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The idea of entanglement suggests a system (such as the root system of a forest, for example) constituted by interdependent, symbiotic components whose interdependency is not necessarily visible above ground. This paradigm may be useful for thinking about converso spirituality as a system that not only draws from Jewish and Christian traditions, and made possible by the continued proximity and interaction of these traditions and social groups. In this case, converso spirituality as practiced by different conversos is not simply a ‘blend’ of ingredients drawn from Christian and Jewish tradition, but rather a dynamic, emergent system of people, ideas and practices circulating throughout the Mediterranean in both Spanish Imperial and Ottoman contexts. In this paper I will draw on a number of sources and studies covering multiple aspects of converso spiritual practice (original works by converso and non-converso Christian authors, rabbinical sources, translations, Inquisition documents, etc.) in order to develop a theory of Medieval entanglement in converso spirituality.