

Machine Translated by EJ Shu

Language isn't what it used to be... complicated processes of encoding and decoding race up and down the computer's tower of languages as letters are coupled with programming commands, commands are compiled or interpreted, and source code is correlated with the object code of binary symbols, transformed in turn into voltage differences.

—N. Katherine Hayles, 'Traumas of Code', 2006

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On my side I pass a virus

of my children without knowing me. I spent every day
in a capacity-over condition,
I started to blame myself as my body

was unable to move and I couldn't keep feeling.

My husband wanted to lie down tired

I could not do anything like

child rearing, home, important stories

and apparently tension comes out

in my voice. I feel that it is getting faster

from waking up to waking up.

I don't feel any better or anything else

I started drinking 1 tablet x 2

morning and evening. I drink on the day

I use the liver. From the first day, it seems

that your feet are warm, you have more power
than usual. Perhaps it was a placebo effect
that wrote “white ginseng” with magic
in the white part above the bottle.
Maybe it’s getting warmer

As I drunk, my body became hot and it felt sick. quitted.
thoughts are formed smoothly. by the end there is no desire
it helps to come to oneself faster,

as if accelerating Even though I am very tired, things
that make up the morning have increased.

I drink twice a day, and one more
on the evening when it’s a messy day.

after drinking. It is strange. I feel
like I’ve recently lost nothing

*Note: Poem comprised of text sourced from machine translated reviews of NOW Foods Panax
Ginseng, 500 mg, 250 Veg Capsules.*

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