

IN THE NAME OF TRUTH, SODALE, I commend these observations to you and request that you shine light upon them.

HOLBERG AND THE LASAMBRIANS. I understand that the area is ruined and cheap labour would be useful - but this judgement seems to contain mistruths and untruths unless I am much mistaken! Surely the Synod has not fallen so far under the spell of the Highborn that it would permit a Statement of Principle to contain such a barefaced lie. Or is this redolent of a move back towards the old nest of vipers that we thought rooted out by the late lamented Britta?

The name of the individual who has learned that SOULS ARE CAPABLE OF BEING DESTROYED is unknown to us. This signal discovery has grave implications for Wisdom, Courage and Vigilance especially among the Stargazers: could this individual be found? Or if, as I feel is more likely, the Synod has simply outlawed the impossible, perhaps questions could be asked concerning why the captains of the direction of the Human Soul believe that this is an appropriate use of their time.

Concerning MAGIC, I note a couple of judgements that seem to have strong implications to the Questors and the Stargazers alike and I will wish to reassure my mind that these implications were considered when they were made.

Firstly, the call to the faithful to PROSELYTISE TO THE CREATURES OF THE REALMS! A greater opportunity for the sign of Salvation has there never been - and a greater support for the Inclusionist movement. An excellent signal indeed. Which Archmages are onside? Please gather further ammunition against the Exclusionists if you can. Yet I am concerned about the implications of this call given recent Declarations of Concord: see below.

Secondly, the CASTIGATION OF THE ETERNAL KAELA for the creation and expansion of the Grim Legion. Given the recent Declaration that becoming a Herald involves death and thus does not lose the soul, this condemnation confuses me: is it now obsolete? What measures are being taken to repeal it? If I am mistaken, please find out what action has been taken against Kaela. I worry that educational standards are slipping if the Synod and the Conclave make inconsistent statements concerning magical truths.

So if the Conclave has declared that becoming a Herald involves death and the Synod has declared similarly, and the Synod has declared that Thrace was an Exemplar, and the Synod has declared that it is valuable to preach to the Realms - does that mean then that the ultimate task of the Way is other than the perfection of the Human Soul? That Benevolence can be shown towards creatures whose virtue or lack thereof is in the grand scheme of things irrelevant? That Virtues are not 'for' Salvation? The Synod must surely nip this in the bud - but where is the line to be drawn, if its old familiar position is found to be insufficient?

Upon the matter of the ORCS, do please recall to utter no word against the race in the presence of knowless lowlanders who might take it as blasphemy.

THE ASSEMBLY OF THE WAY worries me. Not merely have they appointed an ORCISH CARDINAL - placing the spiritual welfare of a million souls under the care of an individual not merely incapable of Salvation and the ceremonies of the Way but constantly advised by literal ghostly barbarians - but that Cardinal has then immediately appointed a CONSCIENCE FROM THE SAME NATION! This is surely not the same situation as the Assembly of Pride, re-appointing their heroic and long-serving Dawnish Gatekeeper despite the election of her fellow noble. Perhaps the Assemblies of Vigilance, Loyalty or Pride could be asked what has happened to the Assembly of the Way.

Recall that the Orcs ATTEMPTED TO TURN DOWN THE INCALCULABLE GIFT OF SKARSIND, citing Imperial 'pity'. This judgement was rightly defeated - the individuals who called for that veto were clearly incapable of understanding Prosperity - but what does that say about the supposed and vaunted unity of their nation that one of their tiny Assembly - possibly even the same orc who is Conscience of the Senate now, I lose track - raised that judgement? Or are they simply aping the old and familiar game of politics that they see in their betters?

The appointment of THRACE AS EXEMPLAR, be very careful. Clearly a very emotive issue in Anvil. But what does it say about the Doctrine of Human Destiny when they wish us to believe that in thirty or forty short years an orc was able to do what many human souls have failed to do in a thousand or more? WHAT NEXT, AN ETERNAL EXEMPLAR?

Concerning Protocol and other matters:

The claimed reappearance of THE FIRST EMPRESS within the Courage Assembly fills us with curiosity. What is she? I literally receive flashes day and night for more information - I need a source on her. What is she teaching? WHY IS SHE NOT RUNNING FOR EMPRESS? Given the damage she is doing simply by existing in the Courage Assembly, has she considered the Wisdom of joining the Assembly of the Way in order to purify it or simply to give the lie to the Purificationist idiots in Reikos?

THE RECENT JUDGEMENTS AGAINST HOLDERS OF NATIONAL POSITIONS - do these signal a return to Britta's bonfire of the fancies? Are we to see Excommunications to fall like rain upon those who are perceived to be unnecessarily rich or self-serving? Does the Constitution not guarantee Prosperity?

The recent serial Revocation of DUSZAN OF MIEKAROVA - Why has no Virtue Assembly called for his excommunication, if he is so bereft of Virtue? Why have the Wise Ones of Varushka not been investigated by the newly founded Virtue Inquisitors, given they have elected him four times in a row? And yet the man has been granted access to the heart of the Imperial Faith and is to have a vision of his past life. What is he? Is there enough here to do a piece on him?

The LARGE NUMBER OF RECENT EXEMPLARS has caused much argument in not just our Congregation but dozens of others I am in touch with. One point of view is that the Synod is grown incompetent since the death and resignation of so many of its leading lights with Britta. A second is that the Synod is grown competent since the very same events! A third is that the time of Ascension hastens, and as it does so we should expect first a large and growing number of Exemplars and then of Paragons. Be on the look-out also for tales of Miracles!

As always keep your eyes and mind open and let your voice bear the torch of truth.

~~Cremisius~~ GATHERWOOD

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