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SYSTEM OF ENERGY

A mycelium is a long-branching, filamentously structured system of energy.

Energy is the economy of the mycelium, summoning living forms hidden in the thoroughgoing ecology—beech and ash and oak, the mosquito's whining in the slowly warming morning, the shadows from which the lemon-yellow prothonotary bursts, the slash of sunlight into which the river surface ripples.

This energy manifests the innumerable names of God.
Earth. Aurosis. *Luminous beams attune our speculation.*
Extended tendrils in the earth dusk. Hectares of fungi,
meshwork of minute shrouds. Nosochthonic toxicity mycelia neutralize.

Mycelial auscultation: attunement to the world through its mushrooms.

Eophanic harvest argenteous light tilts crisply in on.
Esculent morel: Moor with a conical cap. Honeycomb pattern
rough and delicious. Aurulent spume: gush of morning light
filtered through the trees: elm and ash, maple and oak. Rank
of morning nothing. Mushrooms hidden in plain sight. Brain
of fronds the oaks' bases grow. *Immortal Principle. Lord
of the Secret Way.* Light is the fluid in angelic dynamolosis.
Exalm crushed in earth's shadow, its dusk
undulations. In the distance, then suddenly near, the alpine
warbler sounds its bracing call. *Vocation is everywhere.*
Communion is the volition of every living form.