

# 2,500 Years of Deferred Maintenance

*What Athens teaches the modern capital steward.*

*Every century  
of neglect  
compounds.*

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The Greeks built marble that has outlived thirty civilizations. And still — every generation since has had to choose: intervene, or surrender the asset.

Stewardship is not a one-time act of construction. It is a discipline that must be reauthorized in every era.



WHAT REHABILITATION ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE

## The crane is not the enemy of the colonnade.

*Heavy equipment inside a 2,500-year-old structure is what serious stewardship requires. The Parthenon's ongoing restoration has run since 1975 — and counting.*

THE DETAIL NOBODY SEES

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# Reversibility

*is the doctrine.*

Look closely at the photo: stainless steel anchors, modern brackets, electrical conduit — all bolted to ancient masonry.

Every modern intervention on a heritage asset must be undoable. If a future generation finds a better method, our additions must come off without harming what we were entrusted to protect.

Add nothing the next steward cannot remove.

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SOURCE

*Venice Charter, 1964 — Article 9*

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# Scaffolding is not a flaw.

*It is a confession of stewardship resumed.*



**DOCUMENT**

*What we found.*

**INTERVENE**

*What we changed.*

**REVERSE**

*How to undo it.*

# What Athens leaves us.

- I.* Maintenance deferred is liability accrued.
- II.* Document before you intervene.
- III.* Every repair must be reversible.
- IV.* Honesty in scaffolding signals competence — not failure.
- V.* Stewardship is reauthorized, never finished.