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Mount Rainier Amoebae and Direction Without Belief

Submitted for consideration by The Herald.

During a month-long expedition near Mount Rainier, Institute personnel sampled a shallow moss-fed puddle associated with several small animal carcasses. Microscopy revealed an amoeboid organism not readily matched to the common taxa examined in the field.

The organisms move normally under ordinary conditions. When placed in several controlled geometries, however, locomotion slows and individuals tend to align along a repeatable direction. That direction does not consistently follow light, gravity, magnetic north, temperature gradient, or chemical cue.

When the sample orientation was changed relative to suspected Nodal Sanctuary locations, the alignment shifted in a manner that appears geographically coherent. The effect remains under replication.

The Church need not be invoked to explain an amoeba. Microorganisms respond to physical gradients we often fail to measure. The anomaly is that we have not yet identified the gradient.

The organism does not believe in the Veil. It navigates by it.

Respectfully,
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