

**TAXIDERMIC
LABORATORY**

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of

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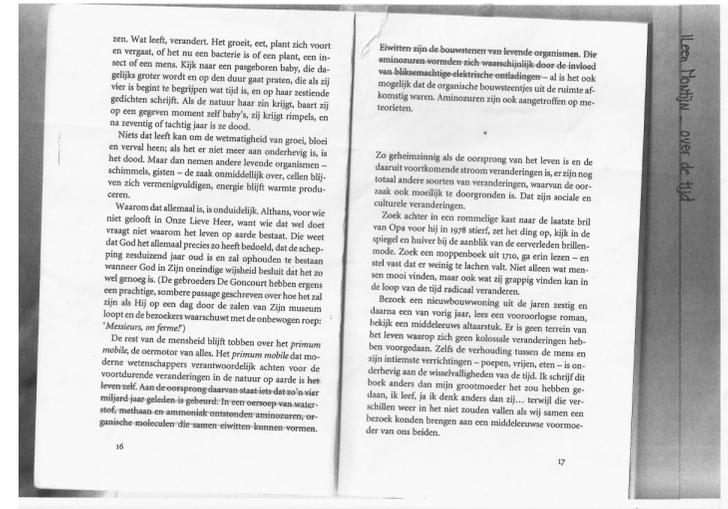
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1. SMELL OF LIFE

Source: *Clipping from Alkmaarse Courant, 24 October, 2014.*

“Comet smelling like eggs and horse urine” A combination of rotting eggs, horse urine, formaldehyde, bitter almonds, alcohol, vinegar and a pinch of ether. These is, according to a group of Swiss scientists, the aroma one could smell if approaching the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.



2. PROTEINS AS THE SOURCE OF LIFE

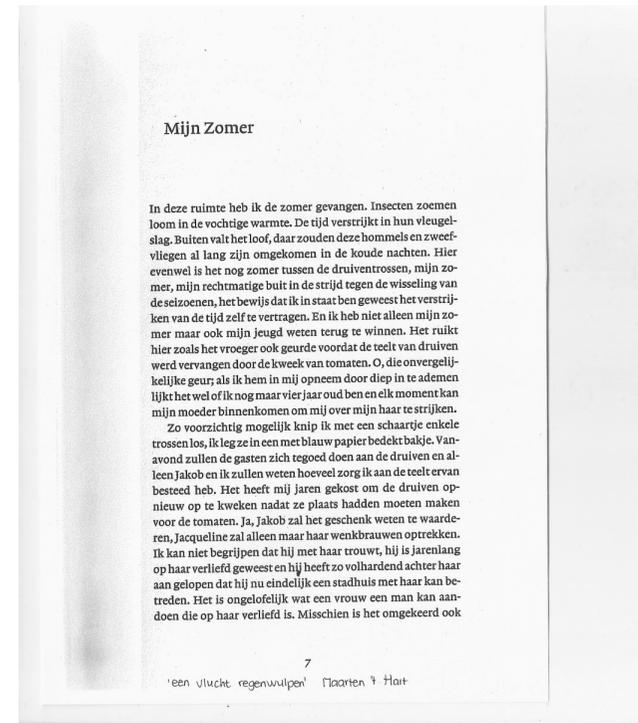
Source: *Copy from book: 'Over de tijd' by Ileen Montijn.*

Proteins are the building blocks of living organisms.



13. LABORATORY

Source: Picture taken by Amber Veel at Verbeke Foundation (Kemzeke, BE).



18. SLOWING DOWN TIME

Source: Source: Copy from: 'Een vlucht regenwulpen' by Maarten 't Hart, Page 7.

Here, however, it is still summer between the bunches of grapes, my summer, my rightful booty in the fight against the changing of the seasons, the evidence I have been able to slow the passage of time itself.

Complexe organische moleculen gevonden in de ruimte

Wetenschappers hebben diep in de ruimte complexe organische moleculen gevonden, het begin van al het leven op aarde.

Amerikaanse en Duitse astronomen onderzochten de samenstelling van een gaswolk waarin stervorming plaatsvond. De gaswolk Sagittarius B2, op een afstand van 27.000 lichtjaar van de aarde, bleek moleculen te bevatten die nooit eerder zo diep in de ruimte waren aangetroffen. In de gaswolk vonden de astronomen isopropyl cyanide, een molecuul met een vertakte koolstofketen. Wetenschappers zijn geïnteresseerd in dergelijke moleculen, omdat al het leven op aarde afhankelijk is van moleculen met vertakte koolstofketens. Tot nu werden er alleen onvertakte koolstofmoleculen gevonden.

De vondst kan erop duiden dat de bouwstenen van leven in grote getale aanwezig zijn in de ruimte, een belangrijke ontdekking in de zoektocht naar buitenaards leven.

Aminoazuren
Al het leven zoals wij het op aarde kennen is afhankelijk van eiwitten, die opgebouwd zijn uit aminozuren. Wetenschappers die zoeken naar buitenaards leven hopen deze complexe organische moleculen aan te treffen in stervormende gaswolken, want waar de bouwstenen van leven worden gevormd, ontstaat mogelijk ook leven.

De astronomen ontdekten de isopropyl cyanide-moleculen door te kijken naar het licht dat uit de gaswolk kwam. De waargenomen golflijntjes gaven informatie over de samenstelling van de gaswolk. De vondst is vrijtag gepubliceerd in *Science*.

Door: Nijlertine van der Vliet

DETECTION OF A BRANCHED ALKYL MOLECULE IN THE INTERSTELLAR MEDIUM: *ISO-PROPYL* CYANIDE

The largest nongaseous molecules detected in the interstellar medium (ISM) are organic with a straight-chain carbon backbone. We report an interstellar detection of a branched alkyl molecule, *iso-propyl* cyanide (C_3H_5CN), with an abundance 0.4 times that of its straight-chain structural isomer. This detection suggests that branched carbon-chain molecules may be generally abundant in the ISM. Our astrochemical model indicates that both isomers are produced within or upon dust grain ice mantles through the addition of molecular radicals, albeit via differing reaction pathways. The production of *iso-propyl* cyanide appears to require the addition of a functional group to a nonterminal carbon in the chain. Its detection therefore bodes well for the presence in the ISM of amino acids, for which such side-chain structure is a key characteristic.

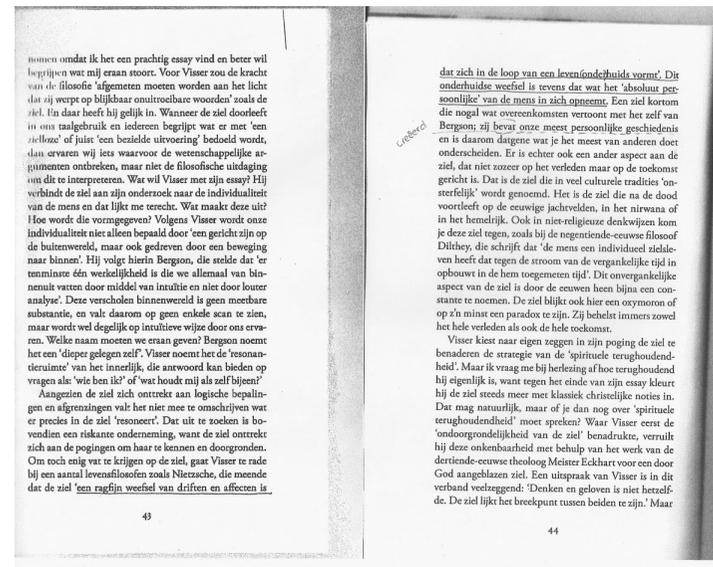
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35. COMPLEX MOLECULES FOUND IN SPACE

Source: *nu.nl*

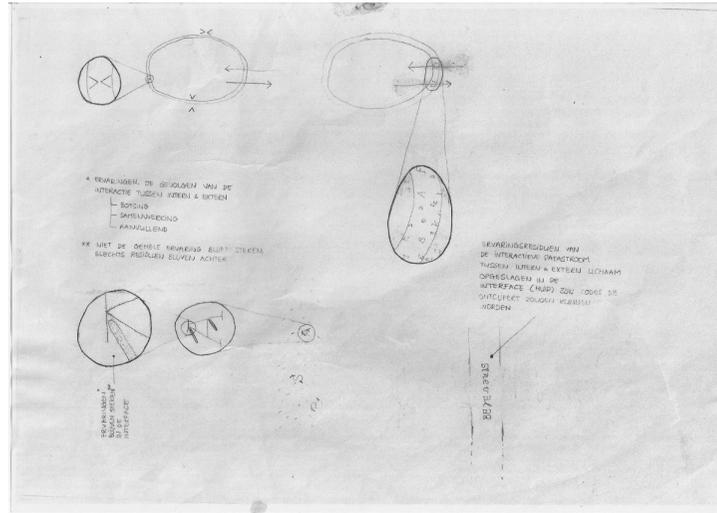
- Branched carbon molecules are the starting point for life.
- Found in a cloud of gas wherein stars are born.
- Isopropyl-cyanide measured by light wave frequency.



42. SKIN ABSORBING THE ABSOLUTE PERSONAL

Source: Copy from book: *Windstilte van de ziel* by Joke Hermsen.

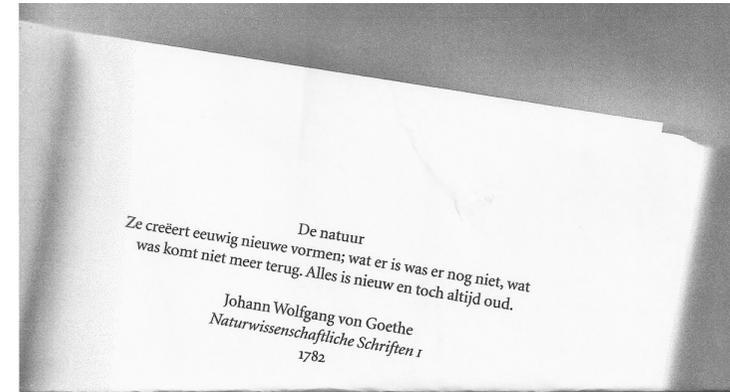
I believe that our skin collects traces of our life. Joke Hermsen underwrites this concept in her queste to 'find the soul'.



43. SKIN COLLECTING DATA

Source: *Sketch by Amber Veel.*

When the inside and outside world interact with each other through the skin barrier, they leave traces of this interaction inside the skin.

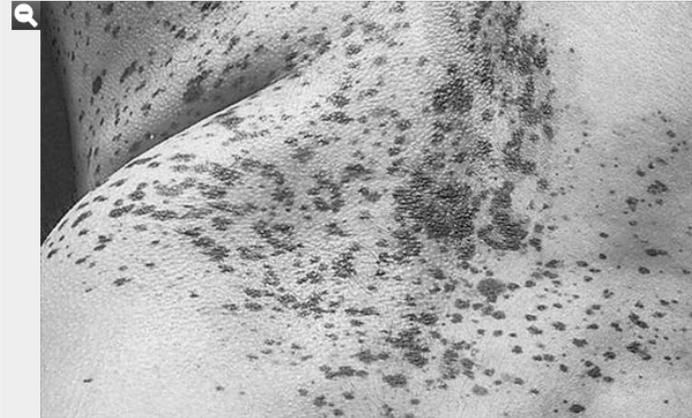


44. EVERYTHING IS NEW AND YET ALWAYS OLD

Nature; for eternity she will create new shapes; what is there wasn't there yet, that was will not come back. Everthing is new and yet always old. [Johan Wolfgang von Goethe]

Figure 3.

Patient 1. Close-up view of the speckled-lentiginous nevus. Note the advanced scoliosis. Sweat drops due to hyperhidrosis are visible in the left lumbar region.



56. MEDICAL HYPERPIGMENTATION - SPECKLED LENTIGINOUS NERVUS

Source:

<http://www.pathologyoutlines.com/topic/skintumormelanocyticphacomatosispigmento.html>

A patch of hyperpigmentation that can be seen on any
area of the body

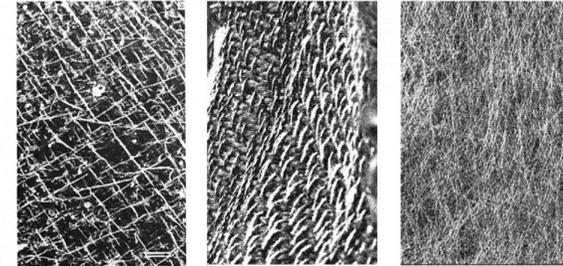


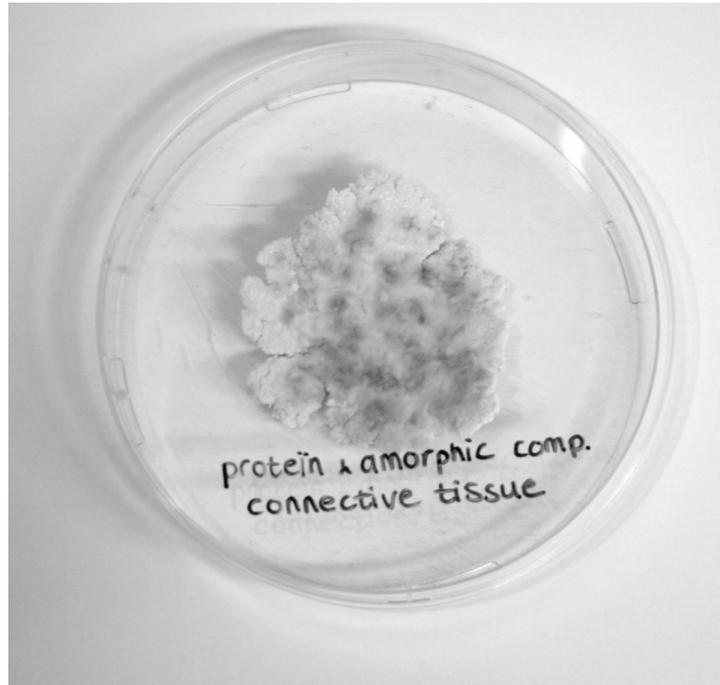
fig. 6a tissue fig. 6b tissue fig. 6c [non] tissue

Weefsel NL		Tissue EN		Tissu FR	
cellular structure	woven piece of cloth	ensemble of cells	woven fabric	(anatomy) tissue	woven fabric, cloth, material

65. TISSUE

Source: *Collage by Amber Veel.*

The relationship between skin and textile can also be found in the word: tissue. Tissue as an ensemble of cells. Tissue as a piece of fabric or cloth.



79.
**PROTEIN & AMORPHIC
CONNECTIVE TISSUE**

Source: Product sample by Amber Veel.



80.
BOG BODY

Source:

<http://www.geschiedenisleraar.info/blog/?tag=veenlijken>

A bog body is a human cadaver that has been naturally mummified in a peat bog. Unlike most ancient human remains, bog bodies have retained their skin due to the unusual conditions of the surrounding area.
