

Alchemy

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I have a quick question that isn't technical in nature.

In alchemy all things are thought to be composed of either Fire, Water, Earth, or Air... It seems whenever I am around introductory material on physics or chemistry they bad mouth these old concepts.. "Ooh no," they say, "Everything is made out of chemicals, not these four elements".

Well isn't it true that today we still think of 4 basic phases of matter? Solids, Liquids, Gasses, and Plasmas? Can't physicists and chemistry authors see how these phases directly relate to the four elements? Solids are obvious earth. Liquids are obviously water. Gasses are obviously air. And fire with a little thought is obviously Plasma.. Lightning is made of plasma, so are candle flames.

So much of modern science has been based in old philisophical ideas like these ones above, and so often other cultures have arived at the same conclusions as scientists have. Why don't these alternative views get the credit they deserve!?

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