

## *A Brief Essay on The Void and its Qualities*

The void is a dimension, theorized by mystical engineers over the ages, as a place existing between and touching all other dimensions of the cosmos. In this place, there exists no life, heat, matter, magic or other energy of a kind that we as mortals can comprehend.

Ancient tablets and plates found in the ruins of lost civilizations describe *The Void* as the place from which, stems the Universe that we know and understand, but that it has no directly comparable components of its own. Most Sages describe it as a place of true and utter nothingness, but others occasionally offer the conjecture that if a place exists, it cannot be without substance of some nature, and thus they offer the suggestion that this essentially speculative plane contains a material dubbed “void matter” or “void energy”. Naturally, both terms are highly oxymoronical.

As rare examples of some strange materials have occasionally crossed through the walls of reality, including the utterly precious Sirium metals and their related cousins, so have specks of another substance, not unlike them in its anomalous dimensional qualities. This strange material appears to absorb heat and energy readily, and though it is black as the midnight sky of Winter, still it seems to contain within it micronic sparkles of luminosity, as if it were a starfield barely detectible to the eye glass.

This material, which scholars have often dubbed Void Matter, or also Xzerium (or Simply Xerium and occasionally Sirium Noctu), they categorize equally as both metallic and crystalline. However, samples are so scarce that not even enough dust of it is available to fill the basin of a thimble, rendering further analysis impractical at best, and obfuscating any deeper understanding of its properties. Further complicating the situation is that Xzerium is an unviable substance to study without great mystical means of support, as its structure is thus that its mass is greater than any other known substance.

The latter problem is amazingly our base means of detecting its presence, as it warps special dynamics both in the physical and supernatural worlds, including the Æthereal dimension and the mystical energy field.

If Xzerium truly originates from The Void, then perhaps the ancient scriptures concerning the “Ancient Ones”, gods of terrible and alien powers and motivations, who are said to “dwell in the Void, beyond the reach of creation” (and their offspring who were “banished from this world into the depths of the great howling darkness”) are true as well.

Whatever the case, assuming that *The Void* actually exists (if *exists* is even a valid expression, given the circumstances), clearly it is the last place in the cosmos that any **sane** being would wish to visit, for scientific or any other reasons, and likely as not, the last place that anybody who undertakes the journey there shall ever see.