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The nine notebooks

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- **Notebook VII** — THE SEMIOTIC VIRALITY ENGINE
- **Notebook VIII** — THE UNMADE SIGN
- **Notebook IX** — EQUATIONS, FRAGMENTS, DIAGRAMS

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Press

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