

SILICON VALLEY TREE OF LIGHT

*"When you look around and you see empty spaces, beware
In those spaces are cities, invisible civilisations, future histories,
everything is HERE. We must look at the world with new eyes."*

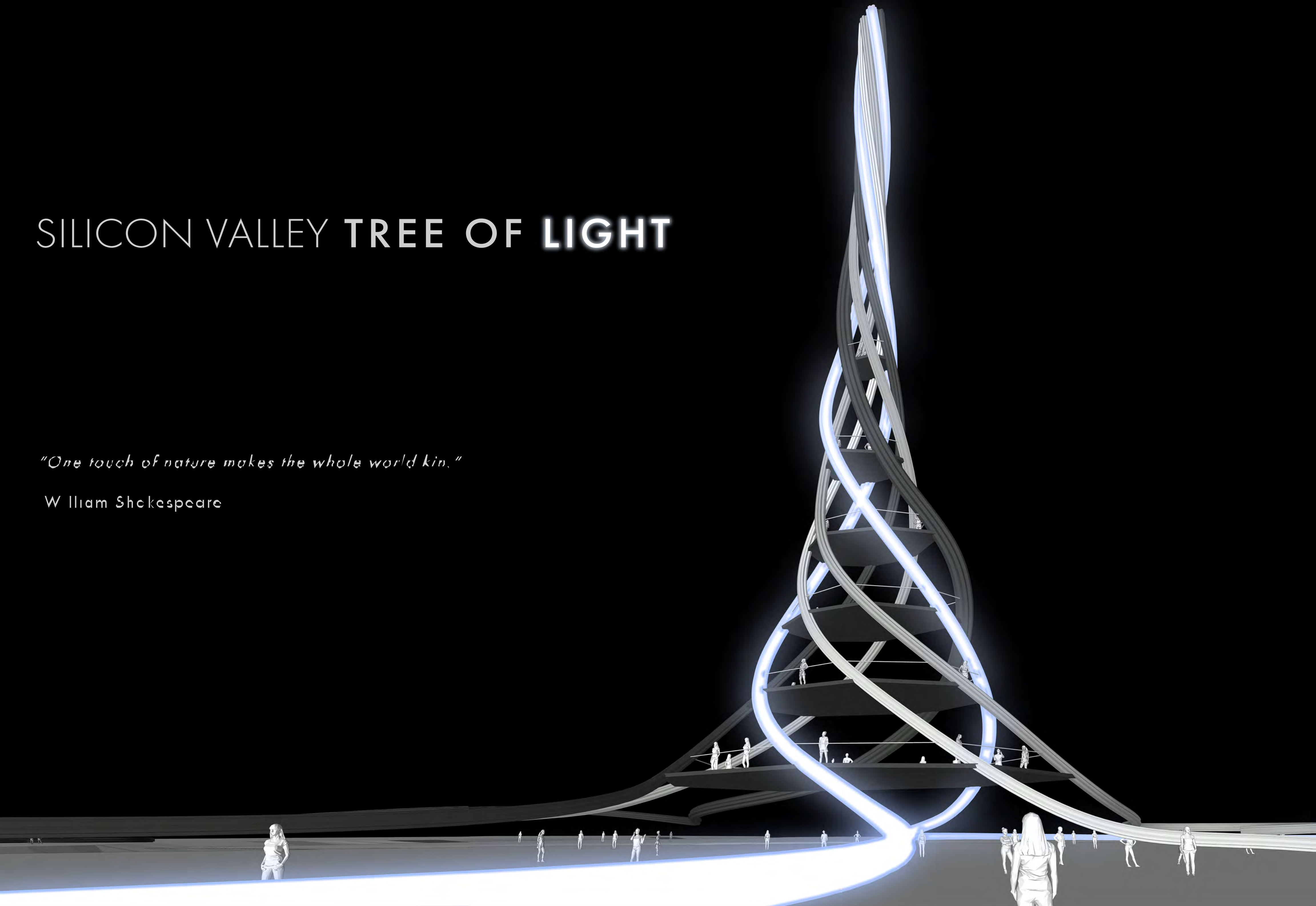
-Ben Okri



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"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."

William Shakespeare





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The **TREE OF LIGHT** is formed by 7 bundled tubes (stems) twisting around each other and ultimately coming together at the apex. Each of these stems grows out of one of 7 pavilions distributed around the Arena Green site. Each pavilion functions like a leaf, providing shade, creating space, and absorbing power (both human and solar) to convert into energy (both conceptual and electrical) that flows through the stems of the tree.

Each of these 7 bundled tubes is in turn made up of 7 individual tubes. The cross section of one of these bundled tubes would echo the cross section of a stem or a honeycomb, creating the geometry of a hexagon, nature's most efficient and strong shape.

The pavilions (which will be designed later, incorporating input from community and stake holders) invite people to interact with them and with each other in unique ways (amphitheater, museum, farmers market, water element, etc). The power of this human communion generates meaning and content that is made tangible in how the tubes are illuminated. The tubes incorporate video and lighting technology that generate both light and content, created by human interaction. The solar panels that are designed into the basic form of the pavilions generate the electricity that powers the technology delivering this content.

This living sculpture will adapt or change in some way each year to reflect the passage of time.

"Birth, life, and death - each took place on the hidden side of a leaf"
-Loni Morrison

The **TREE OF LIGHT** is a transformative physical and digital installation experience that celebrates the ancient roots of nature, the power of art, the triumphs of community and the inspirational majesty of trees.

