

## Word Study: “Elf” to “Faith”

*Elf* ß *Alfar* (MGr.)

↑      ↑    ?    *Alef* (Phoenician/Hebrew)

- The creative letter
- Sung into existence

— — > *Fae re* ß *’per is* (Sanskrit/Persian)

Elves and fairies are an early to mid-medieval development in folklore.

- Fairies are diminutives of the Tautha de Danann
- In Scottish folklore elves and fairies became intermingled, and in essence are one and the same.



*fi* / *’pi* = Wisdom/Knowledge  
i.e., divine Wisdom

Wisdom in Celtic myth =

- Breath of God
- Divine image
- The “God Spirit”
- Enlivens the *mirt*
- The Oran Mór

*fios* = knowledge

*sidh* (IG) = home of the Tautha de Danann  
(pronounced: *f iid*)

*seelie* (SG) (pronounced: *f il le*)

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— ? > filly (fairy horse?)

*Faiti* = The class of druids who literally...  
“sing Wisdom.”

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— — > *fides* (Latin)

*feidh* (OE) ð *faith*

Faith ð is the resolute belief in the truth & steadfastness of the Wisdom/Knowledge that is sung.

[Hebrew word for “faith,” *emunnah* is pronounced, “ay<sup>m</sup> – oo – naw.”]

The root “ay” ß (prim.) *a’y m – an*, meaning “to foster, build up, & support as a parent,” ß *a’y m* (related to) *alef*