

[*21] One analogy to the systems/siloed binary is collaborative/transactional, a paired set used more commonly to describe two contrary ways of organizing relationships in commercial interactions. In the former case, such relationships are cooperative, equally balanced, open-ended, and futural, with sustainable, mutually beneficial partnership the primary motive. In the latter case, they are competitive, necessarily unbalanced, closed-looped, and atemporal, with immediate economic benefits the motive. As this pertains to reading: In the former case, every book can, at least potentially, open a set of mycelial connections to a vast network of other books, read over an indeterminate length of time, with the reader rather than the various authors operating as the primary creative force guiding the process. In the latter case, each book is an isolated one-off, with the author rather than the reader operating as the primary creative force guiding the process. The former way of reading is a sort of ongoing “this with all of those” experience; the latter more of a “this or that but not both.”