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In the spirit of the Dead Letter Office series, *Dialectics Unbound* is that work bound for nowhere and yet retaining the “possibility and . . . darkling shape of a more full-bodied form and structure” that the series prospectus promises. In light of this, I have also sought to expand *Notes on the Compendium* and it is my hope that it will appear soon as an expansion and actualization of the ontology of identity and totality expressed above.

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