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Subject: Re: If a tree falls in the forest...

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cheesesoda wrote on Fri, 05 October 2007 08:29

Okay, so let's change the question to something parallel to it:

If you blow a dog whistle, and no dog is around to hear it, are you still making a sound?

Yes it makes a sound. Whether we actually hear it or not, the sound is there. It is just at a frequency that most people can't hear.

The difference is though, our brain or anything that can hear a sound's brain is receiving those soundwaves. Whether or not they actually hear the sound, there is still sound.

The difference is with the original question, there is nothing there to receive the sound from the soundwaves and thus nothing to project the sound onto. If the sound isn't projected onto anything, there is no sound.

Here is another example.

You're in a field during the day. The sun is beating down lighting up the entire field.

You have with you a wooden board, and a flashlight. If you turn on the flashlight and point it at the wooden board, no matter how light it is outside, you will see the light reflect off of the board.

However, if you take the board away and flash the flashlight into the open air, you will not see the light. Because there is nothing there that can reflect the lesser light of the flashlight over the natural sunlight coming down. Therefore you don't see any light coming from the flash light.

Understand?

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