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Necromantic Dissertation

Human life is incredibly fragile. The god of death's hand is never far from tearing our souls from our bodies. This is not merely a threat to each individual, but to the balance of the world as a whole. The many gods of the world are consistently at war with each other, collecting followers to help them gain leverage over the other gods. Thus it is the duty of humanity, being capable of choosing their own path, to maintain the balance between the gods. However, one god's power grows eternally with no need of followers, Mortuus. As the god of death all people will join his kingdom eventually, no matter what god or nation you followed in life. The only way to counteract his power is to counteract death through Necromancy.

Healing magic and medicine have and always will be essential. Necromancy can never fully replace these traditional methods, but they can only go so far. Since medicine has been studied for generations many of its properties and potential are fairly well understood. While it may be possible to grant people immortality through medicine alone, such discoveries will likely take centuries or longer to truly bear fruit. Contrast this with necromancy which has been researched and explored far less, due to social taboos, but despite that already has several imperfect methods to achieve different types of immortality. This will likely never fully replace traditional healing magic or medicine, but to disregard its potential would be foolish. Direct influence over death could be the greatest tool for extending human life, and thus counteracting the one who receives many guests.

Gods embody natural forces, and necromancy was given to humanity by the goddess Necros, making it a natural force of the world. The gods must always balance each other out to maintain the world, and Necros' teaching act as a counter weight to the lord of souls. Valet, god of healing, is only able to hold back death for so long, but necromancy in its purest form is the direct refusal of death. This makes the discipline not only necessary but a natural force that we need not be afraid of.

The art of necromancy has already proven itself more than capable of immortality. The nightlings of Noctiscism are able to maintain their youth through drinking their "elixir of life", with the requirement to drink it somewhat regularly. A powerful wizard is capable of achieving immortality through lichdom, such as the founder of the Azurian Syndicate Dex Og. However, both of these methods have severe drawbacks, with nightlings becoming feral should they drink too much of the elixir and liches feeding on souls to maintain sanity. Regardless, these still point to the potential of necromancy if it were more thoroughly studied. These methods can be improved to provide people with immortal lives without the current drawbacks, making necromancy ultimately

essential for extending human life.

Drawing things to a close necromancy is a powerful natural force that has the potential to do good for all people. Healing magic and medicine on it's own will not be enough, but necromancy has yet to be fully explored. As of now methods within the discipline have detrimental effects, but those effects could be negated through further study and refinement. Eventually, necromantic techniques could be the key to saving millions of lives.