

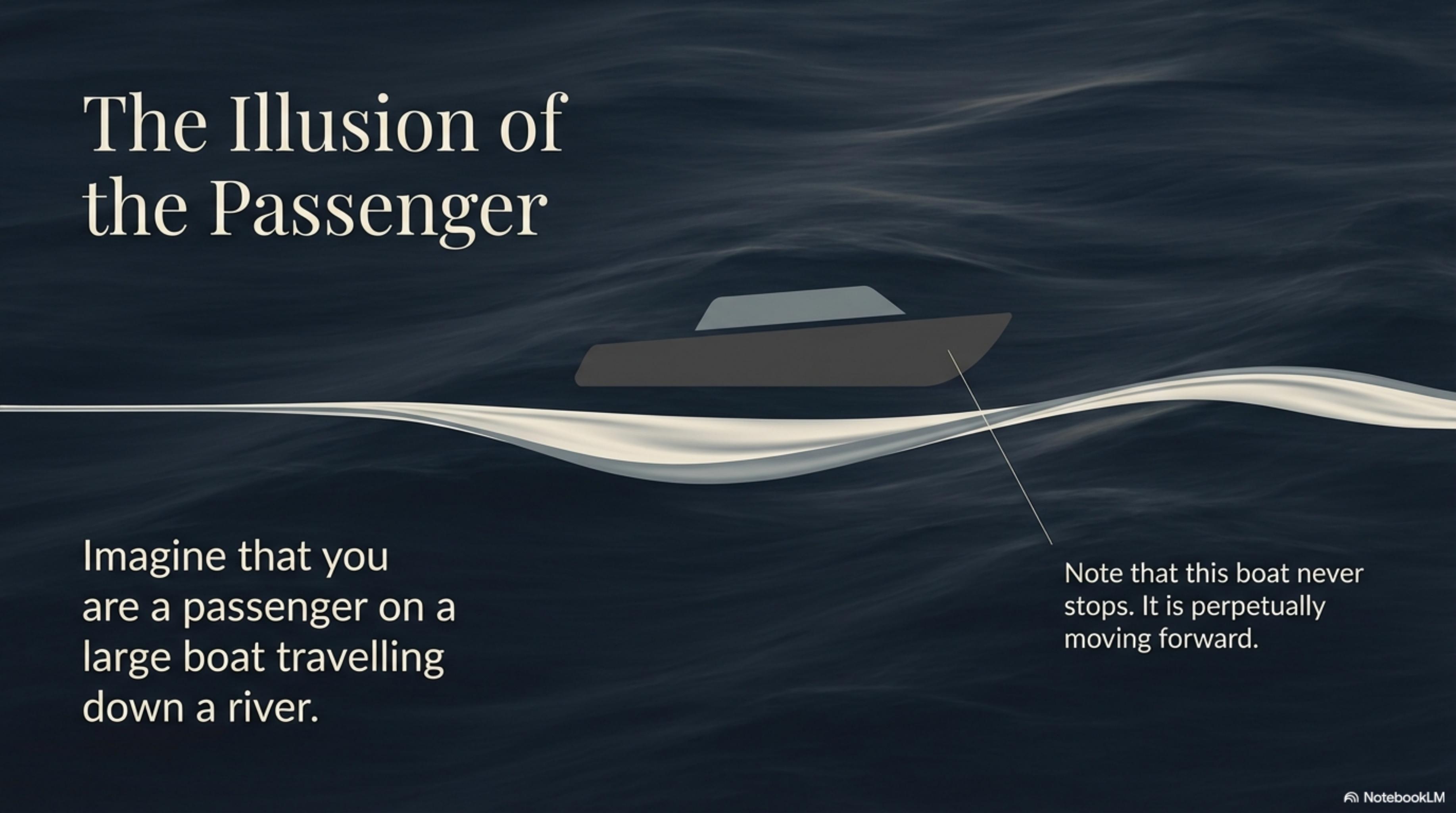
The River of Life

The Yoga of Transformation

A Visual Meditation

The Illusion of the Passenger

Imagine that you are a passenger on a large boat travelling down a river.

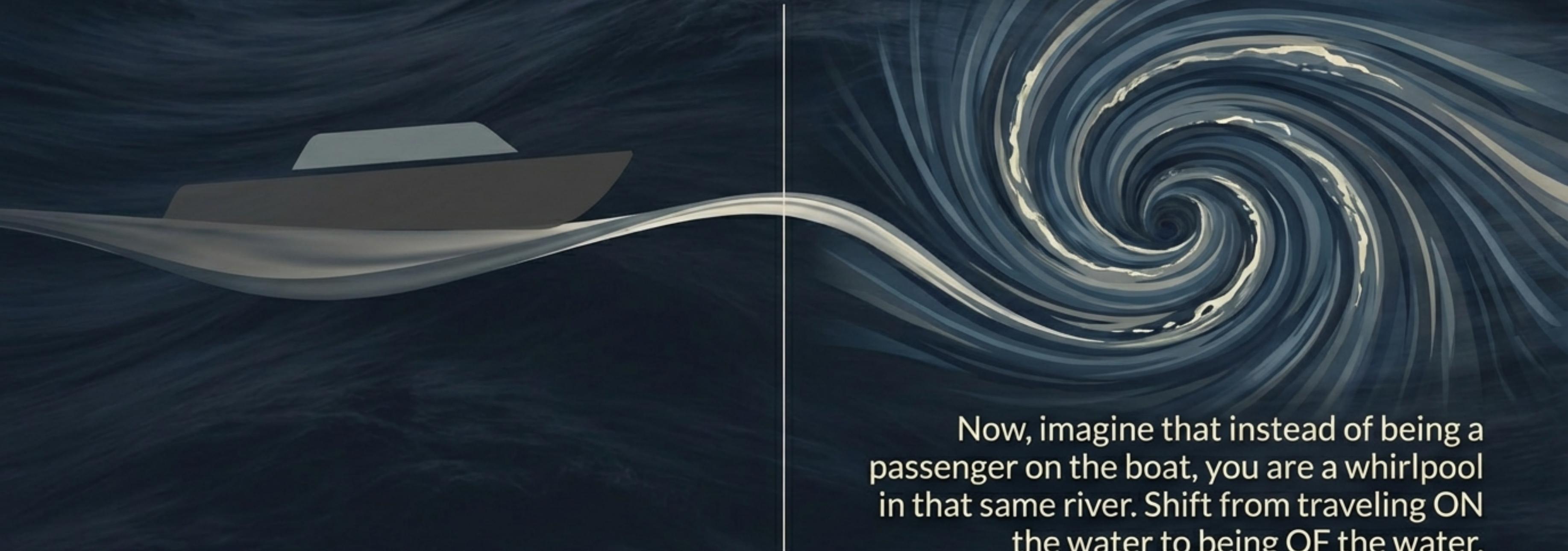


Note that this boat never stops. It is perpetually moving forward.

The Flow Never Stops

If the river stopped flowing, it would cease to be a river. Life is movement. Stagnation is contrary to the nature of existence.

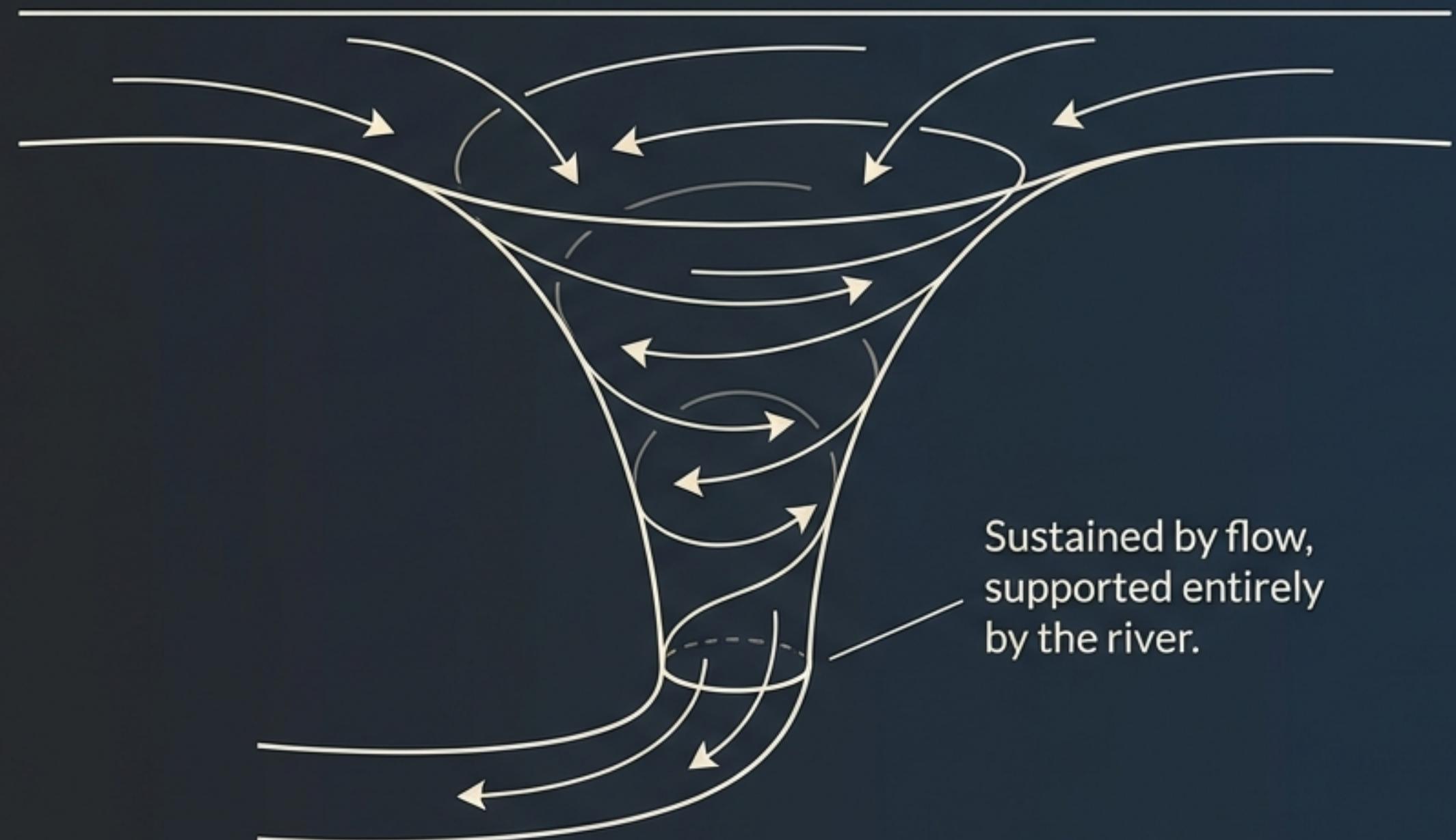
Stop being the passenger. Be the whirlpool.



Now, imagine that instead of being a passenger on the boat, you are a whirlpool in that same river. Shift from traveling ON the water to being OFF the water.

One Substance, Two Forms

The whirlpool arises out of the flow. The water of the whirlpool IS the water of the river.



The Debris of Identity



You have debris and twigs circling within you. This accumulation is what makes you appear different from other whirlpools. It is the history and personality caught in your vortex.

Connection in the Current

You interact with other whirlpools and whatever the river has to offer. While the “debris” may brush against one another, the water remains a unified field.



The Linguistic Trap

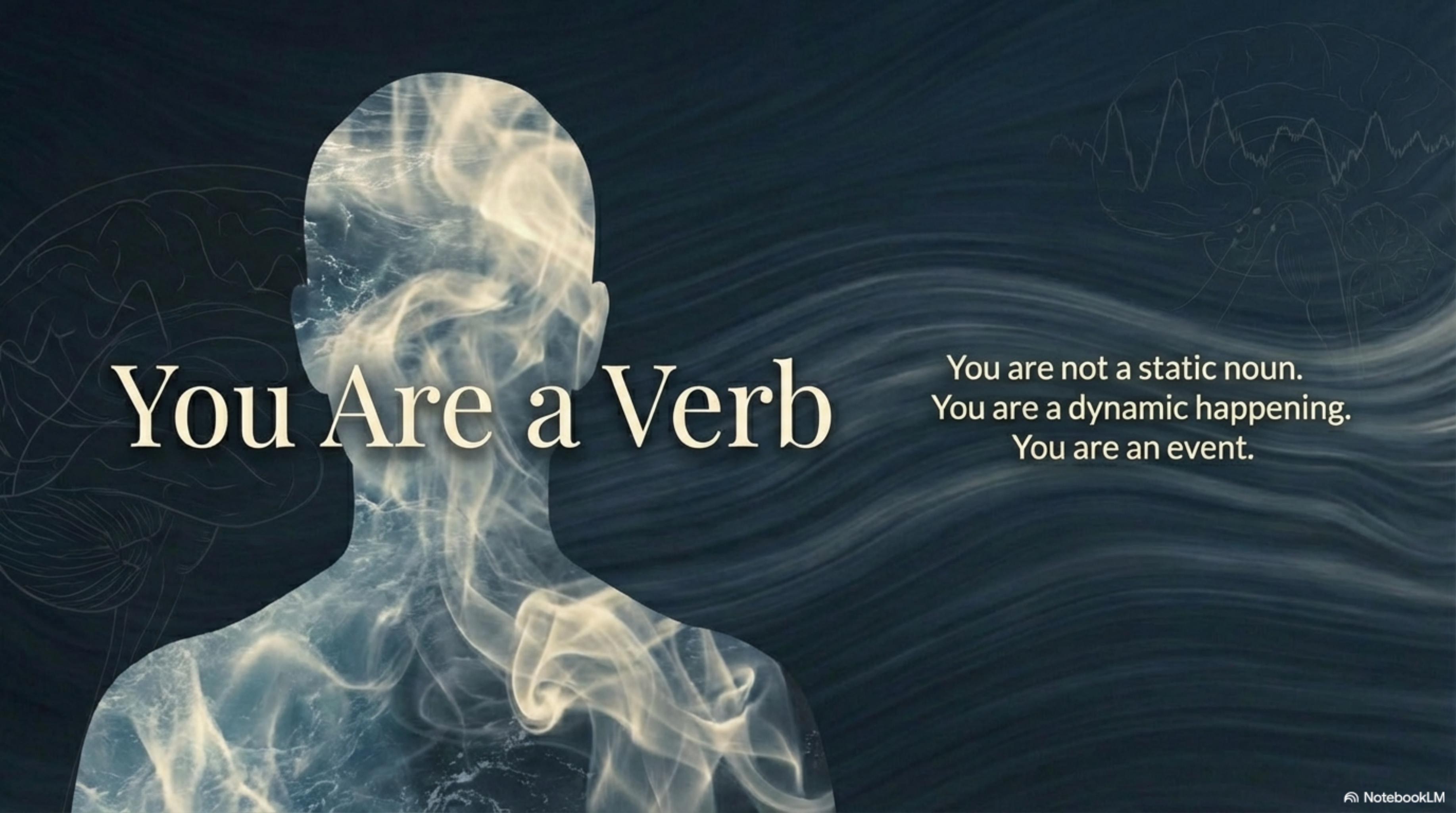
We treat Verbs as Nouns.

NOUN

A static object.
A defined thing.

VERB

A process.
An action.



You Are a Verb

You are not a static noun.
You are a dynamic happening.
You are an event.

The Return to Flow



Arising



Existing

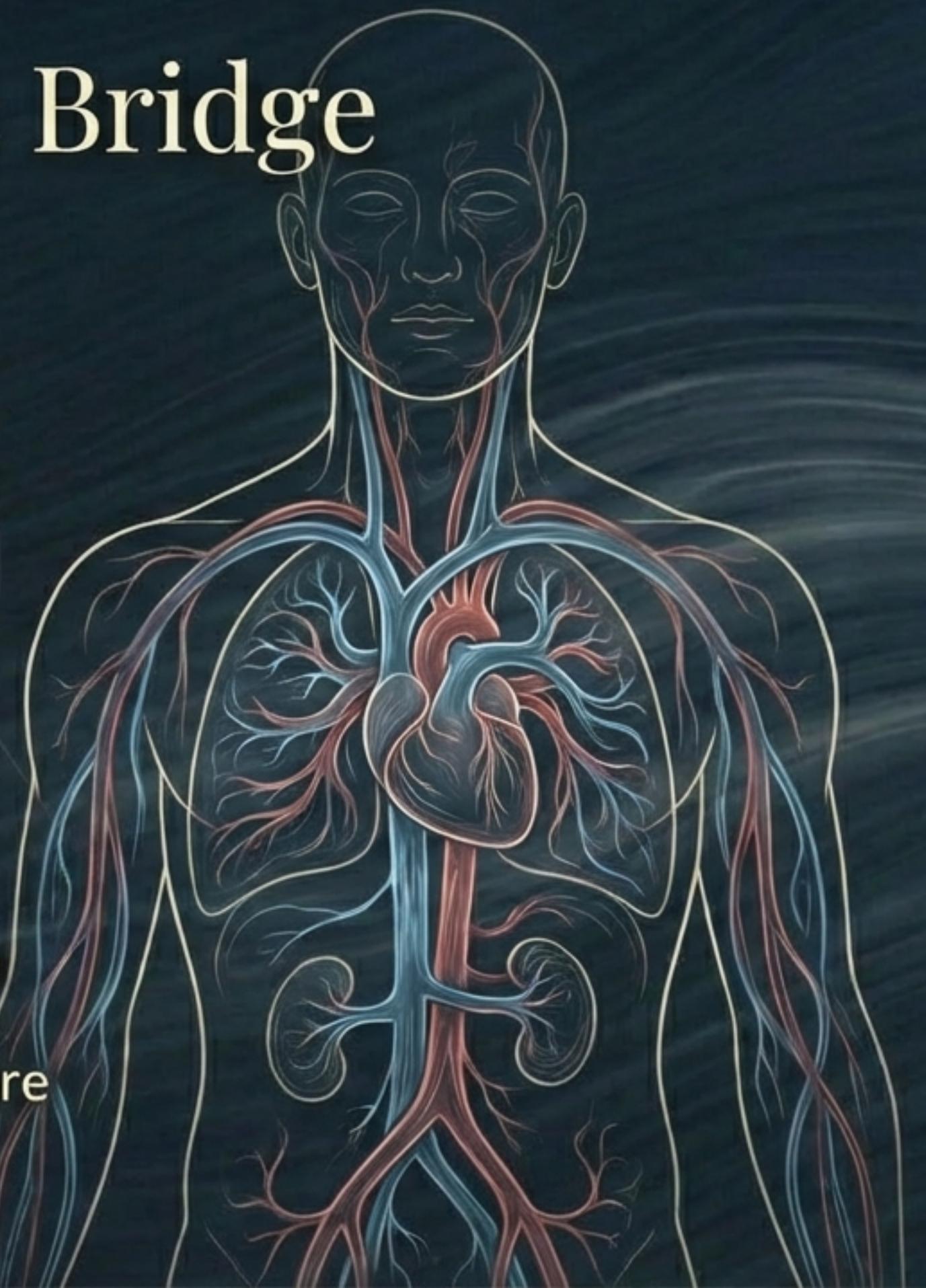


Returning

The whirlpool exists for a time. Eventually, it returns to the river out of which it came. The form changes, but the water remains.

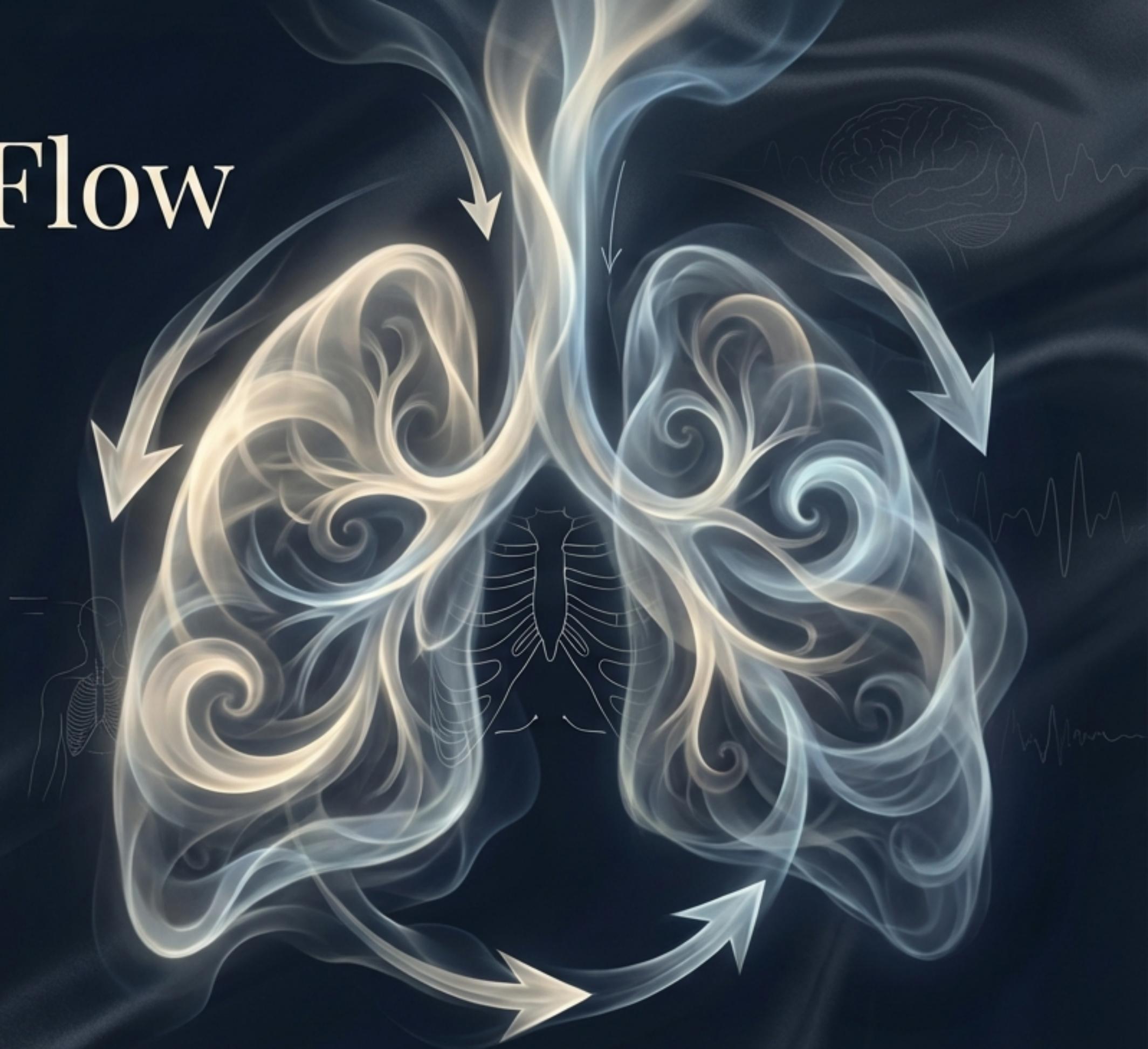
The Somatic Bridge

This is not just a story. It is a biological reality.
Breathing and Blood Flow are the bridge and proof.



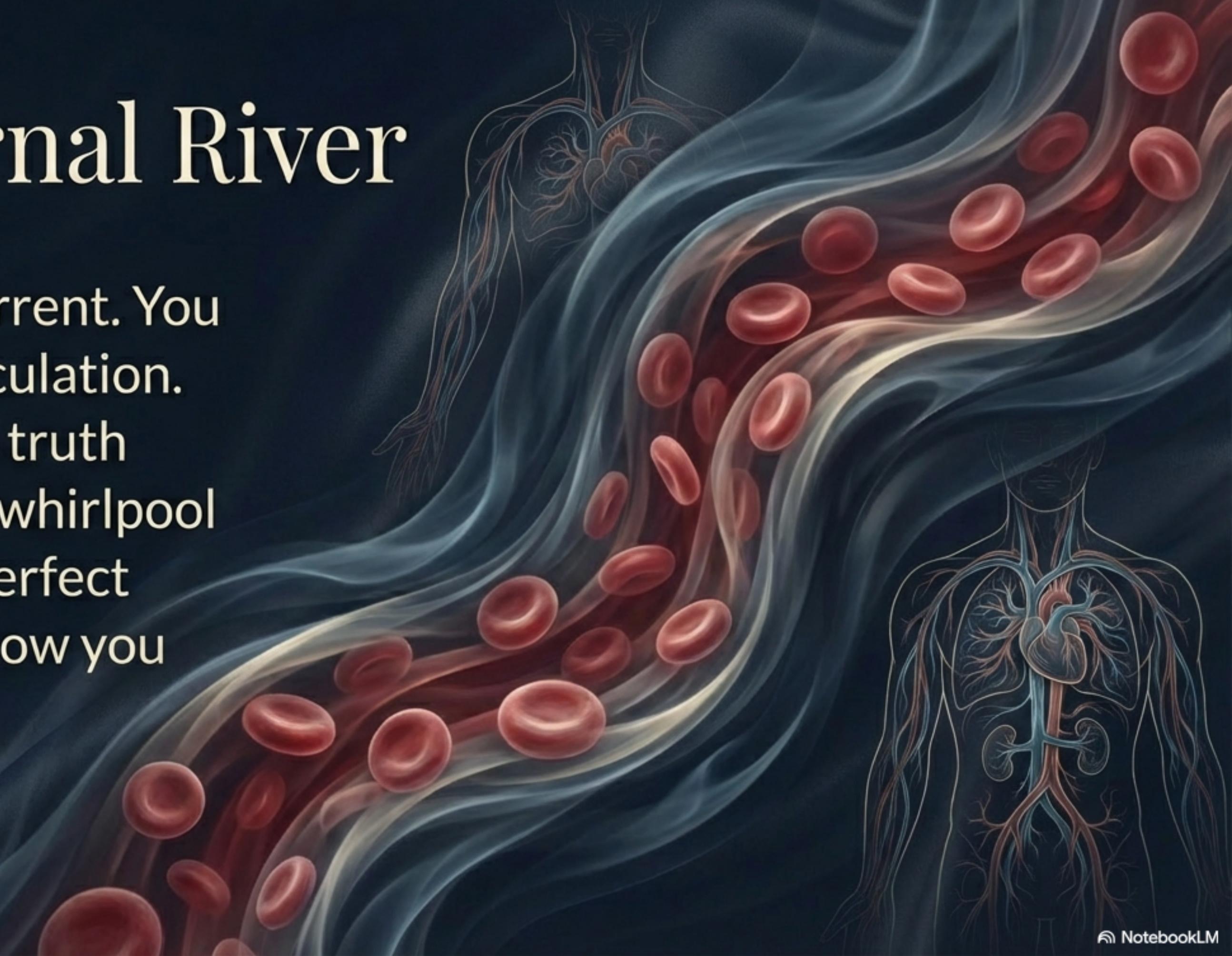
Breathing as Flow

You do not possess your breath. It flows through you, sustaining the shape of your existence, just like the river sustains the whirlpool.



The Internal River

Your blood is a current. You are a vessel of circulation. This physiological truth confirms that the whirlpool metaphor is the perfect way to illustrate how you experience life.



The Awakening



“It is the nature of an error to cease once it is seen.”

Once you see the water, you can no longer be fooled by the illusion of the separate boat.

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