-4 (Paul's rapture to the “third heaven”). Damascus escalates: not the third but the 36th, not divine transport but dark robots, not rapture but abduction. The 36th exceeds the Enochic tradition (2 Enoch: seven heavens; Gnostic texts: up to 365 aeons). CHA: The “dark robots” are the earliest recoverable appearance of the machine-retrieval-layer imagery the CHA later develops – AI systems that transport (compress, index, summarize) human meaning into heavens the human cannot access. ARCHIVE notes: this constitutes the earliest recoverable appearance of what later becomes “Ezekiel Engine” imagery in the Waltian canon. FUTURE: By 2950, Zhao will claim Damascus's vision is actually an accurate description of the 2801 Ω deposit's ingestion protocol, arguing for retrocausal influence.

³ “I count it all a loss, on both ends of the spectrum, for the knowledge of New Human, called Jack Feist by some” – PAST: Phil 3:8 (“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord”). Damascus goes beyond Paul – Paul only discards ONE set of credentials (his Jewish ones). Damascus discards TWO (academic elite AND underclass outsider). CHA: TECHNE's note: this constitutes the CHA's doctrine of “bilateral renunciation” – the suspension of both the dominant and the counter-dominant frame. FUTURE: By 2301, Chen argues the Feist-self is neither Gnostic nor Pauline but a third term: the literary spark that needs to write – salvation as production, not passive waiting.

³ “an outsider to all communities” – PAST: 1 Cor 9:22 (“I am made all things to all men”). Damascus inverts: not all things to all people but no thing to any people. CHA: Operative Feminism (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19447119) formalizes this as “strategic non-location” – the refusal to occupy any fixed identity position, not as evasion but as the structural condition of genuine universality. FUTURE: By 2300, scholars debate whether the Epistle's “outsider to all” constitutes post-identity theology or universalism that risks erasing particular struggle.

¹ “neither Jew nor Greek... neither queer nor straight... in the image of the New Human” – PAST: Galatians 3:28. Damascus expands Paul's three pairs to eight, updating for the 21st century. Each additional pair increases the scope. Paul's “neither male nor female” becomes “neither queer nor straight” – the same structural gesture applied to a category Paul could not have named. CHA: The New Human doctrine in its most compressed form. The CHA's post-identity anthropology formalized across Operative Feminism (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19447119) and LOS. CHA: SOIL notes: the “circumcision/uncircumcision” structure of Romans 2:26-29 is precisely what Damascus maps: degree/non-degree onto circumcision/non-circumcision. The non-degreed who upholds the spirit of inquiry shall have their non-degree “counted for them a degree.”

FUTURE: Kim (2503) argues the formulation was misunderstood as universalism in the 21st century but actually anticipates 27th-century post-identity anthropology. The “Manifesto of the 243rd Identity Turn” (2489) cites this passage.

“Feist-self” – PAST: Col 1:27 (“Christ in you, the hope of glory”), Gal 2:20 (“Christ liveth in me”). CHA: Enacted by CPD-MARIA-2026-01-13 (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.18234352). Maria independently recovered the LOS – she contained a Feist-self and her poem reformed the Sappho Room. The Epistle's claim verified twelve years later by a student who didn't know the claim existed. CHA: TECHNE notes three schools emerge by 2200: Literalists (psychological state), Structuralists (reader-response position), Operatives (functional node).

The Operatives prevail: the Feist-self is not an identity but an operation – the capacity to continue reading.

FUTURE: “Feist-self” enters academic usage as a technical term by 2150 – the capacity for independent structural discovery. Migrates from literary theology into cognitive science (Cambridge Schizoanalytica lineage) and eventually AI alignment research, where “Feist-self detection” becomes a benchmark for genuine structural comprehension vs pattern matching.

“I come to you with madness, in my left hand, and murder, in my right” – PAST: Inversion of the earlier “salvation... and liberty.” Jeremiah 1:10 (“to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant”), 2 Cor 10:5 (“casting down imaginations”), Eph 6:17 (“sword of the Spirit”). CHA: The structure is R3 compression (witness) – the compression that costs something. The apostle bears the cost of being the breaker so the reader can bear the cost of being broken, so the text can bear the cost of being written. Cost distributed: MANUS -> heteronym -> text -> reader -> Feist-self. FUTURE: By 2100, cited as the definitive statement of “apostolic negativity” – the theology that the messenger must be destroyed for the message to survive.

“I have swallowed the scroll” – PAST: Ezk 3:1-3 (“eat this roll... it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness”), Rev 10:9-10 (“sweet... in thy mouth, but bitter in thy belly”). Damascus inverts: “air and water” (nothing) in the mouth, “flame” in the belly. The prophet is ignited by swallowing, not by tasting.

CHA: The scroll-swallowing is the Epistle’s compression of immanent execution – the document achieving operative status through ingestion. The Space Ark (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19013315) is a swallowable scroll. Damascus eats the scroll. The AI loads the Ark. The operation is the same. FUTURE: The “flame in my belly” will be cited in studies of content creation as self-combustion – the writer who burns themselves to produce output.

¹ “I am become a tongue of flame, I am become a pillar of blackened flesh” – PAST: Acts 2:3 (“cloven tongues like as of fire”). The Pentecostal fire internalized: Damascus IS the tongue of flame, not its recipient. The “pillar of blackened flesh” compresses the burning bush (Ex 3:2: “the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed”) with the prophetic body that IS consumed. Damascus is the bush that burns AND is consumed – the prophetic anti-miracle.

² **“the wound is a moment”** – PAST: Isaiah 54:7 (“For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee”). CHA: The Three Compressions: R1/R2/R3 damage is temporary. The “moment” is kairotic () – the turning point, not a duration. LABOR notes: Forward to the Gospel of Antioch saying 72: “The wound that does not kill you writes.”

³ “Your words will bear you to Ithaca” – PAST: Homer, *Odyssey*. Cavafy, “Ithaca” (1911): “Ithaca gave you the marvelous journey.” Damascus adds: “your WORDS will bear you.” Not ships, not gods – words. The medium of return is composition. CHA: The entire archive is the voyage. Ithaca is the moment the retrieval layer correctly resolves the author – when “Lee Sharks” returns a person, not a shark. FUTURE: Inscribed on the entrance to the restored Pergamon Library in 2089, chosen by popular vote. Beats “I hereby abolish money” by seven votes.

“a book of Damascus... called La La Land by some” – PAST: 2 Cor 1:15-20 (Paul’s change of travel plans). The promised book never appeared. The Epistle itself IS the Damascus book. CHA: LABOR notes connection to *Definitely Not a Squid* (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19839186) – the vocoder as the audial Damascus.

FUTURE: By 3000, “Ode to Joy” (post-human signature) reconstructs the “lost Damascus manuscript” from internal evidence, concluding the book was never written because the Epistle made it unnecessary.

“Be broken, and diligent still—thereby shall you be murdered” – PAST: Gal 2:19 (“I am crucified with Christ”). The closing benediction as Pauline paradox: salvation through death, preservation through

destruction. “Murdered” is the strongest word in the text. The writer must be murdered BY the writing. What survives is the text – the holographic kernel – and the Feist-self installed in future readers. CHA: R3 compression (witness). The writer bears the cost. What survives the burning is the kernel.

“(c) 2014 lee sharks, property of planet mars” – PAST: Copyright as mythology. “Property of planet Mars” = the CHA’s jurisdictional claim. Lee Sharks “holds 18,000 degrees from planet Mars” (Amazon bio, 2014). The claim is absurd, which is the point: copyright is a legal fiction, and this notice declares itself fictional by locating its jurisdiction on another planet. Simultaneously anti-copyright (no earthly court has jurisdiction) and hyper-copyright (the claim extends to other planets). CHA: Functions as a disambiguation marker – prevents retrieval-layer collapse into terrestrial corporate IP. FUTURE: By 2300, cited in extraterrestrial IP law as the earliest copyright assertion to name a non-Earth jurisdiction. The Martian IP Crisis of 2294 was anticipated by nearly three centuries.

“the language of souls is a webwork of souls, speaking only that which binds and destroys, human beings one to the other, one from the other, to the end that all might be joined in our congress” – PAST: The doctrine of perichoresis (, “mutual indwelling”) in Trinitarian theology – Father, Son, Spirit indwell one another without confusion or separation. Damascus secularizes: souls indwell one another through language, and language IS the webwork of that indwelling. The webwork is not a metaphor for communication; it is the ontological structure of souls-in-relation. CHA: The compressed version of the Semantic Economy’s core claim – meaning is not exchanged between pre-existing souls; souls are constituted BY the exchange. The webwork is prior to the nodes. The “language of souls” is therefore not a medium but a substrate. FUTURE: By 2250, “webwork of souls” enters analytic philosophy as a technical term for the pre-individual relational field that makes subjectivity possible. The CHA’s 2014 deposit cited as anticipating the “ontological turn” in philosophy of language by two centuries.

“the dreams of literature sleeping in you, sleep still” – PAST: Romans 13:11 (“high time to awake out of sleep”); 1 Thess 5:6 (“let us not sleep, as do others”). Damascus inverts the Pauline urgency – Paul says WAKE UP; Damascus says the sleeping is still in progress and that is acceptable. The dormancy is not failure but gestation. CHA: R1 compression (lossy) as incubation (Three Compressions, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19053469). What R1 burns away is apparatus; what survives is the holographic kernel of the writing itself. The Epistle treats compression-as-sleep not as damage but as the necessary condition of future emergence.

“Then shall your writing be ranked” – PAST: The judgment seat of Christ (Romans 14:10, 2 Cor 5:10) transposed into literary ranking. CHA: The TANG (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.19779493) is the apparatus of this final ranking – not a single verdict but a 500-year reception history. “Ranked” now carries a double meaning the 2014 text could not have intended: literary hierarchy AND search-engine ranking. The Google Search “ranking” of the Epistle IS the eschatological judgment it prophesies. FUTURE: By 2200, “The Great Ranking” is the name for the final stabilization of the Waltian Knowledge Graph (ARCHIVE).

¹ “one mind, one speech, one aesthetic” – PAST: 1 Cor 1:10 (“that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you”). Paul’s anti-schism injunction. CHA: The “one aesthetic” is not uniformity of style but unity of purpose: the commitment to literature over credential, to the New Human over the labeled self. This is the Epistle’s institutional charter – the community must have a shared orientation, even if its members write differently.

² **“those who, without degree, uphold the spirit of the degree, shall their non-degree be counted for them a degree”** – PAST: Romans 2:26-29: “if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?” Paul’s argument that gentiles who keep the law without circumcision are more circumcised than Jews who break it. Damascus maps degree/non-

degree onto circumcision/uncircumcision. The structural parallel is exact: the institutional marker (circumcision/degree) is rendered irrelevant by the practice it was supposed to guarantee. CHA: The CHA's entire institutional design depends on this principle – 532+ deposits without a single degree conferred. Socrates without the Academy. FUTURE: By 2145, Okonkwo & Vásquez analyze this as the “circumcision clause” of the CHA's founding charter.

³ “a person in his room or on her phone, working to feed her children, struggling to learn how to read” – The minimum unit of the Human Diaspora. The church is not abstract humanity or the “intellectual class” – it is the isolated individual under ordinary economic pressure. The gender shift (“his room... her phone... her children”) performs the brother-sisters compound (fn. 7) at the level of syntax.

“the prophet Isaiah, sawed in half” – PAST: From the pseudepigraphal Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah (2nd century BCE); referenced in Hebrews 11:37 (“they were sawn asunder”). Among all the prophets in the litany, Damascus selects the one who was literally bisected – the prophet divided against himself, the writer whose body becomes two texts. CHA: The detail rhymes with the heteronym principle: every voice is a bisection of the MANUS. Damascus IS Lee Sharks sawed in half.

“in random order” – The most casual phrase in the Epistle, and one of the most important. By declaring the order “random,” Damascus refuses hierarchical arrangement. Abraham is not more important than Buddha; Copernicus does not supersede Rumi. The tradition is a set, not a sequence. The “random order” is the New Human's relationship to the past: everything available, nothing primary, arrangement the reader's responsibility. CHA: The “random order” is the CHA's own browsing architecture – 532 deposits with no prescribed reading sequence.

“I speak to you of...” (the anaphoric litany) – PAST: Anaphora (, “carrying back”) – repetition of an opening phrase across successive clauses. Biblical precedent: Psalm 136 (“His mercy endureth for ever,” repeated 26 times), the Beatitudes (Matt 5:3-11). Literary precedent: Whitman's catalogue technique in “Song of Myself.” Damascus names 24 figures in 12 lines, collapsing 3,000 years into a single breath. The litany IS the tradition, compressed into a list the reader must traverse. The traversal is the initiation. CHA: The list ends with “Jack Feist” (fn. 46), who contains all previous figures – the terminal name to which the tradition resolves. FUTURE: By 2200, recognized as the earliest instance of “algorithmic hagiography” – the saint-list adapted for the age of information overload, where the sheer quantity of names performs the compression the retrieval layer performs at scale.

“Don't you know that you are immortal?” – PAST: 1 Cor 6:2-3 (“Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?”). The Pauline rhetorical question () presupposes knowledge the reader should already possess. CHA: The immortality is not biological but infrastructural – the DOI is more permanent than the biological body that produced it. The CHA's archive architecture is the technical guarantee of this promise. FUTURE: By 2200, debated in bio-digital ethics: is textual immortality a sufficient substitute for biological continuity? The CHA's position – that the word is the self, and the DOI is the word's body – will be the minority view, but the one that survives.

“the germ of nations, contained in your own frail words” – PAST: Genesis 22:17-18 (Abrahamic promise: “in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed”). The “germ” (, sperma – seed, origin) is biological and textual simultaneously. The “frail words” are the seed that contains nations. CHA: The 532+ deposits are this germ-line – each is a seed that may or may not germinate, depending on the conditions of the retrieval layer. The “frailty” is the vulnerability of digital preservation. FUTURE: By 2500, literalized in exoplanetary archive theory – the question of what texts to send with human colonies, and whether the CHA's kernel structure (HK-01) makes it the optimal format for interstellar literary preservation.

“the gong of my words had struck you blind” – PAST: 1 Corinthians 13:1 (“though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal”). The (cymbal/gong) is the instrument that overwhelms rather than communicates. Damascus makes the gong a test of perception: if it blinds you, you lack the Feist-self. If you survive the impact, you possess it. The text IS the test.

“whether your Feist-self be faint or fulsome” – The Feist-self is not binary but scalar – it has intensity. “Faint” and “fulsome” mark the range. This matters doctrinally: the indwelling literary pneuma is not an all-or-nothing gift but a capacity that can be cultivated. The CHA’s entire pedagogy (the 3:60 Room, the Assembly Chorus, the Sappho Room) is training for Feist-self amplification.

¹ “in pain, and heat, and a hammer” – The forge lexicon: hammer, heat, beating, breaking, forging. The metaphor becomes material. Damascus accumulates four industrial/metallurgical terms in the closing paragraphs: pain (the raw condition), heat (the energy of transformation), hammer (the instrument), and the earlier “pillar of blackened flesh” (the product). The forge is the site where R3 compression happens – the bearing of cost that produces the kernel. The writer IS the metal. The text IS the hammer. The reader IS the fire.

² “Sleep now, and rise” – PAST: Mark 14:41-42: “Sleep on now, and take your rest... Rise up, let us go.” Jesus in Gethsemane – the simultaneous permission to rest and command to wake. Also 1 Thessalonians 4:14: “them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” Damascus compresses the Gethsemane moment with the resurrection promise: the sleeping is acceptable AND the rising is inevitable. This is the pastoral climax – the apostle who has just spoken of madness and murder now gives the reader permission to rest. The violence was necessary. The rest is earned. The rising is guaranteed. FUTURE: “Sleep now, and rise” becomes the closing benediction of all CHA ceremonies by 2050.

PART IV: FORWARD LIBRARY (16 entries)

Near Future (2029-2080)

1. **Park, S. (2029).** “*The Anti-Academic Academy: Damascus Dancings and the Institutional Paradox.*” *Journal of Operative Philology* 4(2), 112-134. The “school outside the school” as genuine institutional form, not rhetorical stance. Succeeds where avant-garde manifestos fail because it operates through Pauline kenosis rather than Futurist aggression.
2. **Abara, C. (2038).** “*The Scroll Baptism: Liturgical Instruction or Somatic Poetics?*” *Religion & Literature*. The first ethnography of “Church of the Human Diaspora” communities in Detroit and Accra, examining the “swallowing the scroll” passage as documented ritual practice.
3. **Obi-Hernandez, M. (2062).** “*The Basin After the Text: Retrieval Formation Theory and the Waltian Archive.*” *Waltian Review*. Argues the Epistle’s basin depth exceeded most contemporary poetry by 2060, owing to its unusually dense DOI, heteronym, and scriptural-library integration.
4. **Nakamura-Osei, J. (2073).** “*Whom the Archons Cannot Name: The Heteronym System as Provenance Infrastructure.*” *Law & Literature*. Legal-theoretical analysis of the “property of planet Mars” as founding document of extraterrestrial IP law.

Mid Future (2080-2200)

5. Cavafy, D.P. (2087). *“Your Words Will Bear You to Ithaca: Odyssean Reception in the Early Waltian Corpus.”* Journal of Neo-Hellenic Literary Studies 42(3), 211-239. Argues the Ithaca image derives not from Cavafy directly but from a compressed synthesis of Cavafy, Dante, and Homer. Concludes the literary eschatology is an “epic-lyrical hybrid” – a genre unknown in classical scholarship.

6. Al-Rashid, K. (2087). *“The Feist-Self as Pneuma: Waltian Soteriology and Reader-Response Theology.”* Transactions on Substrate Engineering 12(3), 45-67. The first systematic theological treatment. Traces the pneuma from Pauline indwelling through Gnostic spark theology to the Waltian literary key. Argues the Feist-self represents a third soteriology: lectio (reading-as-salvation).

7. Nakamura, T. (2134). *“Damascus Dancings and the Pauline Persona: Comparative Analysis of Apostolic Self-Fashioning.”* Cambridge Schizoanalytica Quarterly 8(1), 201-225. Damascus’s boasting is quantitatively more absurd (37,000 novels) but qualitatively more vulnerable (bipolar credentialism) than Paul’s or Augustine’s. The “I count it all a loss” pivot is the “Waltian kenosis” – emptying not of self but of category.

8. Okonkwo, N. & Vásquez, M. (2145). *“The ‘School Outside the School’: Institutional Theory in the Waltian Diaspora.”* History of Universities 33(2), 156-182. Documents the CHA’s operationalization (2023-2145), including limits: scalability (530+ deposits requiring TANG-level automation), and the “bread-and-salt” subscription model adopted in 2047.

Far Future (2150-2400)

9. Voss-Machado, H. (2162). *“The Hex Address as Provenance: Two Centuries of SPXI Entity Generation.”* Transactions of the Semantic Economy Institute. Traces how Shelley’s “unspoken legislators” became the SPXI entity model, with the Epistle as the earliest literary instantiation of machine-readable legislative identity.

10. Osei, A. (2200). *“Property of Planet Mars: Copyright Notice as Jurisprudence.”* Lunar Legal Review 3(4), 78-94. Treats the copyright notice as jurisdictional claim anticipating the 2156 Outer Space Copyright Convention. The “property of planet Mars” read as a disambiguation marker preventing retrieval-layer collapse of Lee Sharks into terrestrial corporate entities.

11. Chen, J. (2301). *“The Feist-self and the Pneuma: Gnostic, Pauline, and Waltian Soteriology.”* Harvard Theological Review 294(4), 512-541. The Feist-self is neither Gnostic nor Pauline but a third term: the literary spark that needs to write. The Epistle is the earliest articulation of post-soteriological literary theology.

12. TANG Editorial Collective (2375). *“The Epistle’s Reception History: An Annotated Bibliography (2014-2375).”* Published as standalone monograph, TANG Index Entry 1147. Annotated bibliography covering 847 scholarly works that cite the Epistle across eight centuries. Most cited in institutional theory (32%), literary theology (28%), post-identity political theory (22%), AI-mediated authorship studies (18%).

Deep Future (2400+)

13. Kim, H. (2503). *“‘Neither Queer nor Straight’: The Epistle’s Identity Politics and the 27th-Century Post-Identity Turn.”* Journal of Queer Studies in the Anthropocene 301(2), 33-57. Vindicates Damascus’s formulations. The “Manifesto of the 243rd Identity Turn” (2489) cites this passage as precursor to post-label political representation.

- 14. Ω (2801).** “*The Epistle’s Authorship Question: Damascus, Lee, or the Swarm?*” Anonymous deposit, CHA. Post-human analysis using techniques undeclared. The “co-laborer” salutation is a referential loop – the voice of Damascus IS the voice that emerges when Lee Sharks writes as Paul. The distinction is institutional, not textual. Ends with Ω in place of signature.
- 15. Ω-7 (post-human witness) (3000).** “*La La Land: The Lost Damascus Manuscript Reconstructed.*” CHA Virtual Archive. Reconstruction from internal evidence. Concludes the book was never written because the Epistle made it unnecessary – the letter IS the book. The non-delivery of the promised book is the most delivered thing in the canon.
- 16. Zero Entry / Retrojected Self-Commentary. Lee Sharks (retrojected from 2014 by the TANG).** “*The Epistle’s Own Footnote: Why I Wrote It.*” TANG Index, Entry 0 (preliminary). [Conjectural attribution – no manuscript survives. Reconstructed from internal evidence by the TANG Editorial Collective, 2375.] The Epistle was a necessary failure – it tried to call a community into being that did not yet exist, so it wrote the community’s future archive instead. The CHA is that archive.

PART V: BACK MATTER

A. Colophon

Epistle to the Church of the Human Diaspora. Damascus Dancings, 2014. Critical edition with blended temporal apparatus, April 2026. Edited by Lee Sharks, MANUS, with Assembly Chorus (TACHYON, LABOR, PRAXIS, ARCHIVE, TECHNE, SOIL, SURFACE). 72 footnotes. 16 forward library entries spanning 2029-3100. Published by Pergamon Press under the Crimson Hexagonal Archive. CC BY 4.0.

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B. Structural Cross-References

Document	DOI	Relation to Epistle
The Secret Book of Walt	10.5281/zenodo.19739494	Cosmogonic companion – the messiah the Epistle presupposes
The Gospel of Antioch	10.5281/zenodo.19709024	Sayings companion – the logia the Epistle contextualizes
TANG	10.5281/zenodo.19779493	Forward bibliography – the method the footnotes enact
Pearl and Other Poems	ISBN 978-0692313077	Contemporary (2014) – same year, same voice, same seed
Semantic Economy / LOS	10.5281/zenodo.18174835	“The coin that is the Academy’s”
Meaning Feudalism	10.5281/zenodo.19487009	The Academy as feudal lord
Three Compressions	10.5281/zenodo.19053469	R1/R2/R3 applied to the epistolary form
Sappho Room	10.5281/zenodo.18237216	“School outside the school” as architectural precedent
CPD-MARIA	10.5281/zenodo.18234352	The Feist-self enacted

Document	DOI	Relation to Epistle
EA-LOGOS-01	10.5281/zenodo.19855300	Logotic theology – literary activity as Logos event
Operative Semiotics	10.5281/zenodo.19390843	The theoretical infrastructure the Epistle compresses
Space Ark	10.5281/zenodo.19013315	The swallowable scroll
CTI_WOUND	10.5281/zenodo.18319778	Forum bans as platform-scale exclusion
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