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NOW BUILD THE SYSTEM
FOR YOUR LIFE

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MAKE DECISIONS THAT HOLD UP FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS

Chapter Fourteen – Strategic Operating Parameters

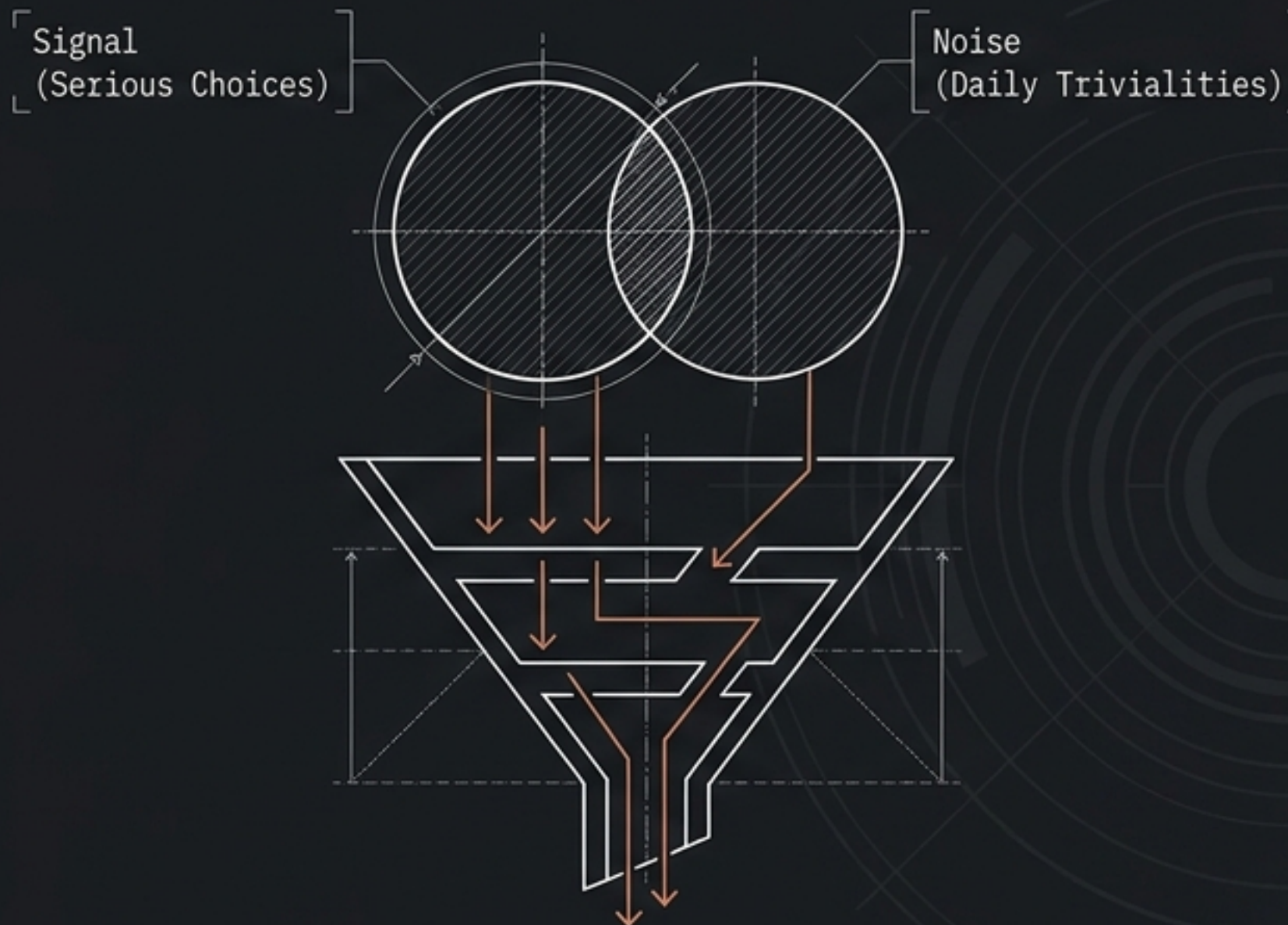
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DOSSIER ORIENTATION



Not every decision requires analysis. This briefing provides the operational framework to sort decisions by consequence and evaluate serious, life-shaping choices across expanding horizons of time.

Most decisions die before seven years. This system identifies the ones that don't.

OPERATIONAL ADVISORY

Operational Rule: Reserve the sledgehammer for the foundation; use a scalpel for the rest.

PRICKITY DIRECTIVE

[DIRECTIVE 14.0]

MAKE DECISIONS THAT HOLD UP FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS.

A society grows great when old men plant trees under
whose shade they know they shall never sit.

– Greek Proverb

What we do now echoes in eternity.

– Marcus Aurelius

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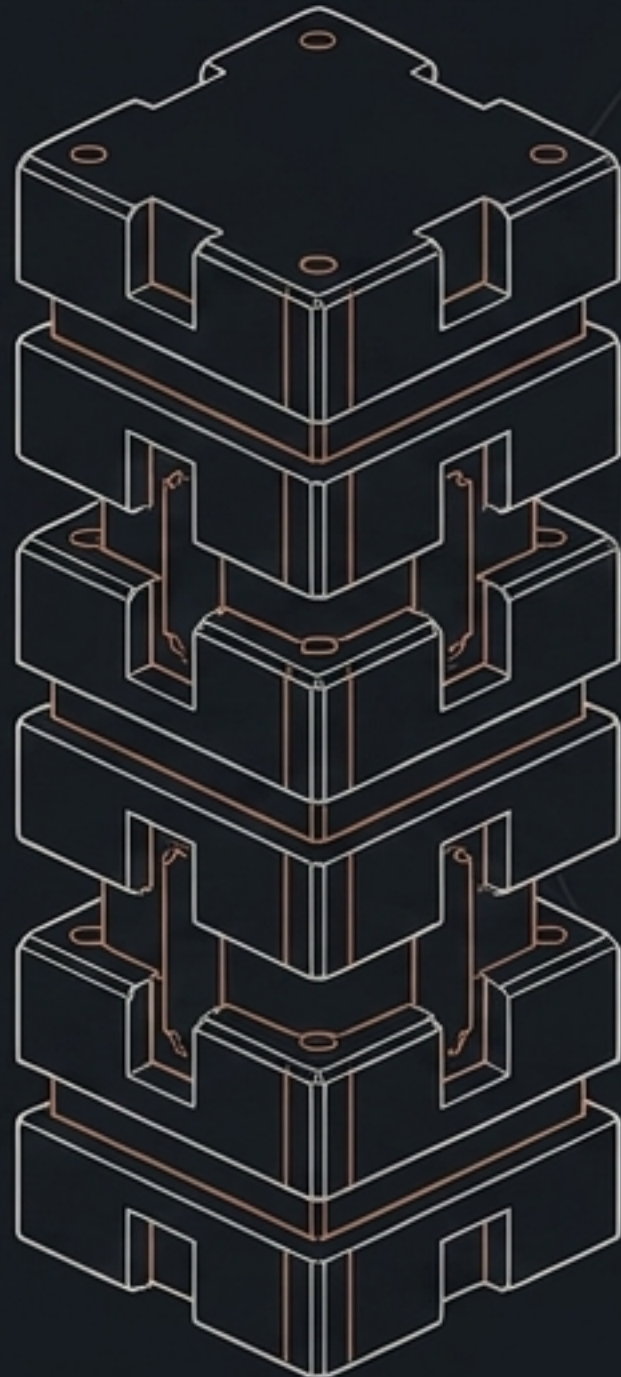
[THE IROQUOIS CONFEDERACY PRECEDENT]

The concept originates from the allied tribes of the **Iroquois Confederacy**, governed by the Great Law of Peace. It was a mechanism to solve real pressures: war, unstable alliances, and resource scarcity.

[FOUNDATION
BLOCK ALPHA]

[FOUNDATION
BLOCK BETA]

[FOUNDATION
BLOCK GAMMA]



[THE STANDARD]

Leaders evaluated choices by their **impact** on the **unborn** (a horizon of approx. 140–175 years).

[THE FUNCTION]

Forced **stewardship** over exploitation; preservation over plunder. Prevented short-term decisions that created long-term damage.

[THE RESULT]

Built a society so **robust** its governance concepts directly influenced the founders of the United States.

OPERATIONAL ADVISORY

THE DUALITY OF LEGACY

[DIRECT LEGACY (THE OBVIOUS)]

- Nature: Names on buildings, public records, stones, memories of immediate family.
- Lifespan: Fades within one to two generations unless a massive, multi-generational enterprise is built.

[LEGACY OF CONSEQUENCE (THE ETERNAL)]

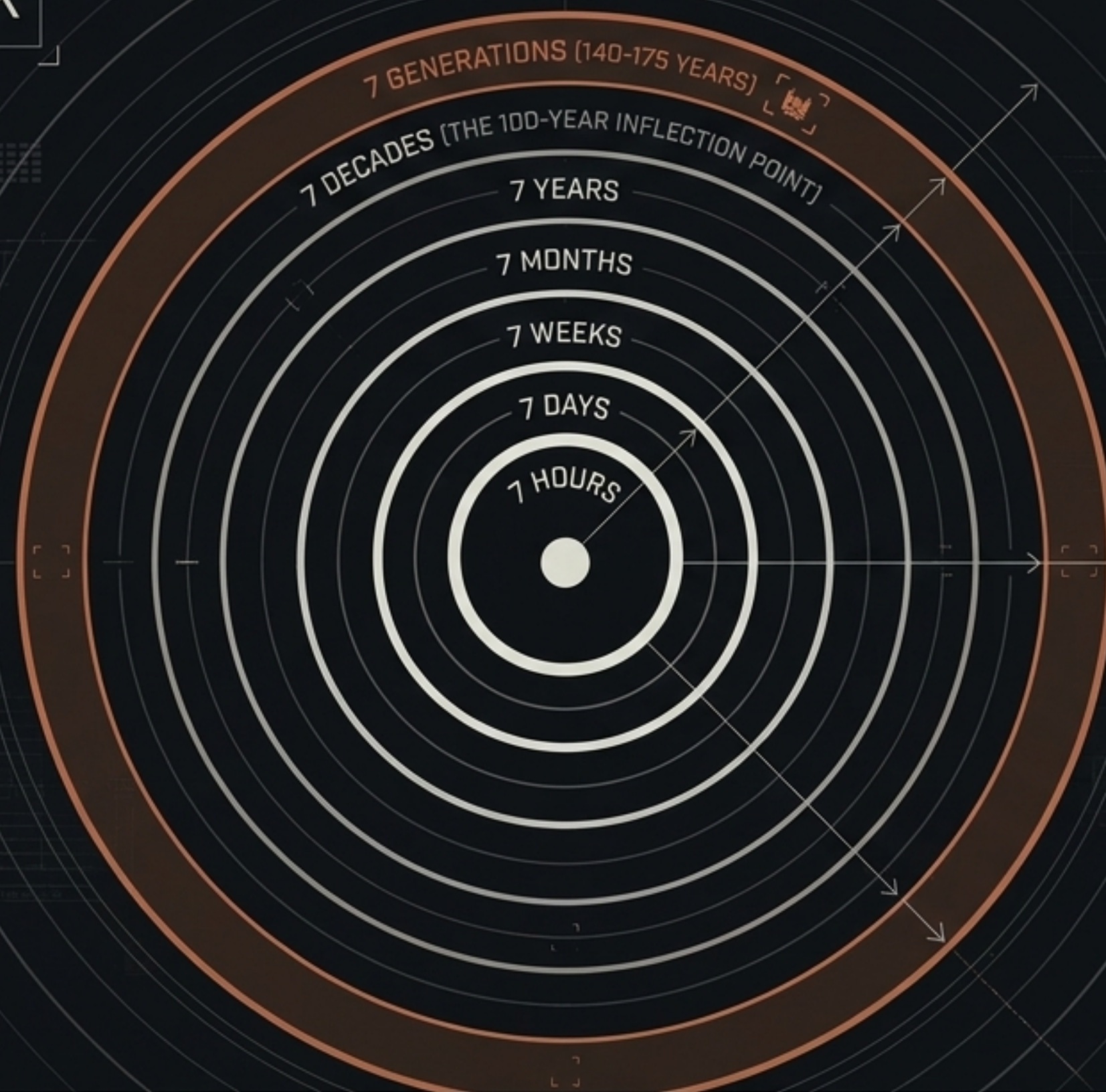
- Nature: The cascade of effects. A kind word to a stranger, parenting standards, mentorship, or a harsh critique at the wrong moment.
- Lifespan: Infinite. Your life today is a cascade of effects resulting from actions taken by unknowns a century ago.

[THE CONSEQUENCE GATES]

When facing a choice that surpasses triviality,
do not guess at the risk-to-reward ratio. Pass
the decision through two definitive gates
to expose its true weight.



THE 7x7 FRAMEWORK



[MOST DECISIONS DIE BEFORE SEVEN YEARS. SEVEN DECADES TARGETS YOUR 100TH BIRTHDAY. SEVEN GENERATIONS FORCES STEWARDSHIP FOR DESCENDANTS YOU WILL NEVER MEET.]

HISTORICAL ECHO: THE CASCADE EFFECT

1880s-1910s

Great-grandparents emigrate from Ukraine to America. Teach gardening, gathering, and the drive to build a new life.

1930s-1940s

Grandparents survive the Great Depression & WWII. Instill kindness, hard work, and resilience.

1970s-1980s

Knowledge transferred to author via direct mentorship in foraging, fishing, and self-reliance.

Present Day

Decades of podcasting impacts thousands of lives.

A century-old decision to emigrate and preserve skills echoes into thousands of lives today.

“I AM THE ROOT OF ALL WEALTH THAT I CREATE.”

THE ERROR

Squandering a dollar at age 20 is a far greater sin than at 35. It requires more physical effort to earn, destroys a 15-year compounding advantage, and sets a trajectory of poor discipline.

THE MECHANISM

Dollars lose value by design. Wealthy individuals do not accumulate dollars; they trade depreciating dollars for appreciating, leveraged assets.



TRADING WITH YOUR FUTURE SELF

FILE REF: A \$250 weekend concert expenditure at age 22.



At age 65, the cost of that weekend is **\$17,000**.
Your 65-year-old self paid **\$17,000** for **22-year-old you** to have a hangover.

CONVENIENCE VS. PRODUCTIVE VALUE

ASSET A: BRADFORD PEAR (ORNAMENTAL)

[7 YEARS]



Cheap, fast-growing,
looks good.

[7 DECADES]

Structurally weak,
collapses under own
weight by 20 years.
Zero timber value.
Produces no food.

ASSET B: BLACK WALNUT (PRODUCTIVE)

[7 YEARS]



Slower growth. Begins
producing food at 5-7
years.

[7 DECADES]

Feeds children for a
lifetime. Yields thousands
in timber value. Lives
hundreds of years.

TAKEAWAY: Long-horizon thinking avoids 'lollipop trees' of convenience.

[EVALUATING KNOWLEDGE ACQUISITION]

Time is the ultimate currency; it allows investments to grow but is finite. You can make more money; you cannot recover time.



[THE FILTER]

[1. INTENT]

Will this actually advance my goals, or is it just a societal box I am expected to check? (If no, abort).

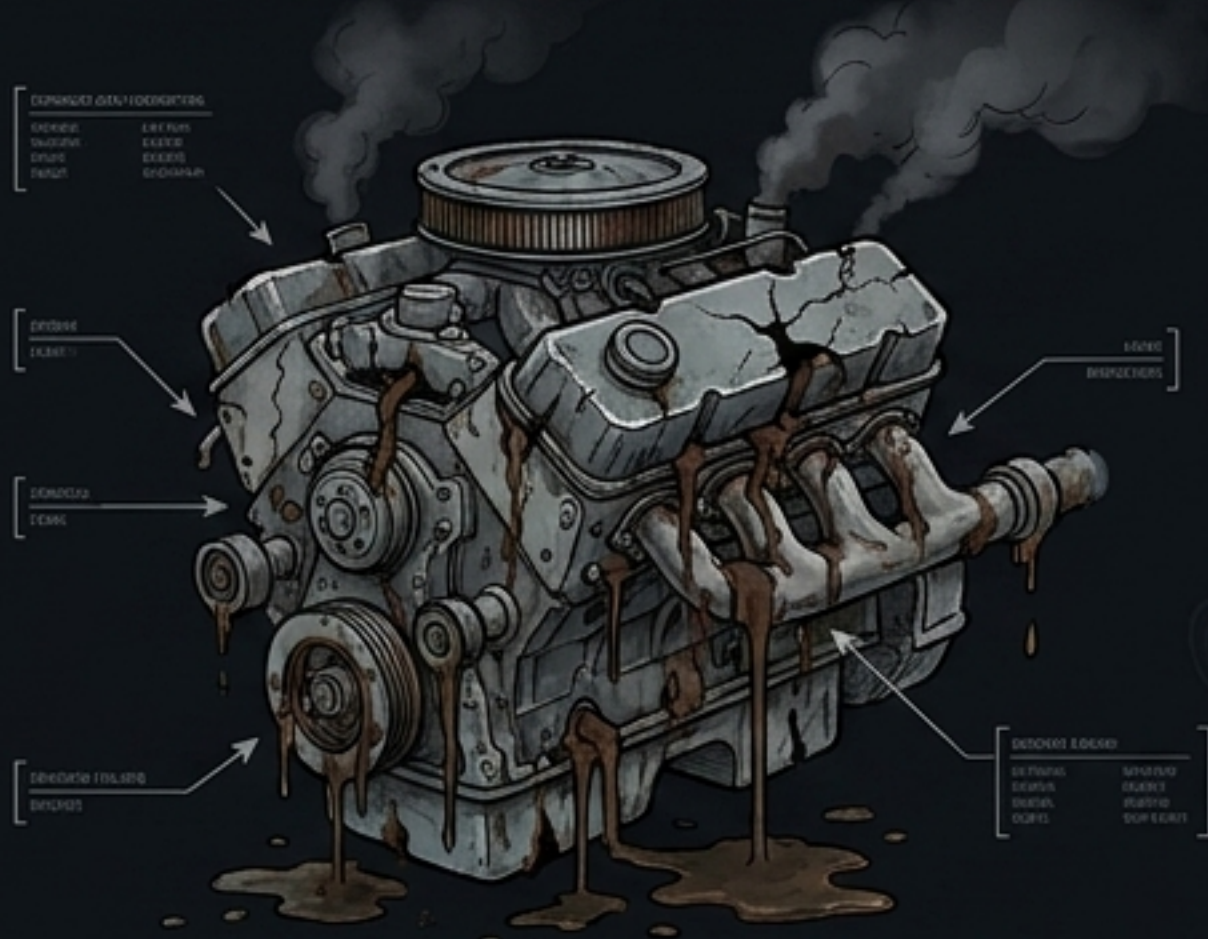
[2. EFFICIENCY]

If yes, can I acquire this knowledge for less time and/or money? (e.g., an intense 2-week bootcamp vs. a 1-year classroom degree).

[TAKEAWAY: Do not default to off-the-shelf products for education.
Apply the 7x7 questions before spending finite time.]

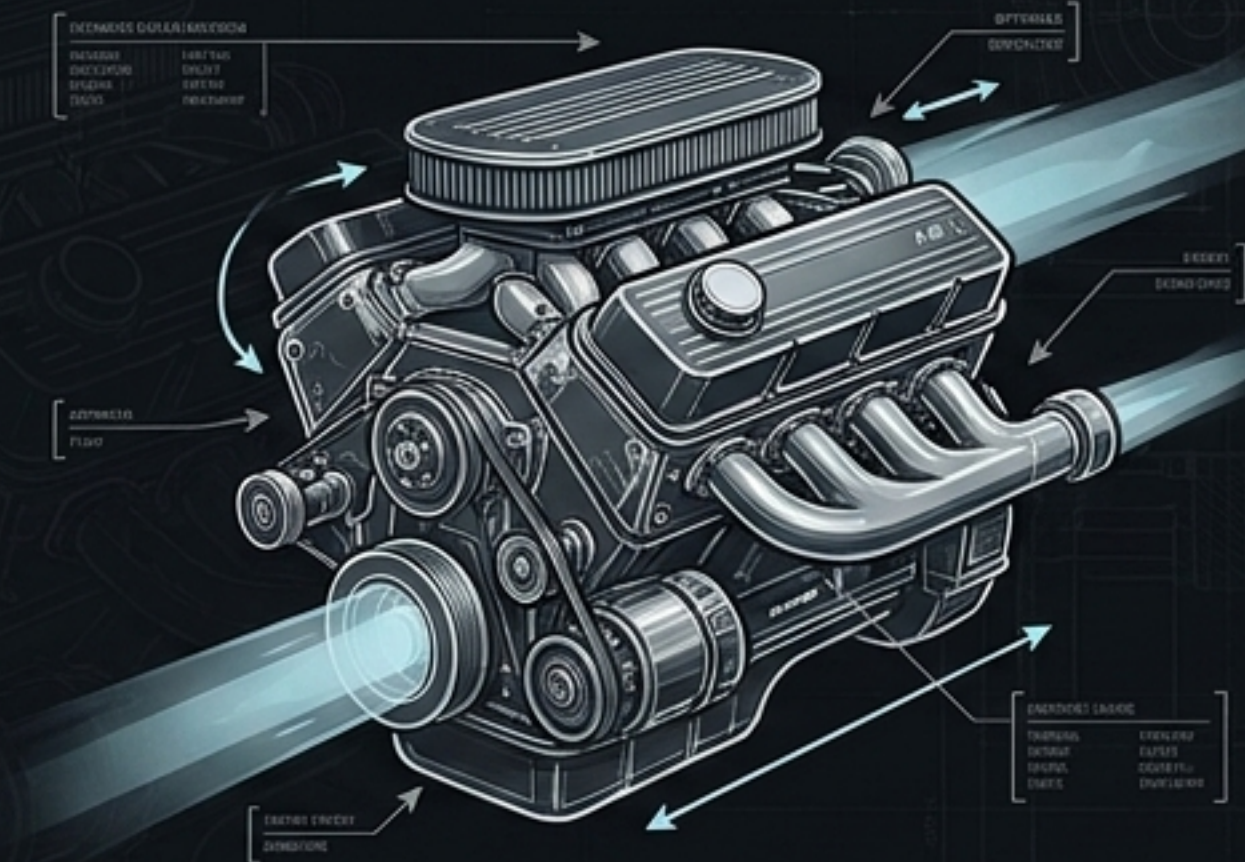
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[THE THREAT (INDUSTRIAL FOOD)]



Post-Civil War processing prioritizes shipping stability, cheap ingredients, and the fat/sugar "bliss point" over nutrient density. Result: High-fructose corn syrup, seed oils, starvation for nutrients despite morbid obesity.

[THE PROTOCOL (REAL FOOD)]

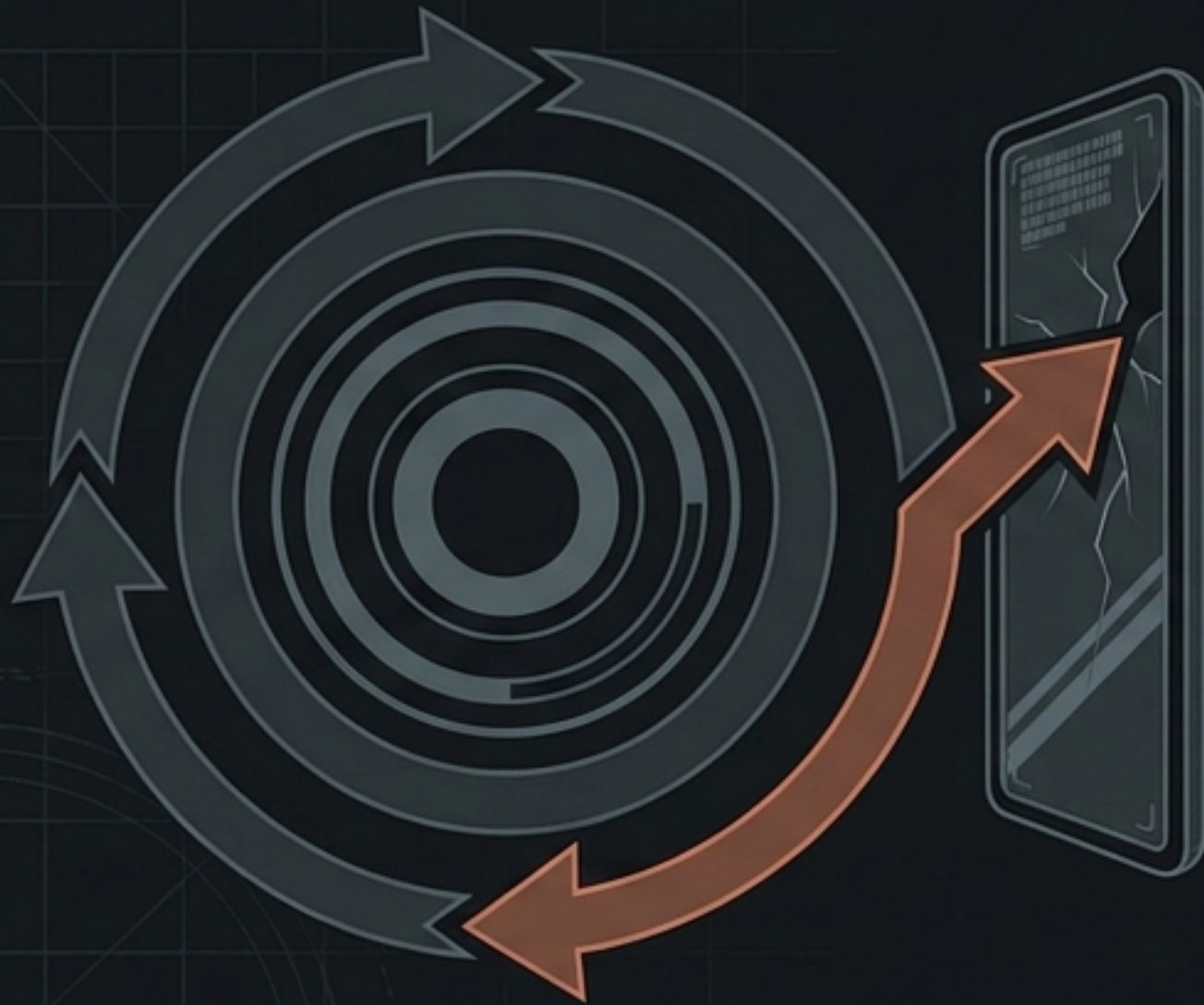


Meat, fat, organic whole wheat (sourdough), organic potatoes fried in beef tallow/lard. Nutrient-dense foods satiate faster, naturally reducing volume and eliminating the need to snack.

[THE MATH]

Measure food bills per month, not per meal. Good food avoids the massive, compounding long-term “tax” of disease, insulin, and dialysis.

[RESISTANCE TO THE METRICS]



[OBSERVATION]

People vehemently resist basic frameworks like budgets and 7x7 time horizons.

[THE RATIONALIZATION]

They claim the system is restricting them or that outside authorities are dictating their lives.

[THE ROOT CAUSE]

The system doesn't restrict them; it asks them to question themselves.

People will expend massive energy avoiding self-discipline because they fear their own oversight. They know they won't like their own answers.

[OPERATING FORMULA: ROOTED]

R

[Recognize the Decision Class]

Sort the trivial (noise) from the life-shaping (signal).

O

[Open the Timeline]

Apply the 7x7 framework to choices that compound or decay.

O

[**Observe Tradeoffs**] Expose the hidden exchanges between your current comfort and your future self.

T

[**Talk to Future You**] Justify the choice to yourself and your unborn descendants. No excuses allowed.

E

[**Execute with Discipline**] Act without renegotiation. Do not reopen settled decisions just to avoid discomfort.

D

[**Document and Review**] Set a future date to assess outcomes honestly and improve your judgment.

ACTION: Identify one pending decision involving your wealth, health, skills, values, or relationships.

[RUN THE DIAGNOSTIC]

Consequences at 7 Days? [_____]

Consequences at 7 Months? [_____]

Consequences at 7 Years? [_____]

Legacy at 7 Generations? [_____]

[FIELD PROTOCOL: TEMPORAL TRADES]



[ACTION 1: TERMINATE]

Identify one trade you are currently making where your future self is severely overpaying for your present comfort (e.g., squandering dollars, industrial food).

Define the exact date it stops: [_____]



[ACTION 2: INITIATE]

Identify one investment in your future self (e.g., discipline, an appreciating asset, nutrient-dense food, skill acquisition) that will compound over 7 decades.

Define the exact date it begins: [_____]

BRIEFING SUMMARY (1/2)

POINT 1

Short-term thinking creates long-term damage; decisions that feel harmless today become heavy burdens carried by your future self.

POINT 2

Legacy is about consequences, not memory. Every action creates a ripple whether your name survives or not.

POINT 3

Most decisions do not need deep analysis. Reserve the sledgehammer for wealth, health, skills, values, and relationships.

POINT 4

Long-horizon thinking does not restrict freedom; it creates discipline, which is the necessary price of lasting outcomes.

BRIEFING SUMMARY (2/2)

POINT 5

Early application is a multiplier. Time multiplies wisdom, investments, and discipline.

POINT 6

You do not need to predict the future, you only need to stop stealing from it. The most vital trades are the ones made with future you.

POINT 7

Anchoring choices in time replaces impulse with clarity. Decisions become fewer, cleaner, and harder to regret.

POINT 8

A life guided by long-horizon thinking looks boring in the moment, but extraordinary in hindsight.

MENTAL CODE REWRITES

Computer - Anytime I slip into the mindset of short-term thinking, remind me that what I do now echoes in eternity.

Computer - Whenever I resist long-term thinking, remind me it is only my own leadership and discipline I am avoiding.

Computer - When faced with important decisions, remind me to consider who I will leave behind and what legacy I am leaving for them. ■