On the relationship of Space and Sound to Brahman

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Abstract

It is well known that space is the subtlest element among the five elements of nature. Space is characterized by the sound and hearing although sound is carried through air particles. The question of origin of space has been of interest to both Vedic philosophers and philosophers of science and physics. The topic of space is dealt in several Vedic scriptures such as Upanishads and Brahmasutras and Darshana scriptures namely Vaisheshika and Samkhya. The topic of sound is of interest in many areas such as speech, music, mantras, spirituality, etc. The topic of space and sound is of primary interest to philosophers of science. The relationship of the universe through space and sound to Brahman is investigated in this paper. The relationship of experiences through sound that characterizes space is also studied here in the light of Brahman. The importance of sound in Vedic approach to seek Brahman is discussed.