Game of Truth

In many traditional art exhibitions, it is all too common for conceptual art to be criticized as 'over-complicated/ -theoretical' and worse still, 'pretentious', if the artist or the curator were to name the names of those who have inspired the artwork. Here, at Curator's Sauna, I strip it down and lay bare my rationale but would neither name-drop nor talk about the respective histories of I-Ching and quantum physics. The skeleton of this installation is a combination of realities: 1) physical (the numbered dots on the floor), 2) psychological (who knows what is in you), and 3) augmented (via the Artivive app). As such, I urge you to follow the instructions of the game which aim at exploring our perceptions and realities in various realms.

From quantum physics, we understand that waves are a range of positions of particles, waves show the probability of position of a particle. The properties of particles are not predetermined, but rather ruled by chance. This uncertainty is fundamental in the fabric of the Universe–a phenomenon that is related to the *Uncertainty Principle and* the *Observer's Principle*–where certain combinations of variables are intertwined/interdependent. The debate goes on, even after a century, with regards to whether a conscious observer is a quantum object. Similarly, the I-Ching (aka *Book of Changes*) has no definite position, and even when consulted, the reading is to be interpreted by the seeker. Like a certain practitioner of I-Ching (within the context of three decades of practice of psychological phenomenology) would say, "The I-Ching offers neither facts nor power. For lovers of self-knowledge, it offers wisdom. To one person its spirit appears as clear as day; to another, shadowy as twilight; to a third, dark as night. He who is not pleased by it does not have to use it, and he who is against it is not obliged to find it true." In my series *A-MARE (to love-to sea)* shown at Canton-sardine in 2021, I explore connections through the weaving of waves as I concur with him in that "the sea is the favorite symbol for the unconscious, the mother of all that lives." As an aside, it was my consultation with the *I-Ching* that had led me to submitting my proposal of this installation; and the abovementioned practitioner of *I-Ching* had done the same before making the decision to write the Foreword (per quotes above) to one of the earliest western translations of I-Ching.
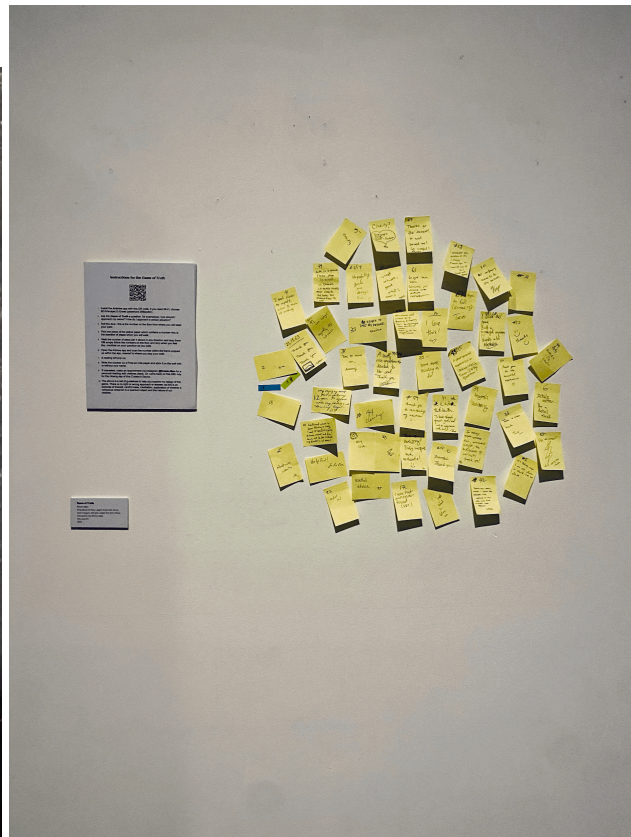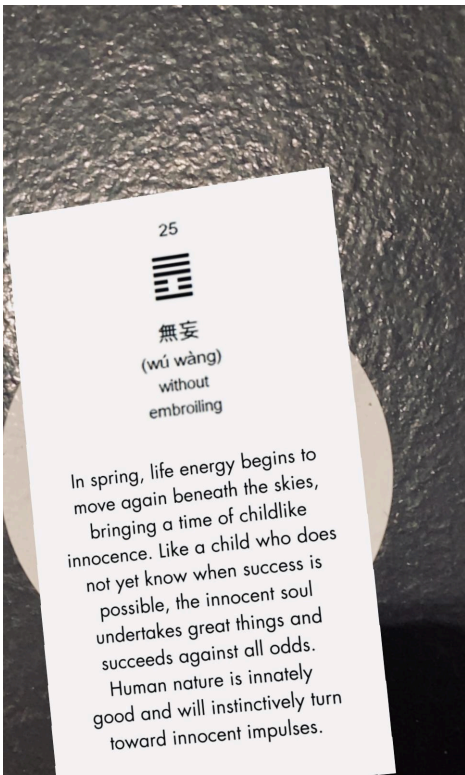
It is in this spirit that I offer this interactive ***Game of Truth***–not for delivering results of any 'statistical significance' sought by any science laboratory, but as a poetic way of exploring the subjective nature of our realities. In general terms, I say that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. In Chinese, we also say that whatever we decide to do, we do it *so that we may have peace in our hearts*.
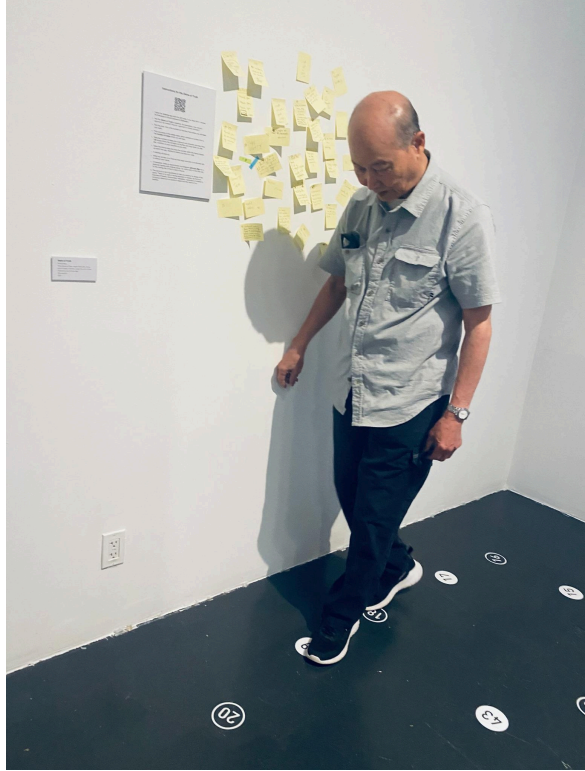
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Instructions for *the Game of Truth*:

1. Install the Artivive app with this QR code; if you need Wi-Fi, choose BC Artscape Guest (no password is required);
2. Ask the **Game of Truth** a question, for example(s), *how should I approach my career? How do I approach a certain situation?*
3. Pick a number from the box – this is the number from where you will start your walk;
4. Roll the dice and walk the number of steps from your starting point freely and stop there OR simply follow the numbers on the floor and stop when you feel like; *meditate on your question as you walk;*
5. Open the Artivive app and scan the number within the exact frame within the app, where you stop your walk;
6. A reading will pop up;
7. Write the number on a Post-ad note paper and stick it on the wall with or without your name.
8. If interested, make an appointment via Instagram **@Kristin.Man** for a personal reading with chakras check. Or, come back on Sat 29th July for the closing day of this Curator's Sauna.

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In spring, life energy begins to
move again beneath the skies,
bringing a time of childlike
innocence. Like a child who does
not yet know when success is
possible, the innocent soul
undertakes great things and
succeeds against all odds.
Human nature is innately
good and will instinctively turn
toward innocent impulses.

CURATOR'S SAUNA
Closing Party
July 29th Saturday, 12-8pm

Free Admission

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Kristin Man
I-Ching Divination
Join anytime before 6pm