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MANUAL FOR SINCERE SEEKERS

Fair Inference Under Pressure

A practical guide to the value and basic functions of the Inductive Symmetry Audit

Central question	Am I granting evidential permission to one inductive claim while denying similar permission to parallel claims?

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Best use	Use the manual before or alongside the tool. The point is not to win a debate quickly. The point is to make the user's standards of evidence visible enough to revise.

1. The Value For Sincere Seekers

The Inductive Symmetry Audit is valuable because it gives a sincere seeker a disciplined way to notice uneven evidential permission. Many people can sense that an apologetic argument feels protected, but they lack a neutral structure for saying exactly where the protection occurs.

The tool turns that vague discomfort into a visible map. It does this by comparing a favored inductive move with nearby inductive moves that would create pressure against the favored conclusion.

What it gives the seeker	What it asks of the seeker
- A vocabulary for consistency rather than accusation. - A way to separate possibility, probability, and permission. - A visual map of which comparisons are carrying pressure. - A constructive repair path when an argument overreaches.	- Slow down before defending the conclusion. - Let similar evidence count similarly unless a real difference is supplied. - Distinguish an answer that protects a belief from an answer that changes the evidence. - Revise the claim when the support is narrower than the conclusion.

A humane framing	The tool assumes that people can be sincere and still reason asymmetrically. It treats asymmetry as a repairable intellectual condition, not as a character flaw.

2. What The Audit Is, And Is Not

It is	It is not
A consistency audit for inductive reasoning in apologetic arguments.	A proof that God does not exist or that Christianity is false.
A way to identify which parallel claims deserve more attention.	A substitute for historical, scientific, philosophical, or textual inquiry.
A pressure map for a particular route of inference.	A total verdict on a person's worldview, motives, or intelligence.
A constructive prompt for repair.	A debate shortcut that replaces careful conversation.

The audit is especially useful when an argument depends on a move from observed patterns to a broader conclusion: causation, design, testimony, miracles, consciousness, morality, or religious experience. It is less useful when no inductive claim is being made, though it can still expose when a supposedly non-inductive defense borrows inductive force.

Core caution	A low score does not prove the argument is sound. A high score does not prove the conclusion is false. The score reports the unresolved asymmetry in this argument route.

3. The Reasoning Model

The model starts with an anchor claim: the inductive pattern the user is inclined to accept. It then tests parallel inductions that appear relevantly similar. If the anchor receives high force while similar parallels are weakened or rejected, the tool asks what differentiator justifies the difference.

PERMISSION GAP
Anchor force minus parallel permission

x

SIMILARITY
How closely the parallel matches the anchor

x

UNDEFENDED REMAINDER
What is left after differentiator allowance

= residual tension for each parallel, scaled to 0-100

Variable	Plain meaning	How it affects tension
Anchor force	How much evidential work the accepted rule is being asked to do.	Higher force creates more pressure when similar parallels are denied.
Treatment	Whether the parallel is Accepted, Weakened, or Rejected.	Accept lowers pressure; Weaken creates a mid-level gap; Reject creates the largest gap.
Similarity	How closely the parallel resembles the anchor as an inductive move.	High similarity makes uneven treatment harder to justify.
Differentiator allowance	How much the selected reason actually explains the difference.	Strong independent reasons reduce the unresolved gap; weak reasons barely reduce it.
Residual tension	The remaining asymmetry after all of the above are counted.	This becomes the mini-bar score and contributes to the overall risk score.

Current calibration Accept = 10/10 permission, Weaken = 5/10 permission, Reject = 0/10 permission. A differentiator then removes a fraction of the permission gap only if it is the right kind of reason.

4. Basic Functions At A Glance

Function	What it does	Why it matters
Pattern selector	Loads a common apologetic argument family.	Gives the user a realistic starting structure.
Anchor force slider	Sets how strongly the accepted induction is being used.	Prevents vague confidence from hiding in prose.
Parallel cards	Ask whether each comparable induction is accepted, weakened, or rejected.	Makes cherry-picking visible claim by claim.
Differentiator controls	Classify the reason offered for treating a parallel differently.	Distinguishes real evidential differences from protective moves.
Stance map	Shows the anchor and numbered parallels compactly.	Keeps the whole position in view.
Pressure scatter	Plots similarity against unresolved tension.	Reveals which comparisons are both similar and still pressured.
Repair panel	Names concrete ways to reduce tension.	Turns critique into revision.
Export and AI prompt	Creates a report and a follow-up prompt from the user's data.	Supports deeper reflection outside the tool.

5. A Step-By-Step Walkthrough

A first-time user should move through the tool in this order. The sequence matters because later sections interpret earlier choices.

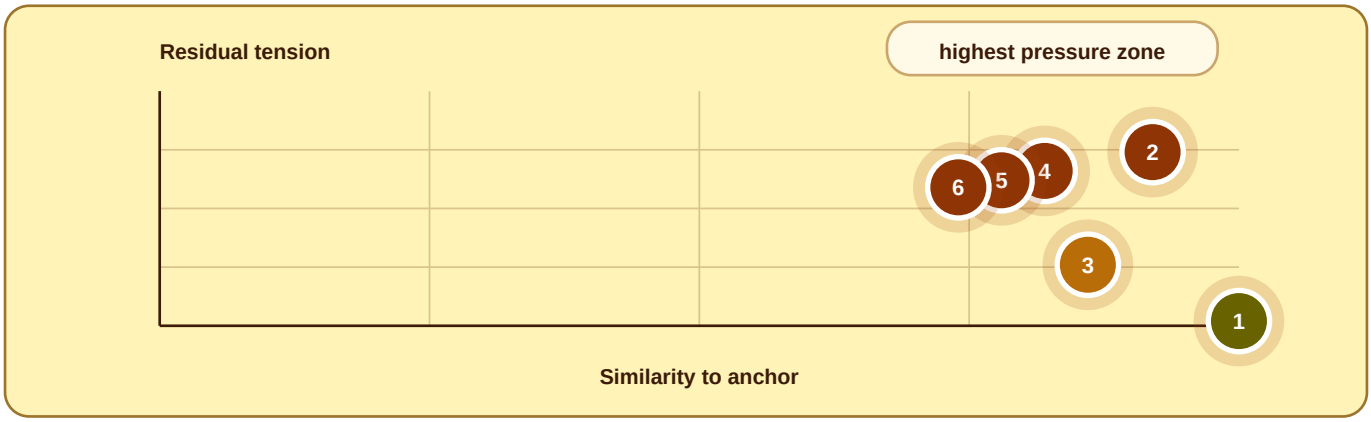
Step	User action	Quality check
1	Choose the apologetic pattern closest to the argument.	Do not pick the pattern that flatters the conclusion; pick the one that matches the reasoning.
2	Read the anchor claim and set its force.	Ask whether the conclusion really needs the anchor at that strength.
3	Review each parallel induction.	Treat the sentence as written before adding exceptions.
4	Choose Accept, Weaken, or Reject.	Use Accept for comparable permission, Weaken for reduced permission, Reject for denial.
5	Select a differentiator type and write the reason.	A good reason names an evidential variable, not merely a theological preference.
6	Read the score drivers and graph.	Start repair work with the highest-similarity, highest-tension parallels.
7	Export the report or AI prompt.	Use the output to continue inquiry, not to freeze the first result.

First-run advice	For a sincere seeker, the first score should be treated as a diagnostic draft. The second pass is usually more honest because the user has seen which moves the tool is testing.

6. Reading The Score And Charts

The score and charts are designed to answer one practical question: which comparisons are carrying the most unresolved asymmetry?

Read the band as a repair priority, not as a verdict about the whole worldview.



Visual	Best question to ask
Score ring	How urgent is the repair burden overall?
Mini-bars	Which individual parallels are moving the score most?
Current stance map	What position am I actually holding right now?
Parallel pressure scatter	Which claims are both highly similar and highly unresolved?
Archetype comparison	How much does my posture, from agnostic to dogmatist, change the result?

How to read high pressure	High pressure usually means the anchor is doing more work than similar parallel inductions are allowed to do. The strongest response is not to dismiss the score, but to find out whether a real differentiator can carry the burden.

7. Differentiator Field Guide

Differentiators are the heart of the tool. They answer the question: what relevant difference permits the anchor to count while the parallel counts less, or not at all?

Type	When it is valid	Weak or abusive use
Independent support	External evidence changes the comparison without assuming the conclusion.	The alleged support is just the preferred conclusion in new words.
Scope distinction	The cases operate in domains where projection really differs.	The anchor is allowed to cross domains but the parallel is not.
Evidence quality	Reliability, replication, independence, or specificity genuinely differ.	One side merely feels more plausible or familiar.
Defeater supplied	A reason undercuts the parallel without also undercutting the anchor.	The defeater would damage the favored argument if applied consistently.
Mere assertion	Rarely valid by itself; it can mark where a reason still needs to be supplied.	The user says the case is different without showing why.
Circular	Not a real repair unless the circularity is removed.	The conclusion is used to protect itself from a parallel.
Modal smuggling	Not a repair; it identifies an illicit move from observation to necessity.	Observed regularity is treated as metaphysical necessity without a bridge.
Specificity inflation	Not a repair; it flags overreach from modest evidence to detailed doctrine.	Evidence for some explanation is inflated into evidence for a specific theological package.

Transfer test	A differentiator is stronger when it can be applied by a fair critic in cases that do not protect your preferred conclusion. If it only works in the favored case, it is probably doing protective work rather than evidential work.

8. Worked Example: Cosmological Cause

A common apologetic pattern accepts the anchor "Whatever begins to exist has a cause" and then moves toward a divine cause of the universe. The audit asks whether nearby inductions are being treated with comparable permission.

Number	Stance statement	Typical tension
[1]	Whatever begins to exist has a cause.	The accepted anchor. It is often given high force.
[2]	Known causes occur within spacetime.	If ordinary causes support the anchor, their spacetime-bound character also matters.
[3]	Known minds depend on physical brains.	A divine mind may need a bridge beyond observed minds.
[4]	Known creators are embodied agents.	Observed creators do not map cleanly onto a nonphysical creator.
[5]	No observed creation from nothing.	Creation analogies often involve transformation, not ex nihilo production.
[6]	Observed entities are causally embedded.	Stopping causal demand at a preferred exception needs a principled reason.

Weak repair	Stronger repair
- God is different, so the parallels do not apply. - The universe is unique, so ordinary observations can be used for the anchor but ignored for the parallels. - Causation must apply to the universe, but observed limits on causes are irrelevant.	- Lower the conclusion from "therefore God" to "there may be some explanatory ground." - Supply independent reasons that ordinary causal regularities project beyond spacetime. - Admit that the argument needs additional bridge premises beyond the causal anchor.

9. Repairing An Argument Honestly

Repair is the constructive side of the audit. A good repair makes the argument more proportionate to its evidence. It does not merely hide the asymmetry under new terminology.

Repair move	What it improves
Reduce anchor force	Prevents a modest observed pattern from carrying a conclusion it cannot support.
Accept more parallels	Applies the same evidential permission consistently.
Narrow the conclusion	Keeps the claim within the scope of the evidence.
Add independent support	Gives the favored case a real reason to differ from the parallel.
Shift defense mode honestly	If the argument has become modal, metaphysical, or analytic, it should carry the added burden openly.
State bridge premises	Makes hidden transitions visible enough to test.

A good end state

The goal is not always a low score. The goal is a clear stance: either the user grants similar permission to similar evidence, supplies a real differentiator, or narrows the conclusion until the evidence actually supports it.

10. Using The AI Prompt

The generated AI prompt is a bridge from diagnosis to deeper reflection. It packages the user's current data: anchor force, numbered stances, treatments, differentiators, score drivers, repair options, and follow-up questions.

Use it for	How to ask
Socratic review	Ask the assistant to challenge the strongest unresolved tensions first.
Differentiator testing	Ask which differentiators are independent, circular, modalized, or inflated.
Repair drafting	Ask for the most charitable narrower conclusion the evidence can support.
Visual synthesis	Use the included image prompt to request a quantified depiction of the stance map plus prose insights.

Important limit The AI prompt should not be treated as an oracle. It is a structured second pass. The user should ask follow-up questions, compare answers, and revise the original entries in the tool.

11. Conversation Posture And Misuse Warnings

The tool is sharp enough to be misused. A manual for sincere seekers should make the desired posture explicit.

Good use	Poor use
- Invite the other person to choose the settings where possible. - Ask what would count as a stronger differentiator. - Separate the person from the argument route. - Treat a revised, humbler conclusion as progress.	- Throw the score at someone as if it ends the conversation. - Use the tool only on opponents and never on one's own reasoning. - Treat every high score as proof of bad faith. - Ignore genuine independent support because it protects a view you dislike.

Tone principle	The best use of the tool sounds like: "Let us see whether this standard transfers." It should not sound like: "The app says you lose."

12. Common Questions

Question	Answer
Does a high score disprove God?	No. It indicates unresolved asymmetry in this argument route. Other arguments would need their own assessment.
Does accepting a parallel force atheism?	No. It means the same kind of evidence should receive similar permission. The final worldview question remains separate.
What if God is unique?	Uniqueness may be true within a theology, but it does not by itself explain why ordinary induction reaches that unique case.
What if my belief rests on revelation?	Then the relevant audit is testimony, authority, or revelation. Do not smuggle revelation into an induction without saying so.
Can a high score be repaired?	Often yes. Lower force, accept parallels, narrow the conclusion, or provide independent support.
Can a low score still hide problems?	Yes. The audit checks symmetry, not every historical, empirical, or philosophical weakness.

13. Theory Links And Source Paper

The tool is grounded in a family of ideas about fair inductive comparison. The theory page connects the interface to inductive symmetry, modal smuggling, scope drift, and specificity inflation.

Concept	Manual summary
Inductive symmetry	Similar inductive patterns should receive similar evidential permission unless a relevant differentiator is supplied.
Modal smuggling	Observed regularity is quietly promoted into necessity without an independent bridge.
Scope drift	A rule moves beyond the domain where the evidence supports it.
Specificity inflation	Modest evidence is used to reach a more detailed conclusion than it licenses.

Source paper	Inductive Symmetry and the Smuggling of Necessity

Tool links	Run the Inductive Symmetry Audit Read the theory notes

Closing thought

The value of the Inductive Symmetry Audit is not that it tells sincere seekers what they must believe. Its value is that it helps them ask whether a cherished conclusion is being protected from the standards they already use everywhere else.