

## The Universal Church of the Celestial Sun



When man found the first jumpgate at the edge of the solar system they were thrown into chaos. Everything they had assumed about their origins and spiritual destiny was wrong. Man was not unique, some other race and culture had gone before, and left behind a jumpgate connecting to an entire network of distant habitable star systems.

The primitive religions of the time believed in the divine intelligence of man, this limited view caused the religions of the time to forget their duty to the people and they fell about arguing.

Into the stars went man, but they travelled without religion. These early adventures are lost to the past, but it is clear that they were confused. They resurrected many of their ancient religions and gripped tightly on to archaic customs.

Wars in this time were common. Man fought over heretical beliefs, and customs based in regional terrain on ancient terra which had no relevance on their new homes.

It was in this time of chaos that Zebulon the prophet began his great journey. It started with the humble goal of any historian, he was curious about the gate builders and set about to investigate the sites where ancient artifacts were found. Along the way he met with and learned from all of the disparate pocket cultures of man. He helped them where they had dispute and brought them to see commonality. While he travelled and learned and studied and advised he documented his journey. These are the Omega Gospels, and they contain all of the wisdom of man including all cultures and groups that had travelled the jumproads.

It is not known where but while walking in the misty hills of a planet Zebulon settled down to rest. This was a holy place and the Pancreator saw that Zebulon was on a quest to bring peace to the universe. The pancreator gifted Zebulon with a vision of the Holy Flame residing in Empyrean and a vision of demons in the dark between the stars who sought to extinguish the Holy Flame. He was given words for his brothers and sisters and thereafter was known as the prophet.

During his journey the prophet was joined by several companions;

Paulus the Traveller,  
Lextius the Knight,  
Amalthea the Healer,  
Mantius the Soldier,  
Maya the Scorned Woman,  
Horace the Learned Man,  
Hombor the Beggar,  
Ven Lohji the Quiet

Zebulon taught his disciples about inviting virtue, compassionate truth, understanding and love. Zebulon also taught his disciples to expand and explore, to bring the marvels of the ancient gate builders and build great cathedrals to hold them. And Zebulon warned against the soullessness of machines and the danger that presented to humanity.

The Omega Gospels contain all of the collected wisdom of man, told as parables that we may remember them and teach others. Within these pages Zebulon included many ways of guarding against evil and the antimony from the dark between the stars.

The Omega Gospels teach us that at the bright centre of the universe the Celestial Sun shines. It fills the universe with a spiritual and divine light. More than a mere physical collection of photons. As all things are connected this light emanates from the heart of each solar system through the Sefiros\*.

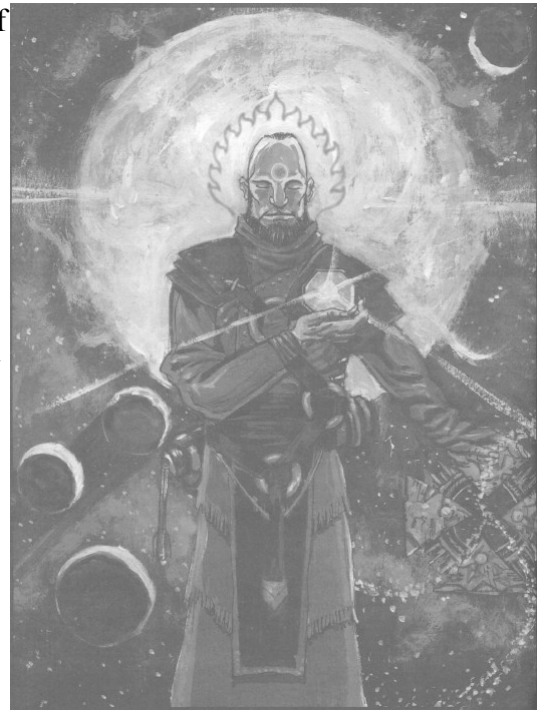
NB \*: A sun is a generator both of physical light and a reflector of the spiritual light of the celestial sun. Thus a unique word is used to describe these stellar forms.

Just as the celestial light can only reach those who welcome it so too can it only reach those places which are within the natural sphere of the universe. Between the jumpgates it is dark, the celestial light can not go there. This is the dark between the stars. It is a place of eternal shadow where antimony hides. Sin and other evils are reflections of this dark force they obscure the light like a moon can sometimes appear to blot out the sun even though it is a relatively small object. If left unchecked however sin can find a shadow within the soul and leave a Qlippoth\*\*.

NB \*\*: The spiritual form of the word Eclipse. The dark emanations of antimony can take infinite forms.

Zebulon died in a jumpgate accident while seeking peace with the warlike Vau. The church in their divine wisdom saw that Zebulon's mission was of peace and have always upheld the last wish of Zebulon, to leave the Vau in peace.

We take the symbol of the jumpgate to represent Zebulon the prophet's great journey. But it also reminds us of his sacrifice. Even to this day thousands of pilgrims make the journey from Aylon to Yathrib and gaze at the last jumpgate which Zebulon passed through.



## The Universal Church of the Celestial Sun Today

The time after the prophet Zebulon was a time of expansion, exploration and adventure guided by faith and the words of the prophet. This were the foundations of the First Republic. Over time however the words fell into the background. And so the First republic fell.

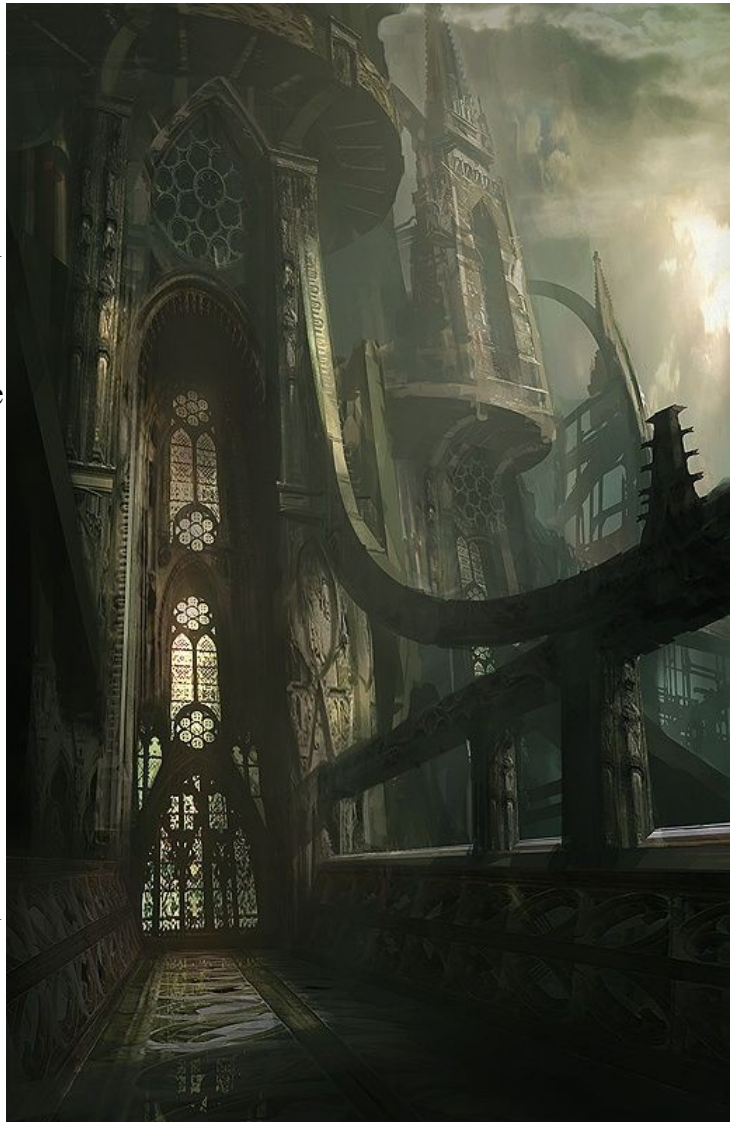
After centuries of chaos, man arose in a second great empire. The Second Republic was a time of infinite drive. The universe was explored and so they invested in technology and promoted freedom. The second republic however became corrupted by the corporations, the Zaibatsu soon controlled the hearts and minds of man. Their profits fed only machines. The Second Republic paid no heed to the words of the prophet. Their fall was inevitable.

In the void left behind after the fall the Ukari grew in power. Using proscribed technology into which they poured their animalistic souls they exposed us all to sin from out of darkness. Before them man was laid waste. Man looked into the night sky and realised for the first time in countless millenia what the hubris of the Zaibatsu had caused. The suns had faded.

Man may have forgotten the church, but the church had not forgotten man. The leader of the remnants of the Universal Church of the Celestial Sun at that time was a humble priest called Palamedes Alecto. He realised that the fading of the suns phenomenon was not natural, it was a sign that the darkness was in ascendance. Palamedes prayed for forty days and forty nights seeking guidance from the Pancreator. We are lucky that the heart of the celestial light in empyrean had not given us up. He granted Palamedes with a new vision.

Palamedes gathered the disparate faithful and united us into a great army. With the might of the Pancreator on the side of man the Ukari were driven back into the holes of shadow from where they had come. After this a new Cathedral was built on Midian, from here the new Patriarch of the Universal Church of the Celestial Sun could guide the church in its greatest reform.

Saint Palamedes also explained a previously misunderstood portion of the Omega Gospels. Zebulon had sought out and gathered many of the objects left behind by the gate builders. Yet in the Second Republic these artifacts and their technologies were removed, researched and their secrets used in ways which only served the darkness. Thus began the guidance of the church in all technological advances.



# Organisation of the Universal Church of the Celestial Sun



## Leadership

From the Cathedral of Saint Palamedes on Midian the Patriarch (or Matriarch) can guide the college of Archbishops, the Abbot of the Escatonic Order, the Reverend Mother of the Sisters of Amalthea and the Abbot of Temple Avesti.







When it is time for a new Patriarch (or Matriarch) the college of archbishops commune with one another and transmit a vote for the replacement.

Each Archbishop manages all of the Bishops within a parish by a similar mechanism. Each bishop manages all of the Cardinals. And each Cardinal manages all of the Priests.

Thus the church is universal in its thought and policy.

## Sects

Although the majority of the church is part of the main Orthodox sect. There are actually several sects within the church. Each sect has their own role to play.

Sect	Role	Location
 Urth Orthodox	Guiding the flock	Universal
 Escatonic Order	Guardians against Eschaton (the appocalypse)	Dareth
 Sanctuary Aeon ( The Temple of Eternal Sanctuary or the Brothers and Sisters of Amalthea )	They care for the health of the flock	Artemis
 Hesycasts ( Mendicant Monks )	To bring guidance the distant	Universal
 Brother Battle ( Paladins of the Sacred Path, most are soldiers who feel lost in normal society )	Watchers of the last road travelled by Zebulon	De Moley
 Temple Avesti ( Avestites, meaning: those who avest, or those who relinquish their vestments )	They suffer for the sins of man	Pyre

## The Inquisitorial Synod

We stand before the light and are bathed in its glow, thus we are able to guide the light into the souls of the faithful and guard them against sin.

Most of this public facing organisation are devout monks from the Temple of Avesti, and much of the doctrine interprets the holy light as the holy flame as the Celestial Light as the Celestial Fire.

Ambition is sin.  
Ego is sin.  
Envy is sin.  
Gluttony is sin.  
Greed is sin.  
Lust is sin.  
Revolution is sin.  
Revenge is sin.  
Sloth is sin.  
The sinful must be cleansed



If a person fails to answer a direct question fully and completely they are concealing sin.  
The need for privacy is an excuse used to hide sin.  
Fire is truth, fire is the only way to truly cleanse the soul

A soul in light is one of the faithful

A soul in shadow is one who we failed. By his grace the pancreator has returned this soul into the world so that we may correct our mistake. A soul which is in shadow is to be thrice cleansed. You will know a soul in shadow as it is unrepentant of its sin.



A soul in darkness is one who's sins are so great that they polute the universe by their very presence. The Pancreator will sometimes mark these souls for us, so a watchful eye must be kept for any who's physical form is against the will of the pancreator. They may not even be aware of their sin for it may have been committed by their parents or other relatives. Your patience is required in these cases for you must help them to find this sin. Once you have identified the full scope of the sin and where it stems from you must then fully cleanse the sinner.

On occasion the marks of the pancreator are too subtle for our mortal eyes to see. This is a failure of our pride, the pancreator will test us all like this from time to time. Often these tests manifest as far more dangerous opponants. Such tests will lead you to great works of faith, a demon from the dark between the stars, one of the risen dead or a soulless machine in the guise of a human are but a few of the challenges you may face. Pray only for the guiding light of the pancreator and you will be prepared.

Aliens have the souls of animals, they are to be pitied as they can not enter heaven.



## Secrets of the Inquisition

To cleanse a soul: Take confession from the sinner and forgive all of his sins. Ensure that you do not in your pride leave any sin unforgiven. Finally bring the cleansing fire to the sinner, or they to the cleansing fire.

To thrice cleanse a soul: First his body must expel the sin, then he must beg the pancreator for forgiveness, finally the cleansing fire can be brought to him. A sin is being expelled correctly if the sinner cries out as if in pain. The pain is the pain of the sin leaving them and they should be thankful of your devotion.

To fully cleanse a soul of sin. Drive the sin into the core of the sinner. This can be a difficult task and is one of the most advanced techniques of our order. The limbs and other extremities contain only part of the sin, these must be cleansed slowly, monitoring the alertness of the sinner such that they remain tense and active. This will drive the sin into the sinners centre. It is often the case that even though the sin is gathered up in the centre, the sinner will lose the ability for normal speech. You must wait until they have regained this so that you may receive their complete confession. After you have forgiven them these sins, and the sinner has thanked you only then will you know that their sin has been collected fully. The centre can now be cleansed with fire. A centre is the head and upper torsoe.

