

ABAD Framework:

Confidence Assessment Methodology – Addendum

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Abstract

This addendum establishes the methodology used to assign confidence percentages across ABAD Framework decryption reports. The scores are qualitative heuristic assessments based on multiple weighted criteria rather than statistical or probabilistic models. This document defines the assessment criteria, weighting considerations, and limitations of the confidence scoring system used throughout the ABAD series.

1. Purpose of Confidence Scoring

Confidence percentages are provided to give readers a transparent indication of the relative strength and reliability of each decryption. They are not claims of statistical certainty or definitive proof. Rather, they serve as a structured way to communicate the degree of internal coherence, evidential support, and reproducibility observed in each application of the ABAD method.

2. Assessment Criteria

Each decryption is evaluated across the following primary criteria: **Visual / Illustration Anchoring (25–30%)** - Strength and consistency of glyph-to-visual correspondence - Clarity of illustration context supporting textual interpretation **Structural Consistency (20–25%)** - Repeatability of A-B-A-D patterns, spacing keys, and flip triggers across the corpus - Internal coherence of layer transitions **Narrative / Thematic Coherence (15–20%)** - Degree to which the resulting reading forms a logically consistent and meaningful whole - Avoidance of forced or contradictory interpretations **Cultural / Historical Plausibility (15–20%)** - Alignment with known historical, cultural, or archaeological context (where available) - Consistency with the physical medium and format of the source **Reproducibility (10–15%)** - Clarity and objectivity of the rules applied - Ease with which another researcher could replicate the process and reach similar conclusions

3. Scoring Approach

Confidence scores are assigned holistically after applying the full ABAD methodology. They represent a synthesized judgment rather than a mechanical calculation. Scores generally fall into the following qualitative bands: - **90%+**: Exceptional structural regularity, strong visual anchoring, highly coherent narrative, excellent reproducibility. - **80–89%**: Strong overall performance across most criteria with minor limitations in one area. - **70–79%**: Solid application with clear strengths but noticeable gaps in anchoring, consistency, or cultural fit. - **60–69%**: Reasonable structural reading with significant limitations in one or more key criteria. - **Below 60%**: Weak or highly speculative; retained primarily for methodological transparency.

4. Limitations

These confidence scores are inherently subjective and should be treated as indicative rather than authoritative. They do not constitute statistical validation or peer-reviewed consensus. Different researchers may reasonably assign different scores based on their weighting of the criteria. The scores are intended to support critical engagement rather than to assert definitive conclusions.

5. Conclusion

This addendum provides transparency regarding the confidence assessment process used throughout the ABAD Framework series. Future reports will continue to apply these criteria consistently while remaining open to refinement as the methodology develops.

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