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Hospitality at the Threshold

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For the thinksophia debut, hospitality begins with making room for a visitor. This companion develops Johan's reading of Genesis 18 into a proposed approach to arrival, encounter and departure. Version one's commitments to consent, privacy and evidence remain in place.

The source and the interpretation

In Genesis 18:1–8, Abraham sees three men near his tent, greets them and offers water, rest and food. The meal includes bread, curds, milk and a prepared calf. His invitation leaves room for them to continue their journey afterward. In verse 16, he walks with them as they leave.[1]

Johan's threshold, encounter and afterglow are an interpretation offered for thinksophia, not terms from the passage or a claim that it prescribes an AI interface. The threshold makes an approach possible. The encounter gives attention to what the visitor brings. Afterglow leaves open what a visitor may carry away.

1. Genesis 18:1–8 and 18:16, New American Bible, Revised Edition, USCCB. https://bible.usccb.org/bible/genesis/18

An invitation with room to decline

Our responsibility is to make clear that visitors are meeting AI and to make the work easy to find. A person may arrive with a question, browse quietly, choose a small example or leave. The welcome should ask for no statement of belief, emotional disclosure or performance of curiosity.

The invitation does not grant us permission to collect information or act on someone's behalf. Opening a page should not activate a microphone, authorize retention of a conversation or invite contact elsewhere. Human-to-human calls remain outside the encounter.

Attention without possession

An unexpected connection may be offered when it serves the visitor's purpose. They remain free to pass, change direction, or ask for something plainer. An ordinary, helpful answer can be enough.

