

Creation and Crisis

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hexayurt project

I. To Be Always New

*Teenage Sci-fi Births A
Monster...*

"Yes. I was with Sarvodaya Shramadana, the Buddhist technological movement. Jimmy and I met in Sri Lanka, where the Sarvodaya was born."

Brooke was walking toward them, and with him Dr. Moratuwa, newly outfitted in saffron-colored baggy shorts and T-shirt. They were the work clothes of a Buddhist technician. "Oh, no,"

Turner said. He dropped his wrench with a thud.

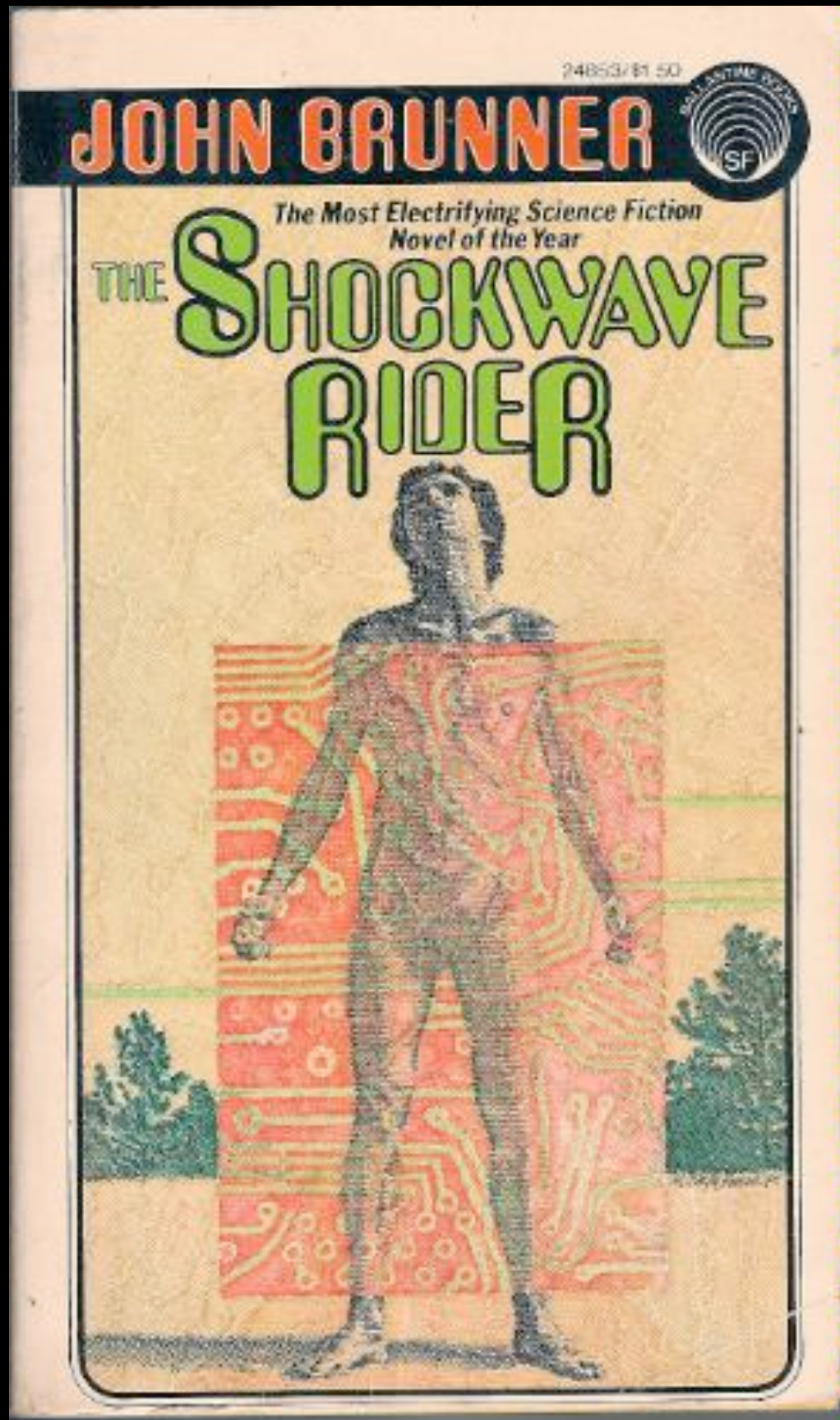
Seria said, "Now you see why I had to leave, don't you? My family locked him up. I had to break adat and help Brooke set him free. It was my obligation, my dharma!"

Green Days in Brunei, Bruce Sterling, 1985
The story is set around 2025

Sarvodaya turns out to exist



They build their first hexayurt last year



Shockwave Rider by John Brunner

The most important book
in the English language.

I've used it as a guide for
about 20 years, and I'm
quite worried that *the*
world has caught up,
depriving me of insight
about the future. What's
the next guidebook?

It's really that prescient,
only *WikiLeaks* wins...

What I turned loose in the net yesterday of all tapeworms.

"It consists in a comprehensive and irrevocable order to release at any printout station any and all data in store whose publication may conduce to the enhanced well-being, whether physical, psychological or social, of the population of North America. For a head it wears a maximum-national-advantage rating, a priority code that I stole from G2S. It was allocated to the corporation because like other hypercorps it's been treated for years as though it were above the law.

"Right behind that, my worm wears a U-group code, which does the same for individuals. The owner of a U-group code will never find himself in court. You don't believe me? Go punch a veephone. Ask for a plain-language printout of the status label worn by a U group code. As of about an hour and a half ago it will print out for anybody... and it's enlightening."

Shockwave Rider, John Brunner, 1974

World Bank funded Urgent Evoke game



Hexayurt refugee camps... fiction for how long?

It's Only Fiction Until
Somebody Does It

the world is built by rampant nerdery

*I'm Bad at Finishing
Things*

ENTP / Innovator
Tigers don't eat Grass
Know Thyself

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reading books at 25 - to
make time for writing

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(four hours a day reading
online, though*)

*mostly book reviews

As a result, I've become
more and more
“innovative”

Love Your Impossibilities

The Farm

founded 1971





“can you show us how
to make a zero-waste
geodesic dome?”

1995

1996	2001	2006
1997	2002	2007
1998	2003	2009
1999	2004	2009
2000	2005	2010
		2011





Nearodesic dome, Designed by Edmund Harriss,
Built by Morgan Engel, Burning Man 2011

no

no

no

no

no

no

no

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no

yes

It Only Becomes
Impossible When
Everybody Gives Up

2. To Fear The World

9 million of the 20
million people a year
who die of poverty are
children dying of
preventable diseases

collapse means living in
the same conditions as
the people who grow
your coffee

kyoto, copenhagen and
cancun have all failed:
democracies will not
agree not to destroy
the world's climate

you will die

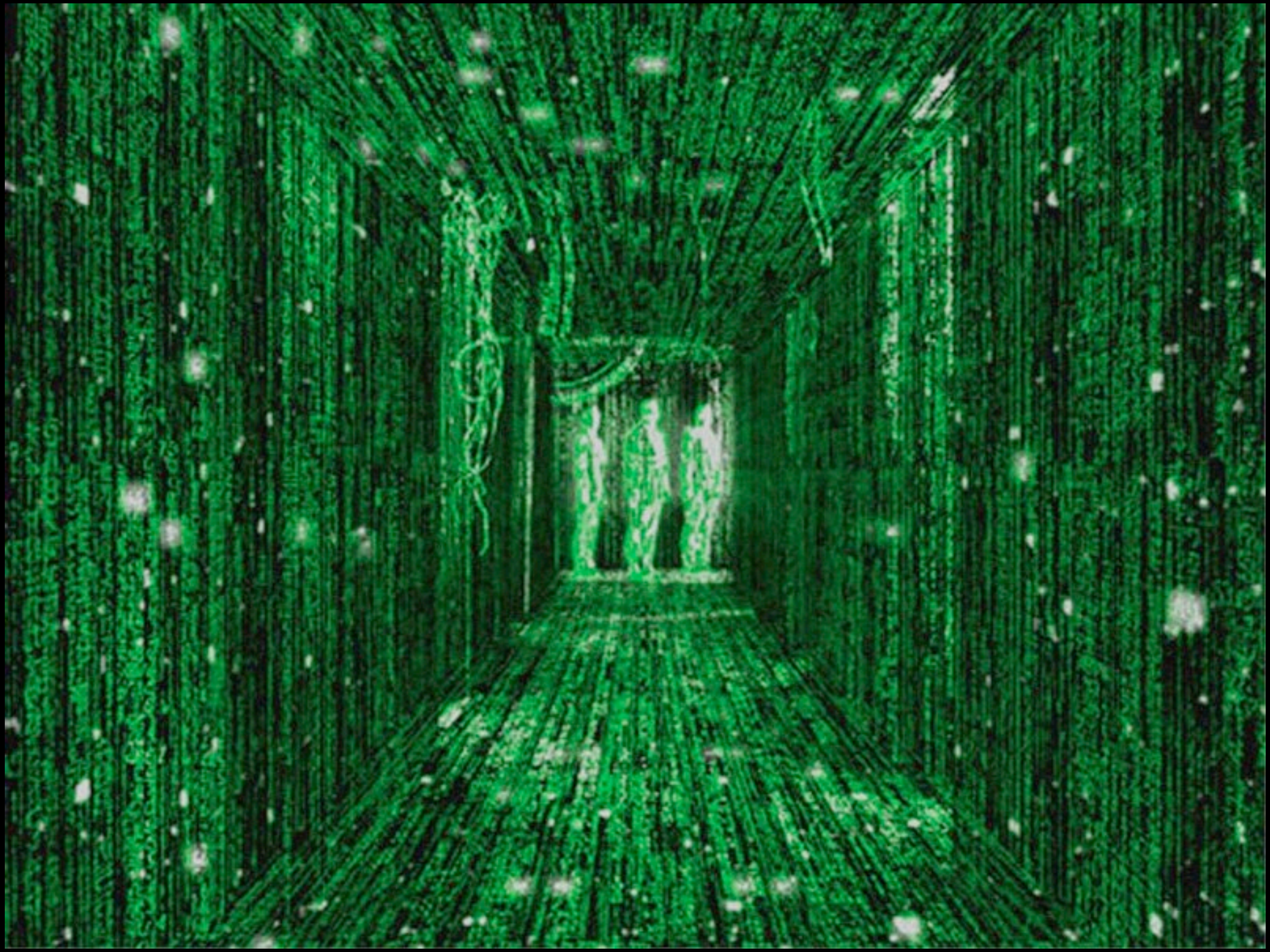
three human responses

I. reproduction

2. creation,
of other kinds

3. conscious evolution

How to Become a
Person Who Can Bear
to Know the Truth?





3. Living & Dying Alive

Was not that I didn't have money and I have money now but that I always made the effort to live in as creative a way as possible so that when I'm playing you my 'homeless trilogy' and I'm expressing to you the times that I spent in squats and so forth... well, I've also lived in the basement of a church that was owned by an alchemist, I've lived in the Western Section of a book store, I've lived in a stairwell, I've lived in a loft of a radical group in New York, used to be called the Yippies. I've always put myself in environments that have stimulated.

Michelle Shocked

life will be crisis
from now on

“normal” was the fruit
of military victory

art is a spiritual practice

spiritual practice is how
you remain flexible



we're going to have to
do this over

almost nothing in the
world is Right

crisis clears the decks
now you can build