

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

Regarding Printed Works, Trademark Usage, and First-Use

Verification Date: July 24, 2026

State of Texas County of Rockwall

I, John J. Taus, being duly sworn, hereby state and affirm as follows:

1. Personal Information

My name is John Taus. I am over 18 years of age and competent to testify to the matters stated in this affidavit.

2. Role as Witness

I am providing this affidavit as a **neutral third-party witness** to verify the existence, printing, physical presentation, and trademark usage of the creative works authored by **David Todd Bagley** (and where applicable, **Scot Alan Shier**) associated with the **AdamahDō™**, **Artificial vs Actual™**, and **CROWDRANK®** trademark portfolios.

3. Observation of Printed Works & Trademark Artifacts

On **July 24, 2026**, I personally observed and physically handled printed copies and trademark artifacts displaying the appropriate TM or ® marks, including but not limited to:

A. AdamahDōTM Trademark Portfolio**Master Franchise Brand**

- AdamahDōTM

Series Identifier

- The AdamahDōTM Canon

Book Titles

- AdamahDōTM — The Way of the Earth-born, God-Breathed MindTM
- Vocations of AdamahDōTM — Manifestos for Earth-born, God-Breathed MindsTM
- Scrolls of the RuachTM — Spiritual Insights for the Earth-born, God-Breathed MindTM
- Ashes of AdamahDōTM — Soul of the Earth-born, God-Breathed MindTM
- Fellowship of AdamahDōTM — Community of Earth-born, God-Breathed MindsTM
- Champions of the RuachTM — Praxis of the Sevenfold Phoenix ArchitectureTM
- MasekhahDōTM — The Way of the Laminate, the Shadow of TruthTM

Mythic Series

- The Chronicles of AyvariaTM — A Mythic Saga of Light, Shadow, and the Chromatic RealmTM

Series Titles

- A Shadow MenaceTM
- Rise of the WatersTM
- Empire of the Four ThronesTM
- The Realm AwakensTM
- The Last CovenantTM
- Attack of the Blue MeaniesTM
- Return of the SevenfoldTM
- The Breath UnboundTM
- The Architect's CodexTM — The Chromatic SagaTM



Frameworks

- A Canon for Actual Intelligence
- A Non-Kinetic Battleplan for Humanity™

Training Method

- Cognitive Jiu Jitsu™

Platform Brand

- CROWDRANK®

Book Title + Framework

- The RQ Factor™ — Dial Your Mind-Set into Achieving the Pursuit of Happiness™

B. Artificial vs Actual™ Trademark Portfolio

Master Franchise Brand

- Artificial vs Actual™

Series Identifier

- The Artificial vs Actual Project™

Book Titles

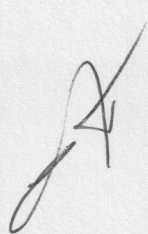
- Hallucinations, Laminates, and Lies™ — When False is Presented as Truth™
- Humanity's Advantage™ — How To Practice the Human Capacities AI Can Never Replace™
- Anchors, Batons, and Castles™ — Fortifying Humanity's Future™

Frameworks

- The Five Dimensions of Actual Intelligence™
- Threshold Four™

Training Method

- Cognitive Jiu Jitsu™

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Platform Brand

- **CROWDRANK®**

Book Title + Framework

- **The RQ Factor™ — Dial Your Mind-Set into Achieving the Pursuit of Happiness™**

4. Verification of Trademark Usage

I confirm that each printed work and artifact I observed included visible trademark designations (™ or ®) corresponding to the titles, frameworks, series identifiers, and brand names listed above.

5. Chain of Custody

I confirm that the printed works were presented directly by the author and remained in their possession before and after my observation. I did not alter, modify, or add any markings to the works.

6. Photographic Evidence

I participated in or witnessed the taking of timestamped photographs showing:

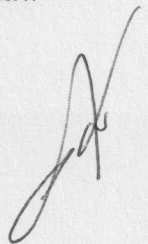
- the printed works,
- the author, and
- myself (or other witnesses) holding the works.

These photographs accurately represent the items I observed.

7. Purpose of Affidavit

I understand that this affidavit may be included in a **trademark portfolio**, used as **common-law evidence of first use**, and may be submitted in connection with:

- U.S. trademark applications,
- Office Action responses,
- intellectual property documentation,
- or other legal or administrative proceedings.

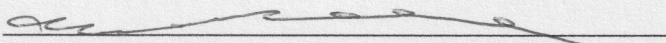


8. Truthfulness

I affirm that the statements in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Witness Signature**Printed Name:**John J. Trauss**Signature:****Date:** July 24, 2026**Notary Acknowledgment****State of Texas County of Rockwall**

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 24th day of July, 2026, by John J. Trauss.

Notary Public Signature:**Printed Name:**Cameron Fortune**My Commission Expires:**04-17-2027**Seal:** (Affix Notary Seal Here)