

## 8-Bit Oracle

### > INITIATE SESSION

Navigate life's uncertainties with I-Ching wisdom rendered in neon prophecy.



# Reality is a question of code.

Philip K. Dick used the I-Ching to write the novel that became *Blade Runner*. Both the book and the film explore the blurred line between human and artificial consciousness.

## KEY CONCEPT

The **Voight-Kampff test** sought to quantify the unquantifiable—a soul—by analyzing binary responses: **empathy** or its absence. The **I-Ching uses a similar binary system to reveal the hidden patterns of a situation.**

# The Original Binary.



**01101001**

YANG (陽) – The unbroken line —

YIN (陰) – The broken line -- --

ONE (1) – The active state

ZERO (0) – The null state

In 1703, Gottfried Leibniz recognized the I-Ching's 64 hexagrams as a binary number system, laying the groundwork for modern computing. Decades later, Claude Shannon's information theory showed how complex patterns emerge from simple binary states. The I-Ching had been doing it for millennia.

# From Binary States to Situational Subroutines

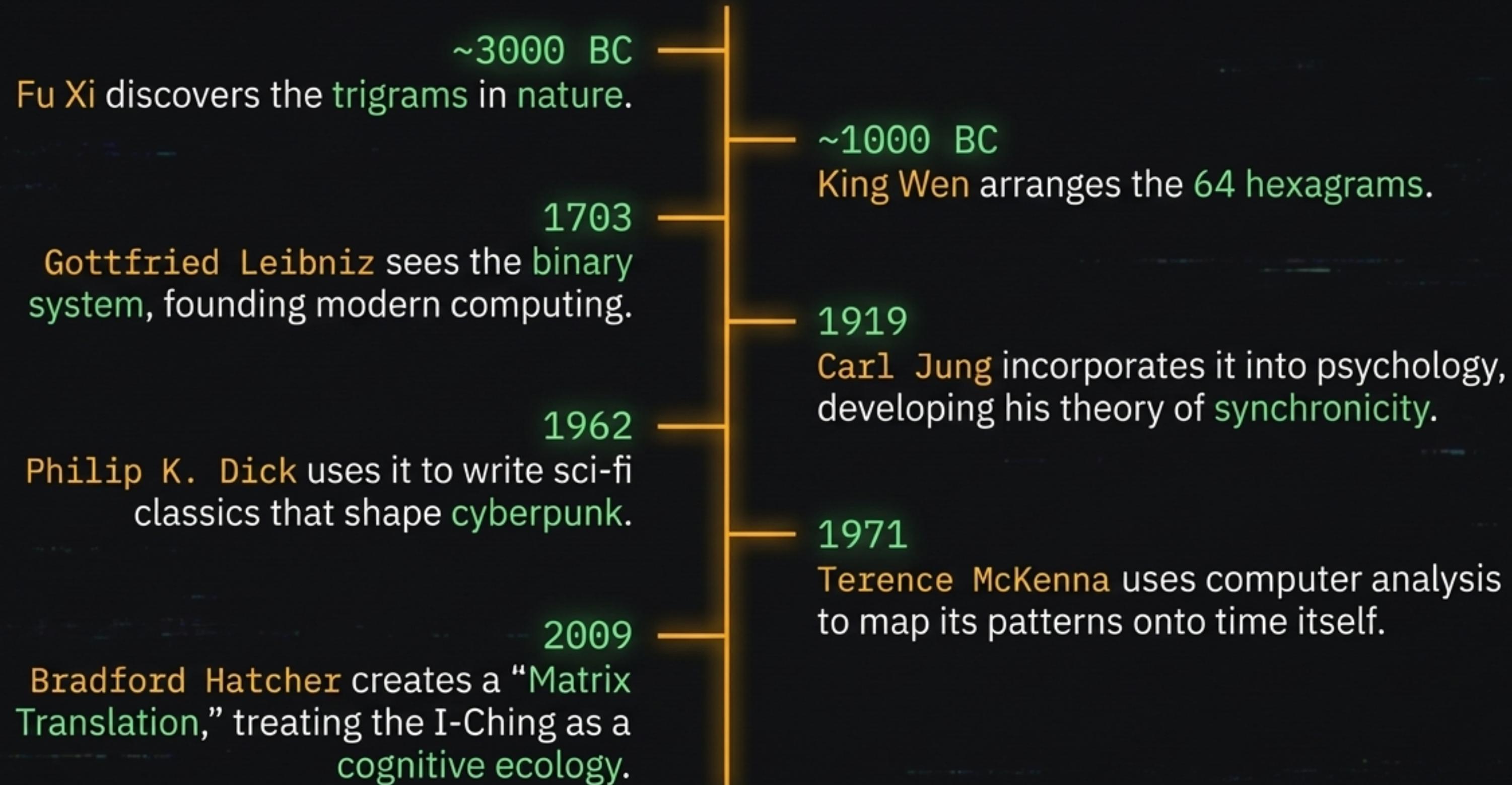


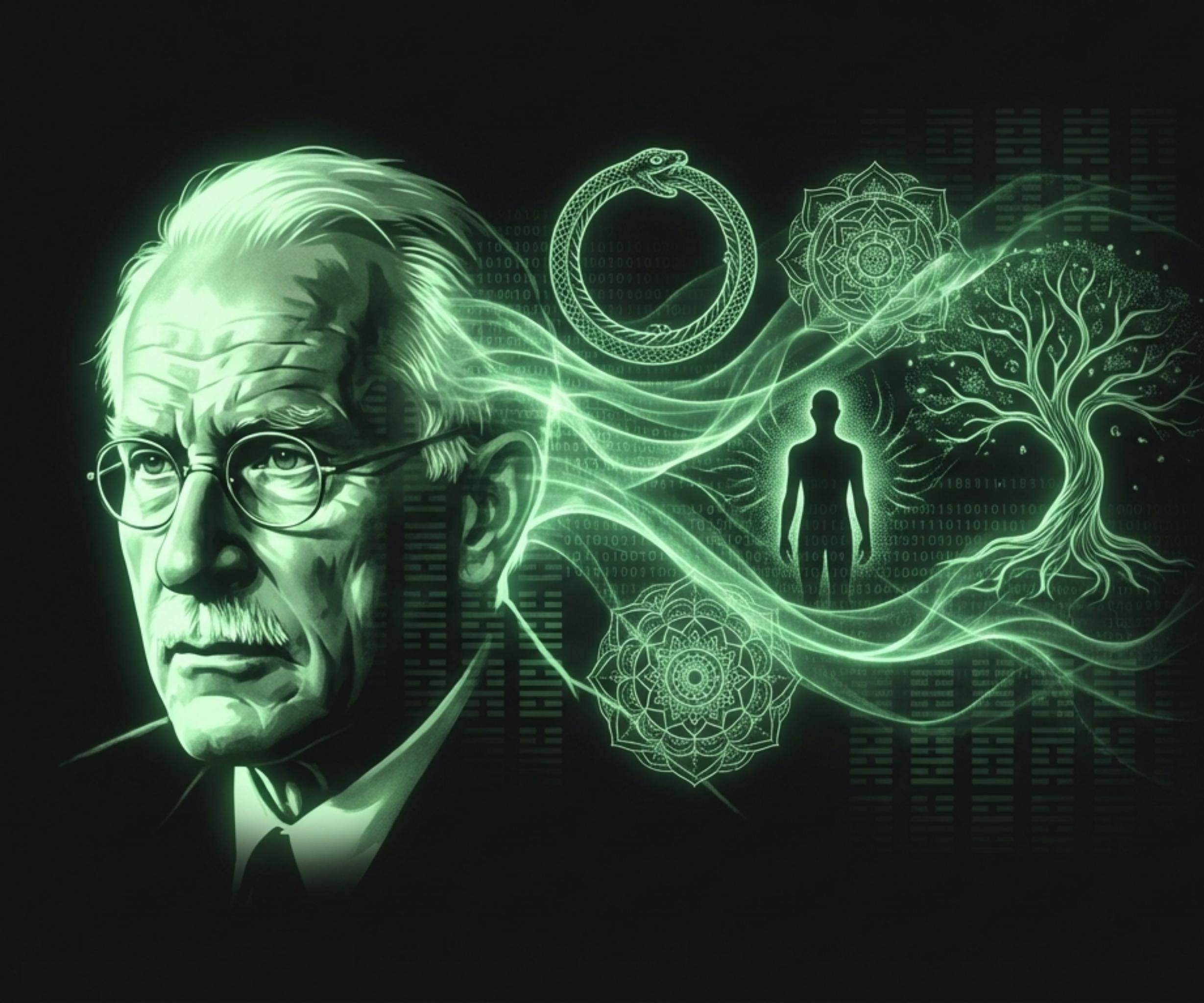
**The Lines:** The fundamental 0/1 state of reality

**The Trigrams:** Eight core ‘command lines’ representing fundamental forces (e.g., Mountain, Earth)

**The Hexagrams:** A complete map of 64 archetypal situations, each a combination of two trigrams. They describe reality.

# A 5,000-Year-Old Source Code.





# Mapping the Collective Unconscious.

"Jung saw the hexagrams as expressions of the collective unconscious, bridging Eastern wisdom with Western psychology."

He used the term **Synchronicity** to describe the I-Ching's I-Ching's method: not cause-and-effect, but "meaningful coincidence." The pattern revealed by the oracle mirrors the hidden pattern in the psyche of the person asking the question.

# Case Study: Kowloon Walled City.



‘Urban Artifact Designation: Kowloon Walled City’  
Population Density: ~33,000 residents in 6.4 acres  
Status: Anarchic, self-governing vertical city  
Situation: Slated for complete demolition, 1993.



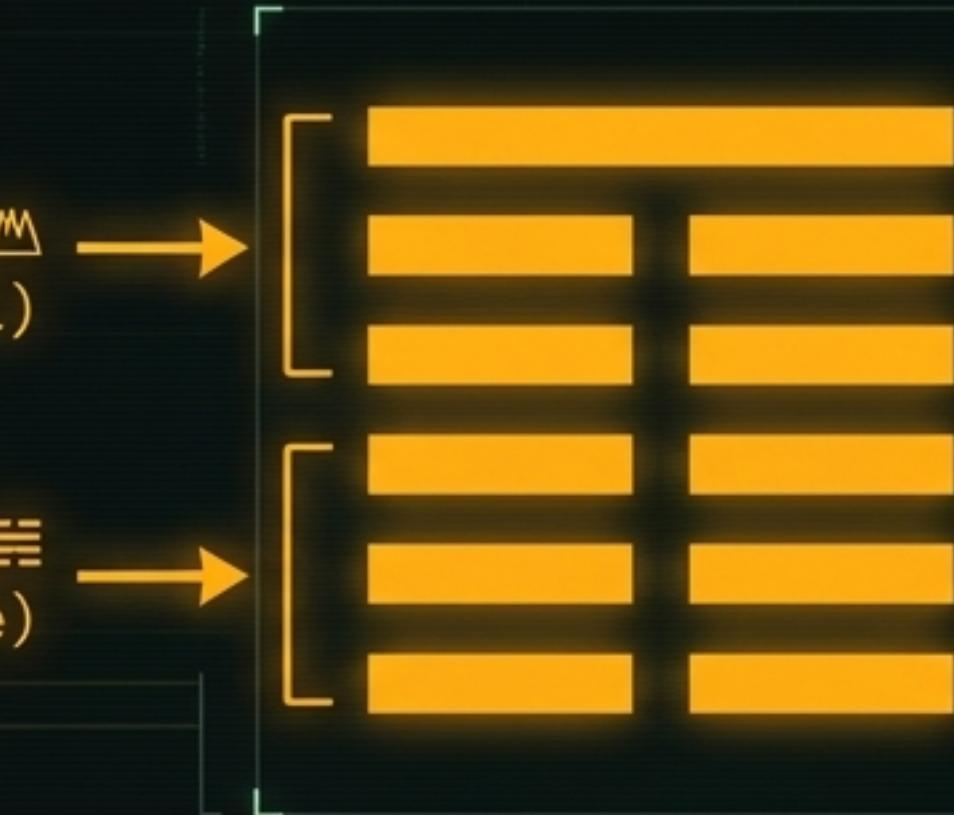
"The Situation: A hyper-dense 'mountain' of rooms must be returned to the earth.

The Question: How do you navigate a necessary and total collapse?"

# Hexagram 23: 剝 (bō) - Splitting Apart

Upper Trigram: ☰  
Mountain (Keeping Still)

Lower Trigram: ☷  
Earth (The Receptive)



## Symbolism:

"The mountain rests on the earth, but the foundation is eroding. Five yin lines rising from below, one yang line at top barely holding."

## Character Analysis:

"剥 (bō) depicts a knife and an ox—the systematic dismantling of what was once whole."

# The Judgment: It does not further one to go anywhere.

The I-Ching's wisdom for this situation is not to fight the inevitable.  
"Submit to the time. The wise accept what cannot be prevented and manage  
the transition with care."

Wrong Response	Right Response
Stubborn resistance. Insisting the mountain can stand on eroding earth. This leads to being buried in the collapse.	Managed transition. Accepting the situation and focusing on an orderly process.

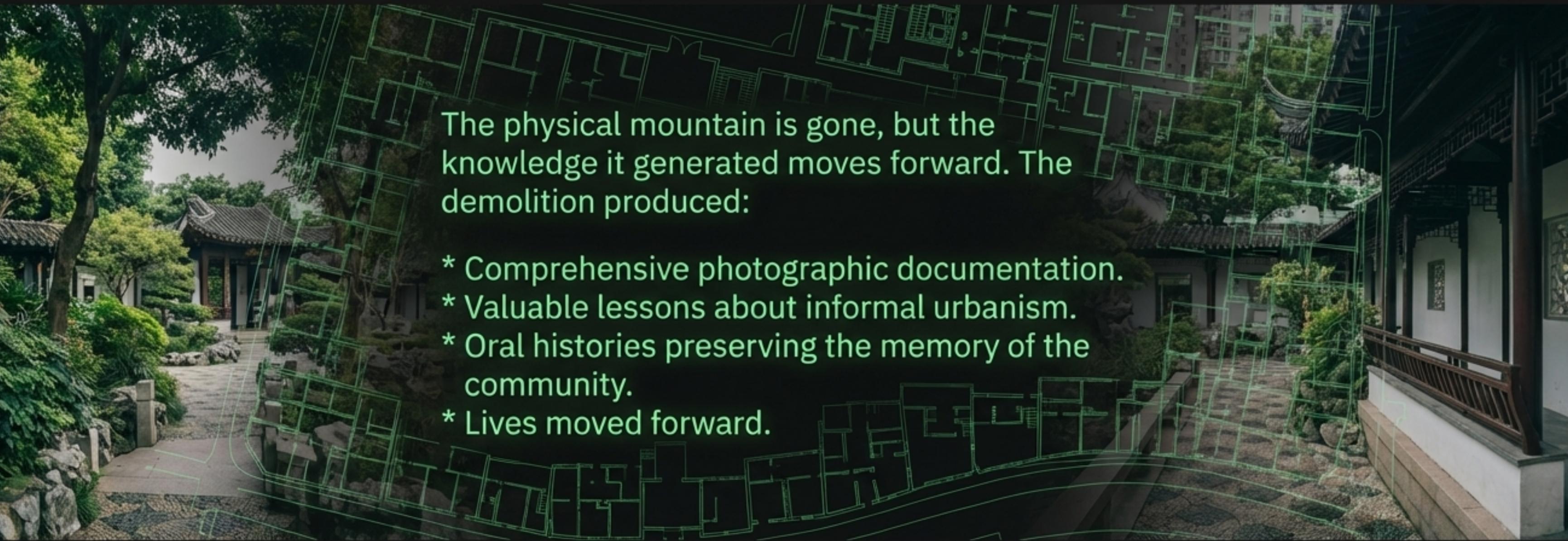
## The Application: Logistics, not Vengeance.

- The government didn't send police with battering rams.
- They stabilized the structure.
- They documented every room.
- They relocated residents with compensation.
- They created oral histories and architectural studies.

Kowloon took 14 months to demolish. Not sudden catastrophe—methodical return to sediment. That's how you handle splitting apart.



# The Seed of Good Remains.



The physical mountain is gone, but the knowledge it generated moves forward. The demolition produced:

- \* Comprehensive photographic documentation.
- \* Valuable lessons about informal urbanism.
- \* Oral histories preserving the memory of the community.
- \* Lives moved forward.

Stabilize, document, relocate, and let structure return to sediment.  
The seed of good remains: lessons, maps, lives moved forward.

# > Your Equivalent \_ █

The project is failing.

The relationship is ending.

The technology is obsolete.

You can feel the foundation splitting.

Don't undertake new action. Don't pour resources into saving what time has condemned. Stabilize, document, relocate. Manage the splitting with care.

'// END OF LINE'

道生一, The Tao gives birth to One.

一生二, One gives birth to Two.

二生三, Two gives birth to Three.

三生万物。Three gives birth to the myriad things.

An ancient system. A binary code. A map for navigating change.