THE ZHOUYI TREATISE ON THE FOUR PILLARS

Core Axiomatic Diagrams & 30-Year Timing Quick Guide

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01 · FOUNDATIONAL ARCHITECTURE

Five Foundational Axioms of Classical Four Pillars Cosmology

Axiom I · Existence as Initial Equilibrium

Every natal chart begins not as 'good or bad luck,' but as a unique thermodynamic and structural equilibrium shaped by solar-terrestrial polarity.

Axiom II · Orthogonal Dual Axes

Thermal climate (cold/warm/dry/damp across the 12 solar months) and Stem-Branch polarity form two independent axes—never collapse them into crude 'strong vs. weak' counts.

Axiom III · Single-Pillar Internal Taiji

Every pillar pairs Heavenly Intention (Stem) with Terrestrial Realization (Branch). Reading stems without branch grounding produces systematic error.

Axiom IV · Three-Tier Temporal Architecture

Natal geometry sets capacity, Decade Luck Pillars establish the ten-year climate (Body), and Annual Pillars serve as kinetic triggers (Function).

Axiom V · Eight-Quarter Resolution

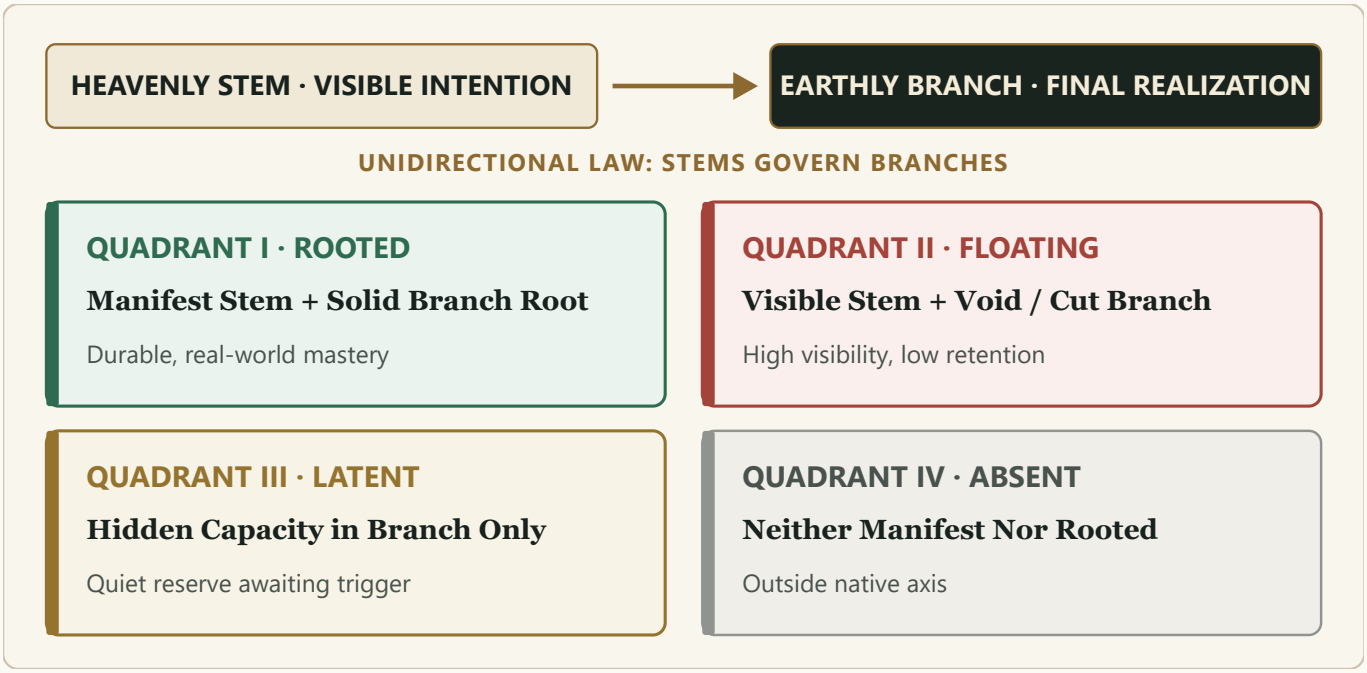
Identical Four Pillars charts diverge across 15-minute sub-quarters (Eight Quarters per double-hour), spatial orientation, and relational environments.

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DIAGRAM I · FROM VOLUME II (STRUCTURAL ANATOMY)

Single-Pillar Internal Taiji: Intention vs. Realization

Every pillar in a Four Pillars chart is a self-contained vertical polarity: the Heavenly Stem initiates visible intent, while the Earthly Branch governs final grounding.



3-Step Vertical Reading Protocol

1. **Inspect Vertical Grounding First** — Verify whether each Heavenly Stem holds a real root in its own Branch or adjacent Branches before checking horizontal clashes.
2. **Classify into Quadrants I–IV** — Separate durable mastery (Quadrant I: Rooted) from publicity without retention (Quadrant II: Floating Stem).
3. **Honor Directional Causality** — Stems govern branches in intent; branches never directly conquer stems—they support or undermine a stem by supplying or cutting its root.

Common Misconception vs. Axiomatic Correction

✕ Seeing Wealth or Officer on the Stem guarantees wealth or status.

✓ A floating Stem without Branch grounding (Quadrant II) yields visible opportunities that fail to consolidate.

✕ Hidden Branch elements don't matter until they appear on Stems.

✓ Quadrant III (Rooted Branch, Unmanifest Stem) represents real quiet capacity awaiting a Luck or Annual trigger.

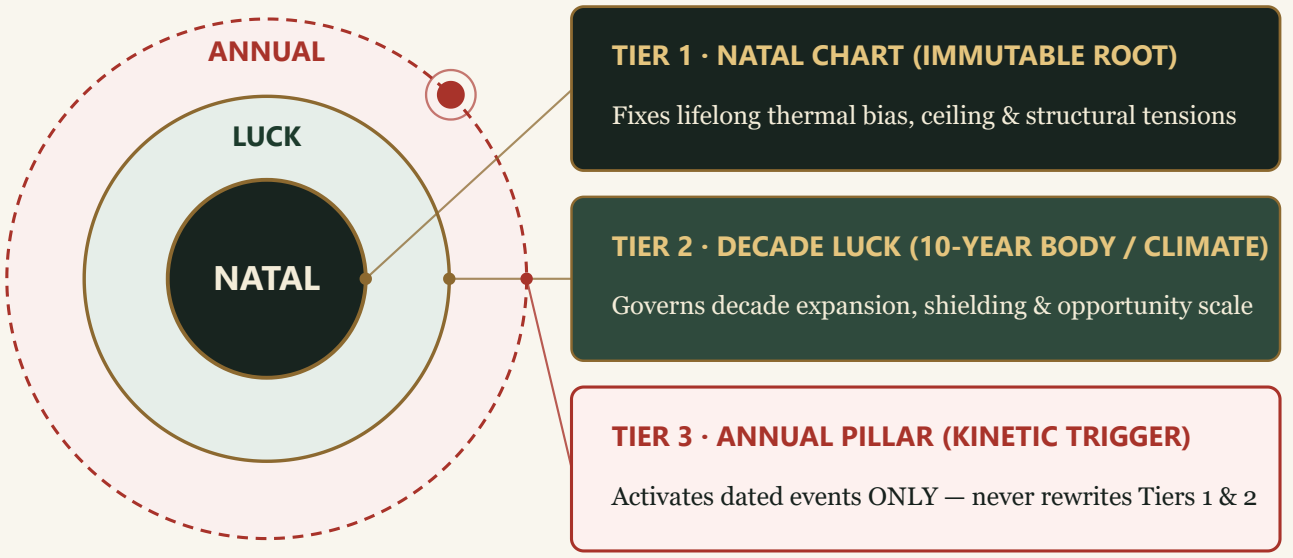
Practitioner Self-Check (Apply to Your Own Month & Day Pillars)

Write down your Month Pillar and Day Pillar. Does the Month Stem hold direct root support in the Month Branch? Quadrant I yields coherent career momentum; Quadrant II rewards partnerships and Luck-Pillar grounding. All 60 Jiazi Internal Taiji archetypes are catalogued in Volume II.

DIAGRAM II · FROM VOLUME III (DYNAMIC TIMING)

Three-Tier Timing Architecture: Natal, Luck & Annual

Accurate timing requires strict hierarchical separation: Natal capacity, Decadal Luck climate, and Annual kinetic triggers operate on three distinct tiers.



3-Step Timing Diagnostic Protocol

1. **Lock Tier 1 · Natal Baseline** — Identify your immutable birth-season climate (cold/warm/dry/damp) and structural tension points. No single year rewrites your root.
2. **Evaluate Tier 2 · Decade Luck (Body)** — Determine whether the active 10-year Luck Pillar warms, cools, stabilizes, or stresses your Natal baseline to set decade posture.
3. **Trigger via Tier 3 · Annual Pillar** — Read the passing year strictly as a dated spark—checking which latent Natal or Luck structures it activates or completes.

Common Misconception vs. Axiomatic Correction

✕ A 'Tai Sui' zodiac clash automatically triggers disaster for everyone of that sign.

✓ Zodiac horoscopes ignore 7 of 8 characters. When Tier 2 Luck shields the chart, an Annual clash often drives relocation or promotion.

✕ One favorable Annual Pillar overturns a difficult ten-year cycle.

✓ An Annual trigger opens a constructive window, while Tier 2 Luck continues to govern macro scale and stability.

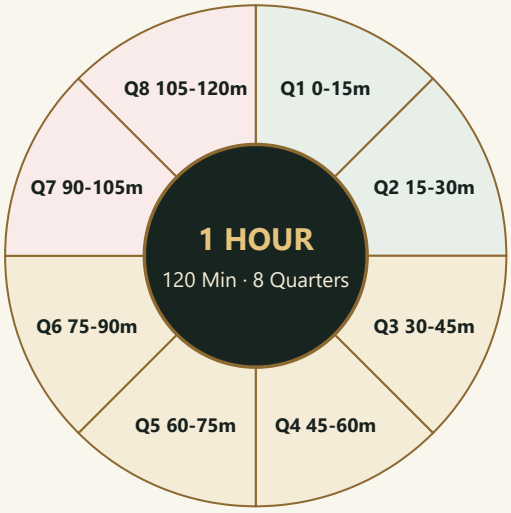
Reading the 2025–2027 Fire Cycle (Yi-Si · Bing-Wu · Ding-Wei)

Inspect your Natal Month Branch: winter-born charts (Hai/Zi/Chou) often experience 2025–2027 Fire years as warming visibility windows; already dry summer charts (Si/Wu/Wei) should verify whether Tier 2 Luck supplies Water/Metal cooling before taking aggressive leverage.

DIAGRAM III · FROM VOLUME III (RESOLVING THE TWIN PARADOX)

Identical Four Pillars: The Four-Dimensional Split Model

Why two people sharing the exact same eight characters live divergent lives: resolving identical charts across era, latitude, Luck direction, and 15-minute quarters.



VECTOR 01 · ERA & MACRO SCALE

Identical charts 60 years apart manifest at distinct historical scales

VECTOR 02 · LATITUDE & CLIMATE

Real regional climate modulates the natal thermal equilibrium

VECTOR 03 · GENDER LUCK REVERSAL

Opposite Luck-pillar directions separate peak decades by 30+ yrs

VECTOR 04 · 15-MINUTE EIGHT QUARTERS

Splits 120-min window into 8 phases resolving live twin divergence

4-Vector Differentiation Protocol

1. **Era & Macro-Institutional Vector** — Identical charts born 60 years apart manifest the same structural archetype at radically different historical scales.
2. **Latitude & Thermal Environment** — Real geographic climate (northern winter vs. tropical heat) shifts how strongly a chart's natal thermal bias expresses.
3. **Gender Luck Reversal & Eight Quarters** — Male vs. female Luck pillars travel in opposite directions; within the same gender, 8 fifteen-minute quarters track exact phase shift.

Common Misconception vs. Axiomatic Correction

✕ Identical twins with divergent careers disprove Four Pillars analysis.

✓ Two-hour granularity hides 15-minute quarter transitions (Ke), birth-order household roles, and relational feedback loops.

✕ Four Pillars cosmology implies rigid fatalism where choices don't matter.

✓ Natal geometry specifies the musical key and structural terrain; conscious agency at Luck transitions composes the trajectory.

Live Twin & Identical-Chart Case Studies in Volume III

Volume III Chapter 7 documents calendrically certified identical-chart and twin splits (Cases 7-2 & 7-3), tracing exact 15-minute quarter weights alongside decadal Luck triggers across career, marriage, and wealth.

05 · HALF-JIAZI TIMING REFERENCE

30-Year Half-Jiazi Annual Almanac (2025–2054)

Cross-reference each annual pillar against your Natal Chart and active Decade Luck Pillar (2025–2027 Fire-Earth peak highlighted; complete 30-Year Personal Workbook in Volume III).

Year	Annual Pillar	Stem / Branch Elements
2025	乙巳 **(Yi-Si)**	Yin Wood / Fire
2026	丙午 **(Bing-Wu)**	Yang Fire / Fire
2027	丁未 **(Ding-Wei)**	Yin Fire / Earth
2028	戊申 **(Wu-Shen)**	Yang Earth / Metal
2029	己酉 **(Ji-You)**	Yin Earth / Metal
2030	庚戌 **(Geng-Xu)**	Yang Metal / Earth
2031	辛亥 **(Xin-Hai)**	Yin Metal / Water
2032	壬子 **(Ren-Zi)**	Yang Water / Water
2033	癸丑 **(Gui-Chou)**	Yin Water / Earth
2034	甲寅 **(Jia-Yin)**	Yang Wood / Wood
2035	乙卯 **(Yi-Mao)**	Yin Wood / Wood
2036	丙辰 **(Bing-Chen)**	Yang Fire / Earth
2037	丁巳 **(Ding-Si)**	Yin Fire / Fire
2038	戊午 **(Wu-Wu)**	Yang Earth / Fire
2039	己未 **(Ji-Wei)**	Yin Earth / Earth

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2040	庚申 **(Geng-Shen)**	Yang Metal / Metal
2041	辛酉 **(Xin-You)**	Yin Metal / Metal
2042	壬戌 **(Ren-Xu)**	Yang Water / Earth
2043	癸亥 **(Gui-Hai)**	Yin Water / Water
2044	甲子 **(Jia-Zi)**	Yang Wood / Water
2045	乙丑 **(Yi-Chou)**	Yin Wood / Earth
2046	丙寅 **(Bing-Yin)**	Yang Fire / Wood
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2054	甲戌 **(Jia-Xu)**	Yang Wood / Earth

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