

* "The ancients seem to have comprehended the fact, that what appears to be an audible voice may really be *only* a vibration of the air, by the noiseless action of some latent intelligence on the organs of hearing. When Cressus, king of Lydia, determined to test the powers of the oracle of Apollo, he sent messengers to Delphi with explicit instructions, that the answers were to be submitted. The oracle's responses through the Priestess—revealing with singular precision what the king was doing on a certain day—were interpreted the questions were beginning in the following significant language:—
 "I know the number of the sands, and the measure of the ocean, and the dumb would say, 'I know.' But *what he speaks not.*" [Cicero De Divinatione, lib. 1., xviil.]

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