
PERSONAL PRODUCTIVITY / TRUST SYSTEMS

Authority Building: *Proof* Over Posture

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Authority / *Trust Asset* /

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creator distribution, high-ticket closing discipline, information asymmetry buyers feel, and entropy when platforms decay reach.

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01

Core claim

One sentence plus three proof links.

02

ICP and bans

Who you serve; topics you avoid.

03

Cadence

Publish, speak, rest—calendar truth.

04

Crisis playbook

Mistakes, refunds, public friction—pre-written.

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