Thee Dogmatic Filter Theorem
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A wild and speculative account on types of Aetheric energy,

We all "know" that a paradigm is a tool with which to practise magick/bend
reality to our wills etc.

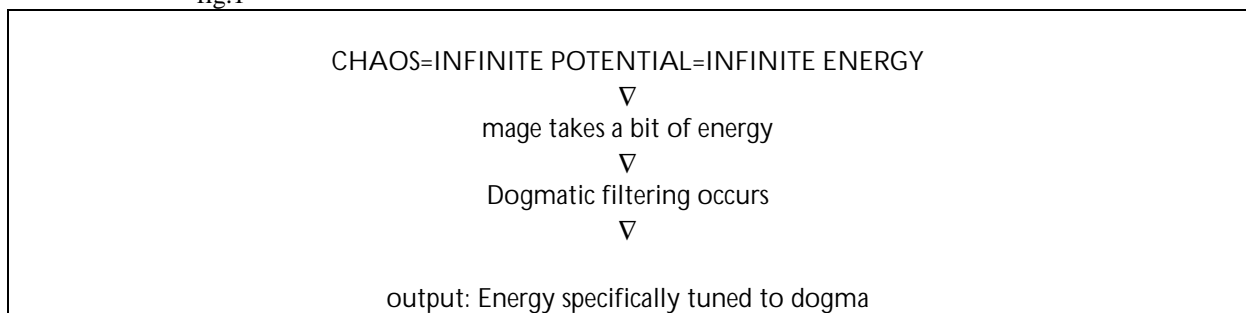Now, assuming that it works in that way, let's take a look at power
sources...

IMHO we draw power from either internal or external sources, it is my theory
that internal energy draws from external sources as well, but that is not
the issue here.

I think that the dogma involved in many paradigma acts as a filter which
alters the energy that comes through it, transforming it into a new "shade"
of energy, for example, thelemic magick is sooooo riddled with dogma that
whatever energies you manage to divert and use will automatically be
filtered through the dogma you associate with the ritual/exercise in
question and thus it will become "thelemic energy" and will work best if
applied to "the Great work".
Hence it can be assumed that a die-hard Lovecraftian who takes Lovecrafts
writing to be canon rather than fiction will filter the energy he draws from
the uni-/poly-/multi-verse (read primordial chaos) through the built up
information field in his subconcious (the dogma) and it will convert into
"lovecraftian energy" which will (probably) lead to fits of insanity,
nightmares and (perhaps) death.
See also crappy fig. 1

fig.1

CHAOS=INFINITE POTENTIAL=INFINITE ENERGY
∇
mage takes a bit of energy
∇
Dogmatic filtering occurs
∇

output: Energy specifically tuned to dogma

This all would seem to imply that the chaotic/discordian notion of "removing
dogma" would minimize the amount of filtering (unless chaos turns into
dogma) and thus minimize the loss of potential that is inevitable when energy is
filtered.

Hence it might mean that pure, unfiltered chaos energy is the most
"generally useful" form of energy, while, in specifically pantheon/dogma
orientated magick (evocation/invocation of entities from a paradigm) it may
be better to pile on the dogma and create as fine a filter as possible.

I will end my ranting now.