



Imperial Civil Service Report

Subject:*Livia Cascade*.....

Report:Being asked to carry out this verification of a past life vision was a great honour. So much is owed to the Scions of Atun, in terms of the transformative nature of their work and its implications for the whole of humanity.

.....Consequently, I must bitterly regret my own failure to provide the answers that the visionary seeks. Not only does this incident pre-date Emperor Nicovar's destruction of the libraries, but it pre-dates the Empire herself. We have very few sources to draw upon from this time.

.....I can confirm the existence of the Scions of Atun, but I doubt this comes as news to the visionary. There are some apocryphal tales that refer to their leader, who I shall refrain from calling their Exarch as they pre-date the founding of Chapters, but the concept is the same. The tales which acknowledge the Scions had a leader do not name him, or her, save to call them The Teacher. I found nothing that named this individual, and it may be that the visionary knows more than we do in this instance.



.....As a near legendary group, there are a range of tales about the Scions of Atun, and not all are coherent or in agreement. Some tales had them as reclusive ascetics who happened upon the discovery of liao by accident whilst experimenting with substances that altered their perceptions. Other tales have them as a form of Apocalypse Cult who were forever warning of the destruction of the Highborn and the wickedness of the Patricians. Though others claim that this is retroactively attributed propaganda that was helped used to justify the civil war.

.....Following the Revelation, and the civil war, the Scions of Atun found their prominence waned as the newly forming Chapters took an interest in the mysteries of liao. There is a time when stories of the Scions seem to stop or, potentially, have been written out of histories and stories. Why that would be, I cannot say. Certainly, without more detailed and funded research arranged by the Minister for Historical Research, I have reached the limit of what I could uncover.

.....Equally, details of lineage within the Scions of Atun is hard to come by. At least on this occasion the revisionist tendencies of the Society of the Purifying Flame are evident with their efforts to write as many lineages out of history as possible.



.....On the matter of religious practices within Highguard before the way, I can only offer extrapolation and speculation. The belief systems of the various national cultures, as distinct from The Way, are preserved within traditions and hearth magic. It is speculated that the Highborn culture and traditions around cleanliness may have had more religious overtones prior to the Revelation. However, whether that is the case, and what that actually means, is entirely unclear.

.....Beyond that, there is nothing further that I could ascertain with the resources available to me. Anything further would need the authorisation, and resources, from the Minister for Historical Research or the Senate.

.....Nevertheless, I hope that this satisfies the Teacher as to the veracity of her past life experience.

Signed by:..... Isabelle De Alicer.....

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