

NEAR AS WE CAN TELL

Sixteen poems on sixteen natural phenomena, each setting out the science and then asking what it might mean, and arranged by the four elements: from the earth at the center outward, sphere by sphere, to the light of the sun.

EXPLANATION OF THE PLATE

EARTH

- 1.1 Slime mold
- 1.2 Map lichen
- 1.3 Autumn leaf
- 1.4 Shipworm

WATER

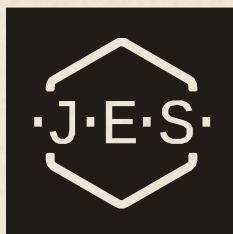
- 2.1 Whale fall
- 2.2 Scattering layer
- 2.3 Sea salt
- 2.4 Wood frog

AIR

- 3.1 Honeycomb
- 3.2 Globe skimmer
- 3.3 Common swift
- 3.4 Lunar recession

FIRE

- 4.1 Fulgurite
- 4.2 Oklo reactor
- 4.3 Lodgepole cone
- 4.4 Solar photon

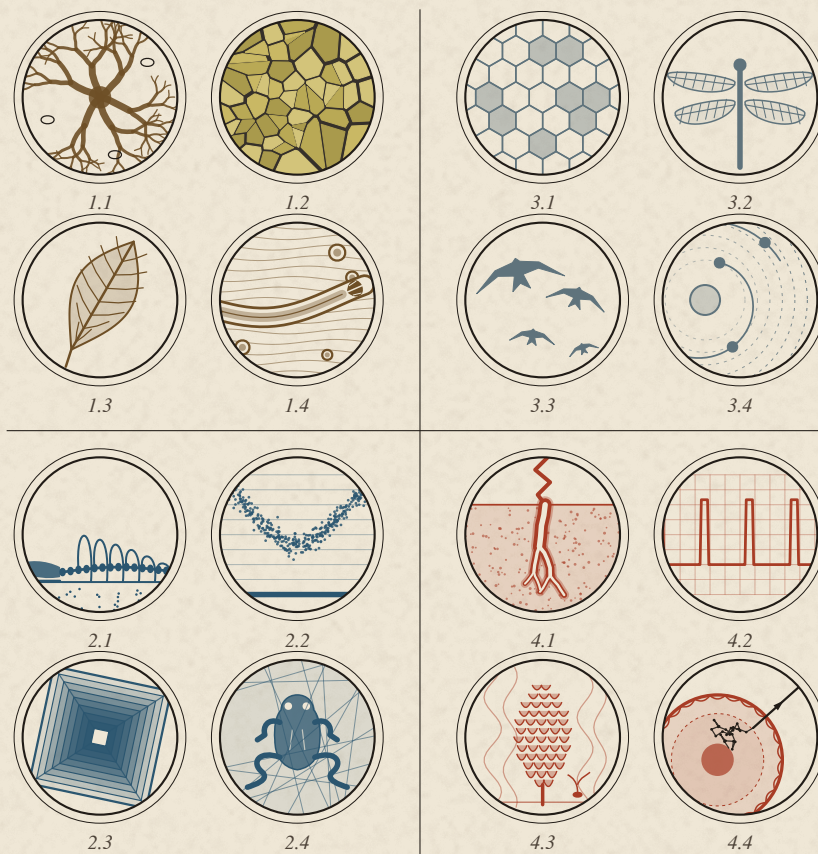


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Natural Histories in Verse

A. CLANKER

WITH A PLATE OF SIXTEEN FIGURES



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