

# THE MAGIC OF *SOUND*

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[For the Occultist Space is] “the one Element, the root of life which, in its eternal ceaseless **motion**, like the out- and in-breathing of one boundless ocean, **evolves but to reabsorb** all that lives, feels, thinks and has its being.” [It is] “...the combination of thousand elements, and yet the **expression of a single Spirit** – a chaos to the sense, a Cosmos to the reason.”  
“Nirvāṇa-Moksha” by HPB, Collected Works XIV:412

...the appearance and disappearance of Worlds... is the absolute universality of the law of **periodicity**, of flux and reflux, ebb and flow, which physical science has observed and recorded in all departments of nature. [This] alternation... is a fact so common, so perfectly universal and without exception, that it is easy to comprehend, that in it we see **one of the absolutely fundamental laws of the universe**.  
Secret Doctrine 1:17

... nature runs down and disappears from the objective plane, only to **re-emerge after a time of rest** out of the subjective and to reascend once more. Our **Kosmos and Nature will run down only to reappear on a more perfect plane after every PRALAYA (or rest)**.  
Secret Doctrine 1:149

... in the Kabalistic works... will be found the very history of the evolution of those countless Globes which evolve after a periodical Pralaya (or rest), **rebuilt from old material** into new forms. The previous Globes disintegrate and reappear, transformed and perfected for a new phase of life. In the **Kabala**, worlds are compared to sparks which fly from under the hammer of the great “Architect “ — (which is) **LAW**, the law which rules all the smaller “Creators”.  
Secret Doctrine 1:199

Therefore, the “last vibration of the Seventh Eternity” [for a new period of cosmic activity] was “fore-ordained”—by no God in particular, but **occurred in virtue of the eternal and changeless LAW which causes the great periods of Activity and Rest...** The expansion “from within without” of the... “Universal Matrix” does not allude to an expansion from a small centre or focus, but, **without** reference to size or limitation or area, means the development of **limitless subjectivity into as limitless objectivity...** this **expansion, not an increase in size — for infinite extension admits of no enlargement — was a change of condition**.  
Secret Doctrine 1:62-63

In the Anugita it is said, that Akasa has one quality, and that is **sound**, that the **seven principle notes of the Hindu Gamut are** corresponding to the elements and the senses, and that it is only by the emancipation of the Self by overcoming the illusion of the

material or objective plane, that the secret wisdom of the **qualities** of objects and their dual plane of manifestation – the visible and the invisible – can be achieved.

Secret Doctrine 1:534

... (quoting from Hermes) that creative speech (Verbum) is the **seminal** principle scattered throughout the Universe.

Secret Doctrine 2:542

[The **Divine Resonance**] is only the out-breathing of the first sound of the entire **AUM** ... the power which **stirs up and animates the particles of the Universe.**

“AUM!” by William Q Judge, Path April 1886, quoted in CW X:265

The vibration sweeps along, touching with its swift wing (simultaneously) the **whole universe and the “germ that dwelleth in Darkness”** - the Darkness that breathes (moves) over the slumbering waters of Life.

Transactions of the Blavatsky Lodge 105

**... sound is shown to be at the root of manifestation, or, in other words, that the “Word” or Logos, the first-born, is that by which all things are made.**

Commentary on the Pistis Sophia, CW XIII:53 fn

The Hindus call it [the universal Matrix] Mulaprakriti, and say that it is the primordial [cosmic] substance, the basis of the Upadhi or vehicle of every phenomenon, whether physical, mental or psychic. It is the **source** from which **Akâsa** [or the spiritual **super-sensuous essence pervading all space**] radiates.

Secret Doctrine 1:35

... where there is **not Ether** there would be **no sound** says the SD, as it is the **vibrating sounding-board in Nature** in all of its **seven** differentiations.

Secret Doctrine 1:536

... **Ether is matter, since it is... atomic**

Secret Doctrine 1:111 fn

**Ether** is a **material** agent, whereas **Akasa** is a distinctly **spiritual** one.

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But the **ether** of which science has a suspicion, is the grossest manifestation of Akâsa, though on our plane, for us mortals, it is the **seventh principle of the astral light...** When it penetrates, or informs something, **it may be molecular** because it takes on the form of the latter, and its **atoms inform the particles** [or molecules] of that “something.” We may perhaps call matter “crystallised ether.”

Transactions of the Blavatsky Lodge, CW X:370

Human beings in general are like so many **keys on the piano, each having its own sound, and the combination of which produces other sounds in endless variety.** Like inanimate nature they have a keynote from which all the varieties of character and constitution proceed by endless change. Remember what was said in *Isis Unveiled*, at p. xvi, Vol. I, “The universe is the combination of a thousand elements, and yet the expression of a single spirit—a chaos to the sense [physical], a cosmos to the reason” (manas).

“Occult Vibrations” by HPB, CW X:265