

The World's Navel

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From and pattern focus
elusive meaning
elastic time
space pierced through,
folded.

This place is
the centre
the world's navel
the sacred mountain.

This place
is the lens's eye
through which light beams
criss, cross, and
reverse God's image.

Bullets of light
Bullets of lead
Bullets of history
Bullets of hate
Bullets of hope
criss, cross, pierce.

Time, space, place bleed.