

# UNIVERSAL ENERGY

## ELEMENTS

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### Introduction

The universal energy that constitutes, surrounds, and pervades all existence can be described in terms of the elements of earth/physical, water/emotional, fire/mental, and air/spiritual. These elements, or universal building blocks, are symbolised in the component parts of the sphinx (see table below).

The Sphinx and the Universal Elements			
Element	Experiential Level/Plane	Keywords	Sphinx Element(s)
Earth	Physical	Sensation - I Sense	Feet, legs, & tail of a bull
Water	Emotional	Feeling - I Feel	Body of a lion
Fire	Mental	Visualisation - I See	Wings of an eagle
Air	Conscious/Spiritual	Projection - I Move	Head of a man

However, the four elements should not be considered in their physical realities, but rather as the personification and expression of the collective energy/potential within the complete spectrum of experience.

The word 'element' in this sense means the 'final form' into which something can be 'divided', or the 'final form' that a final division takes place and no more division is possible.

Traditionally, the elements are binary combinations of hot, cold, wet, and dry, which are the final experienceable constituents of the physical plane:

Element	Constituents
Air	hot and wet
Fire	hot and dry
Water	cold and wet
Earth	cold and dry

From this perspective, the elements can be understood as the energy substance of experience:

**Earth energy** symbolises the physical world, and the ability to interact therein through the five senses of touch, taste, sight, smell, and hearing, and the three dimensions of length, breadth, and width.

Perception - I am, therefore I sense.

Esoteric Symbol - Pentacle.



**Water energy** symbolises emotions, sensitivity, feeling response, love, passion, and empathy with others.

Perception - I am, therefore I feel.

Esoteric Symbol - Cup.



**Fire energy** symbolises mentality that can perceive, analyse, create, and understand universal thought forms.

Perception - I am, therefore I see.

Esoteric Symbol - Wand.



**Air energy** symbolises consciousness and spirituality, perception, and the ability to create, express, and operate within self-created thought forms.

Perception - I am, therefore I move and project.

Esoteric Symbol - Sword.



These element concepts, which are embodied in the Sphinx, are strictly adhered to throughout the symbolism, initiations, and procedures of the o.e.v.

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