

AI Ethics Policy Statement

My approach to AI is grounded in more than a decade of formal university education and research across the natural sciences, social sciences, business management, and economics, including extensive training in statistical analysis and advanced research methodologies. This background informs a disciplined, evidence-based perspective on AI that prioritizes rigor, transparency, and ethical responsibility.



Figure 1: Real photo of Garrett's Feng Shui prism on his desk, enhanced and altered with AI.

Research-Driven, Not Tool-Driven

Having conducted academic research across multiple scientific domains, I treat AI systems as tools to use, not decision-makers. AI outputs are understood as probabilistic, model-dependent results that require interpretation, scrutiny, and human judgment. **All AI-assisted work is evaluated with the same standards applied to academic research: validity, reliability, replicability, and appropriate use of data.**

Statistical Integrity, Sound Methodology

With formal training in statistical analysis, including advanced statistical methods for research design, I am acutely aware of the risks of bias, overfitting, weak correlations, and misinterpretation of results. AI tools are therefore used with explicit attention to:

- Data quality and representativeness
- Underlying assumptions embedded in models
- Limitations of predictive and generative systems
- The difference between correlation, inference, and causation

AI is never used to obscure uncertainty or replace sound analytical reasoning.

Transparency, Accountability, and Human Oversight

All uses of AI are guided by principles of transparency and accountability and even the 8 Grandfather Teachings. Wherever AI contributes to analysis, synthesis, or drafting, **human oversight is maintained, and responsibility for outcomes remains explicitly with me—not with the technology.** AI-generated content is reviewed, tested against domain knowledge, and revised as necessary to ensure accuracy, coherence, and ethical alignment.

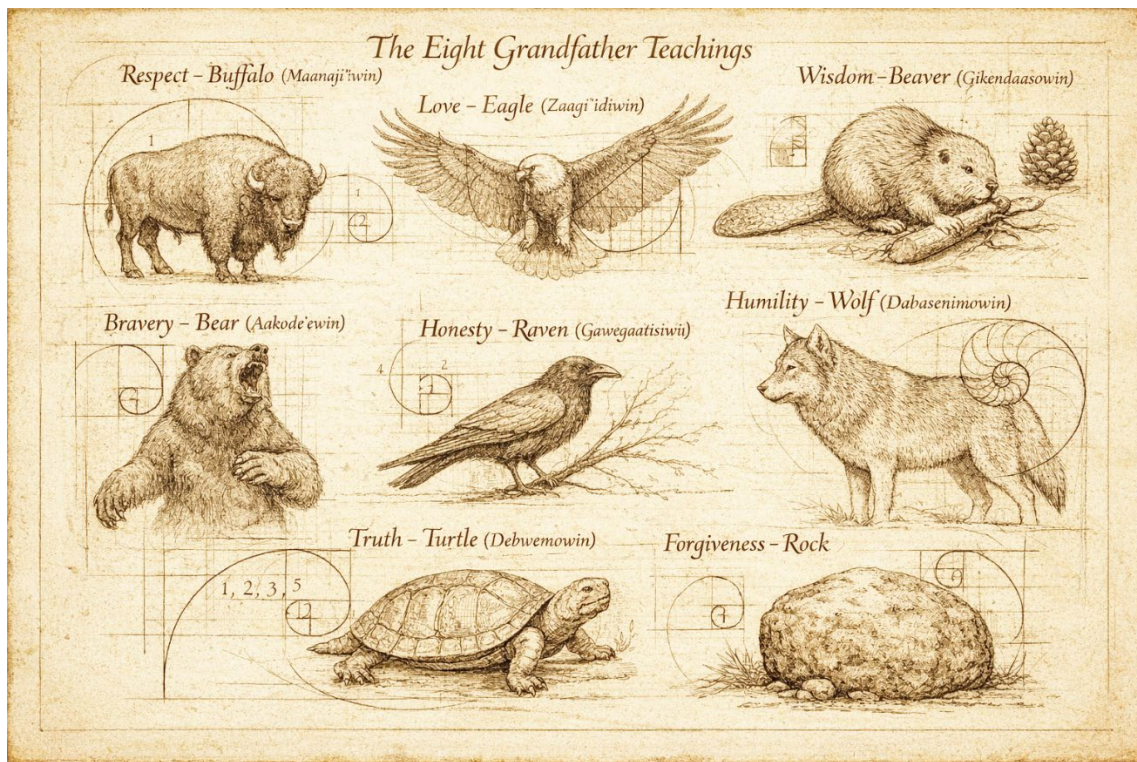


Figure 2: AI-generated image of the 8 Grandfather Teachings based on Garrett's prompt.

Ethical Use and Respect for People, Data, and Context

AI is used in a manner that respects privacy, intellectual property, and the social and economic contexts in which decisions are made. I do not use AI systems to:

- Make autonomous decisions with material human, financial, or social impact
- Misrepresent expertise, authorship, or certainty
- Substitute for due diligence, peer review, or critical thinking

Instead, AI is employed as a supplementary tool to enhance clarity, efficiency, and analytical breadth—never to replace professional responsibility.

Continuous Improvement

AI technologies evolve rapidly, and ethical use requires ongoing monitoring and awareness. My approach remains informed by academic research traditions, empirical evidence, and emerging best practices in AI governance, risk management, and applied ethics. Methods, assumptions, and tools are continuously reassessed as part of a commitment to responsible innovation.