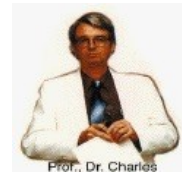


SEEMS TO ME (WHY WE STUDY AETHER)

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Vitalism is a universal and ancient belief that starts from the premise that "living organisms are fundamentally different from non-living entities because they contain some non-physical element or are governed by different principles than are inanimate things" (Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy). With Wöhler's synthesis of urea ((1828) and other organic compounds, parallel to techniques in microbiology, chemists became convinced they could totally medicate and manipulate the human form for curing disease, restoring health, and disease prevention.

What has endured is a more than one hundred fifty year battle of the "regulars" versus the "others". Proponents and practitioners of various esoteric forms of spirituality and (so-called) alternative medicine refer to a variety of ancient modalities, experiences and phenomena as being due to "energy" or "force" that seemingly defies conventional measurements and thus are distinguished from the scientific forms of known energy, limited to the electromagnetic spectrum. Academic medical science for too long has generally dismissed the existence of life force modalities and ignores the knowledge and evidence collected by our ancestors through millennia of experience, teachings, and writings.

I posit central to the ignorance and suppression of vital and energetic medicines was the 19th century abandonment of aether physics. Aether, also called luminiferous ether in physics, was the theoretical universal substance believed to act as the medium for transmission of electromagnetic waves (e.g., light and X-rays), much as sound waves are transmitted by an elastic media such as air. The aether was assumed to be weightless, transparent, frictionless, undetectable chemically or physically, and literally permeating all matter and space. The theory met with intellectual difficulties as the nature of light and the structure of matter became better understood. However, it was the edifice upon which practical inventors, like Nicola Tesla and Guglielmo Marconi, would gain patents and proceed to illuminate the world. It was seriously weakened, academically (1887) by the Michelson-Morley experiment, which was designed specifically to detect the motion of Earth through the ether "wind" and which their contrived experiment showed that there was no such effect. With the formulation of the special theory of relativity by Albert Einstein in 1905 and its acceptance by scientists generally, the aether hypothesis was gradually abandoned as being unnecessary in terms of Einstein's assumption that the speed of light, or any electromagnetic wave, is a universal constant and acts in a "vacuum".

Intanglement theory of quantum physics, observes that every bit and piece of mass (atoms and molecules) communicates with every other mass in the total universe through hyperspatial/virtual crosstalk between all parts and all masses of the universe due to an interpenetrating aether. Christiaan Huygens's Treatise on Light (1690) early on hypothesized that light is a wave propagating through an ultra-fine aether or gas. He and Isaac Newton, following many others including Nicola Tesla could only envision light waves as being longitudinal, propagating like sound and other mechanical waves in physical fluids.

The Sea of Aether consists of ultra-fine particles, of 5 grades, sizes or vibrating grades, commonly known to the ancients as:

1. Ether, ultra-fine, quintessence, also known as "anu" in the East;

2. Fire;
3. Water;
4. Air; and
5. Earth

The elements, known by similar names in other cultures, more or less remain the same when analyzed in depth. The elements became the basis of humoral medicine in both Eastern and Western cultures.

THE ANCIENT NAMES OF AETHER

Qi 氣: the Traditional Chinese character still used today, an active principle forming part of any living thing
 Aether (Greek αἰθήρ aithēr): the medium that fills the region of the universe above the terrestrial sphere.
 Akasha (or Akash, Ākāśa, आकाश) is the Sanskrit word meaning "aether" in both its elemental and metaphysical senses.
 Polynesian mythology: mana
 Egyptian mythology: ka
 Tibetan: sog lung ('vital breath')
 Greek mythology: pneuma
 Hebrew mythology: ruah
 Inuit mythology: inua, sila
 Druid culture: awen

Ayurveda: prana (प्राण)
 European alchemy and philosophy: aether (ether), quintessence
 Miasma
 Animal Magnetism: Anton Mesmer
 Hahnemann's Psora
 Hans Driesch: living things develop by entelechy (potentiality)
 Henri Bergson: élan vital
 Odic Force of Baron Carl von Reichenbach
 Theosophy: The aetheric body
 Nicola Tesla & Ayurveda
 Orgone: Wilhelm Reich
 The Soft Electron of Joseph Cater

The aether hypothesis was the topic of considerable study throughout history, as it recognized the existence of an invisible and infinite material with little to no interaction with physical objects (mass). It was part of humoral medical theory found throughout the world's ancient medical systems. As the nature of light was explored, especially in the 19th century, the physical qualities required of an aether became increasingly important in the development of commercial electricity and telecommunications.

Aether is not just a wave or frequency, it is a sea of ultra minute particles that incessantly oscillate inordinate amounts of frequencies and energy. All objects in the universe are in communication with each other, but particularly large or close by objects. Those objects that come very near or touch the chosen object for a period of time are most influential. Proximity in the physical universe is determined by zonal forces of cohesion and repulsion; and gravity. On planet earth, those zonal forces follow the rules of physical (collision) chemistry.

Plasma (from Ancient Greek πλάσμα (plásma) 'moldable substance') is one of four fundamental states of matter (the other three being solid, liquid, and gas) characterized by the presence of a significant portion of charged particles in any combination of ions or electrons. It is the most abundant form of ordinary matter in the universe, mostly in stars (including the Sun), but also dominating the rarefied intracluster medium and intergalactic medium.

Luminiferous aether or ether (luminiferous meaning 'light-bearing') was the postulated medium of the 19th century for the propagation of light. It was invoked by Maxwell, Tesla, and many others to explain the ability of the apparently wave-based light to propagate through empty space (the so-called "vacuum"), something that waves should not be able to do without particles to ride on. The assumption of a spatial plenum (space completely filled with ultra-fine matter, "anu") of luminiferous aether, rather than a spatial vacuum, provided the theoretical medium that was required by wave theories of light and used successfully by James Clerk Maxwell FRS FRSE (1831 – 1879), the Scottish physicist and mathematician who was responsible for the classical theory of electromagnetic radiation, who was the

first theory to describe electricity, magnetism and light as different manifestations of the same phenomenon.

Aether and Qi (chi') and Prana

In the Sinosphere, qi (CHEE)] is traditionally posited to be a vital force part of all living entities. Literally meaning 'vapor', 'air', or 'breath', the word qi is polysemous, often translated as 'vital energy', 'vital force', 'material energy', or simply 'energy'. Qi is the central concept in traditional Chinese medicine for acupuncture and herbalism; and in Chinese martial arts for exercise and power. The attempt to cultivate and balance qi is called qigong. In yoga, Ayurveda, mentalism, magic, and Indian martial arts, prana (प्राण, prāṇa; the Sanskrit word for breath, "life force", or "vital principle") permeates reality on all levels including inanimate objects. In Hindu literature, prāṇa is sometimes described as originating from the Sun and connecting the elements.

Indian philosophy and medicine describes prana flowing in nadis (channels), through the body. The Brhadaranyaka Upanishad mentions 72,000 nadis in the human body, running out from the heart, connecting the marma (points) whereas the Katha Upanishad says that 101 channels radiate from the heart and chakras. Prāṇāyāma is a common term for various techniques for accumulating, expanding and working with prana. Pranayama is one of the eight limbs of yoga and is a practice of specific and often intricate breath control techniques. The dynamics and laws of Prana were understood through systematic practice of Pranayama to gain mastery over Prana, yogic, magical, and medical practices.

One cannot study, nor easily comprehend Qi or Prana without developing a “mind’s eye” of this infinitesimal gas now adequately explained through our teachings in light of modern physics. Starting with Einstein’s photoelectric effect, we recognize other subquantum particles that can contribute to the biochemistry of metabolic cycles unique to the biological world. Starting with Russian embryologist Gurwitsch’s “ultraweak” photon emissions from living tissues in the UV-range to the spectrum of Fritz Popp’s biophoton, through to Cater’s *soft electron*, we come to appreciate nature’s wonders as a subquantum world of tertiary metabolic phenomena.

Aether and Psychism

A psychically sensitive person who touches a chosen object, or in some cases merely comes near it, enters into a communications exchange with it. His or her body-records diffuse into the local object's aura, and those of the local object diffuse into his body. If the psychic is sensitive enough, he or she can gain impressions from the recorded events of the object. This is the scientific basis of psychometry.

Joseph Rodes Buchanan (1814 – 1899) was an American physician and professor of physiology at the Eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. He coined the word "psychometry" (measuring the soul) in 1842. Buchanan developed the idea that all things give off an emanation or peculiar aether or aura. Buchanan asserted that his particular psychism would supersede empiric science. He wrote a comprehensive treatise, *Manual of Psychometry: the Dawn of a New Civilization* (1885), detailing how the direct knowledge of psychometry would be applied to and affect the many various branches of science.

A wide variety of data and psychic experiences support this mechanism, even in criminology. Psychometry has been practiced since earliest times, and is still practiced today. A photograph is particularly indicative of the person photographed, since his entire record is imprinted psychometrically on the photograph.

Moreover, the entire record of the Earth is still in the earth, in all its detail. As indeed is the akashic record of each star and its planets, riding on the light that reaches us from that star, and on the deBroglie waves emanating from it. With operational biodetectors in the future, we could easily read the records of the universe. NASA would do well to pursue this alternative in its attempt to contact extraterrestrial life, rather than point huge radio telescopes toward the heavens and listen to the kindled static from the stars. The static indeed contains the message, but not in a format in which they are prepared to look! It is in the virtual state of hyperspace, which is riding in each photon.

To a psychic who can see the human aura easily, the condition and much of the record of the person is in that aura, because the auric pattern is changed by all experience of the body, mind, and personality. Thus a good healer can see the aura of the patient, tell if another healer has been in contact with the patient (including often recognizing which other healer it was), and can recognize his own previous contact with the patient many years earlier. (See, for example, the story of Agpaoo as recorded by Sigrun Seutemann in *Healers and the Healing Process*. ed. George W. Meek, Theosophical Publishing House, 1977, p. 93.)

In conclusion, the phenomena of the subquantum world of Aether (Akasha), contains a power that influences bodily chemistry. Practitioners of medicine should know well the power of faith in healing, what some materialists call "placebo effect." "We possess within us a force of incalculable power, which, when we handle it unconsciously is often prejudicial to us. If on the contrary we direct it in a conscious and wise manner, it gives us the mastery of ourselves and allows us not only to escape ... from physical and mental ills, but also to live in relative happiness, whatever the conditions in which we may find ourselves." (Emile Coué, 1922, French psychologist, pharmacist, and hypnotist who introduced the widely popular method of psychotherapy and self-improvement based on optimistic autosuggestion).

Technically speaking, the aetheric plane is above, below, beside, and beyond our world, existing in all places at once, boundless and invisible to the naked eye, or at least invisible to you for now until you develop your attuned mind's eye from our courses. The aetheric plane is experienced through a shift in consciousness brought on by our studies, meditation and visualization, and it is right here, within us, right now. With study and practice with our School, you will catch a glimpse of the aetheric plane, and before you know it, you will understand it clearly and incorporate it in your healing practices with results and wonderment.

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