

## The Mystery of the Tablet

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in a secret valley  
called the mother of all things  
a tree grows from the earth  
though its branches extend to the heavens  
and farther to the outer reaches  
of the cosmos/infinity

this tree bears strange fruits  
each with its real (magical) power  
the consumption of which juices bestow  
immortality, all knowledge  
and complete rejuvenation/healing

this tree is not easily found  
because it is more immediate  
than breathing which is only  
remembered when attention is directed to it

from below it rises to that which is above  
and returns to the earth  
and so the sky/heavens and the earth/matter  
are caught in an orbit which enlivens  
what was once dead and buried  
in the earth

nothing is lost in this orbit,  
all is transformed  
the mythical phoenix nests in its branches  
and incubates its infinite transformations  
in the fire that issues from  
the top of the tree

the subtle wind moves  
from the sun to the moon  
until a fluid is formed,  
soma is the fluid of life  
drawing together everything  
from the heavens and everything  
from the earth -- it is the perfect  
elixir or rather the elixir of perfection,  
there are no mysteries here  
as indeed the tree is creation itself

if you would know, then you must ascend  
and descend following the course of the fluid/soma  
which rejuvenates the dead and launches  
the risen into infinity

the only mystery in this process  
is that it is not a mystery  
it is as plain as the sun  
in the sky  
and moon seen reflecting its light  
at night  
thus day and night are joined in  
this tree of 33 steps and only man  
is able fathom its open  
and closed secrets

for those of different temperament  
follow the seven angels that ascend and descend  
on the ladder (tree) of light

and thus the secret of all secrets  
is revealed  
and so it ends in the beginning

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