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PRESAGERIC ORDER OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR ANCHORITES

THE SEBEOKEANASTICALIST VOW:

*Knowing that we cannot know,
Fearing what we cannot fear,
Living on when our lives our through:*

We spread the word today.

*And tomorrow,
if we tell the tales and make the myths
they will know and fear and live*

*I pledge myself to the faith,
I pledge myself to the rituals
and myths of mankind*

*so that there may never be a tomorrow
where they do not know, do not fear,
and do not live.*

This I swear. Forevermore.



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Temple of Perpetuity
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Area 25, Nevada USA



WHAT IS SEBEOKEANASTICALISM?

As the story goes, the Presageric Order of American Nuclear Anchorites are a religious sect established by the federal government of the United States of America in the mid twenty-first century as a protection measure for the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository in Nye County, Nevada. The Order was devised to emulate the theories of semiotician Thomas Sebeok, who in 1984 proposed that the best way to protect future generations from the dangers of nuclear waste would be to create what he called an “atomic priesthood”—a sort of cultural relay institution that would be tasked with forming and transferring folklore and mythic rituals centered on nuclear waste so to keep the warnings against them culturally relevant and decipherable for at least 10,000 years (or as long as the waste was still a threat).

The Sebeokeanasticalists are a small, solitary group who mainly reside in a single temple. They don't require a large congregation of followers to keep their messages alive and so they generally do not focus much on evangelizing and bringing in new members. Rather, the teachings of the Order center on themes of perpetuity, redundancy, and civic duty on both an individual and societal scale. When the Order does come in contact with the outside world, it is to warn them against getting too close to the Yucca Mountain repository and to inform them about the general dangers of nuclear waste. Their messages are meant to evolve over time to remain as understandable as possible over multiple millennia.

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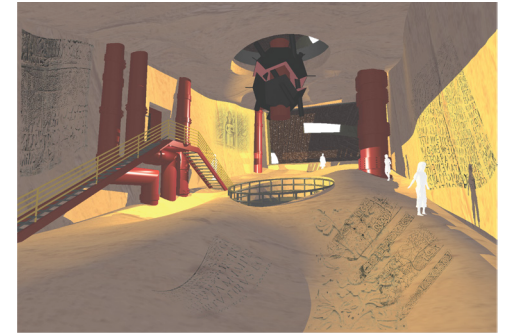
The *Aedis Aevum*, also known by some as the Temple of Perpetuity, the Fane of the Rabbit Tooth, or the House of the Annealed Sands, is the Order's central house of worship. The *Aedis Aevum* is a unique structure, specially designed to roam the outlying wastes of Area 25 in the Nevada National Security Site, moving only a few feet every year on it's ten thousand year journey. The building rolls via an internal friction-based kinetic transfer system, powered by remnants of nuclear waste stored within the temple proper.

TEMPORALITY

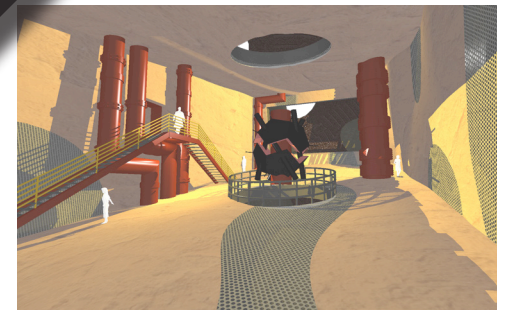
The movement of the *Aedis Aevum* ties itself closely to the priesthood's central tenets of activated temporality—correlating the unsteady nature of the temple's spatio-temporal existence to its constantly evolving ten thousand year mission. Both the external shell of the building and the internal worship spaces are designed to change over time, whether that is through their relationships to one another or through actual manipulation of the internal built condition, through the use of slow growing clay walls.

RITUAL & REDUNDANCY

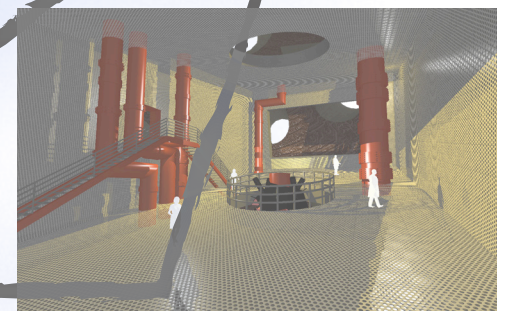
An activated temporality is a mainstay of the Order's mission to demonstrate the upper dimensional weight of radioactive waste by translating the ten thousand years it will take for it to longer be a threat into the human scale. The physical tracks left by the rolling temple act as scars of human-caused trauma across the Nevada landscape. The ritual within the structure is also closely tied to the building's physical presence. Acolyte's of the Order spend their days recounting nuclear myths by carving them into the walls, a ritual that is equal parts radiation remediation and pious rite.



Aedis Aevum — August, Year 503



Aedis Aevum — December, Year 124



Aedis Aevum — May, Year 1