

Name: The Path of Ascendancy

Founded: May 17, 1978

Founder: Xyvar Thorne

Address: 297 Hines St., Bluis Fleau, Bluis Fleau, Bluis
Fleau, OC

Founder Info

Xyvar Thorne was born March 9, 1945. Xyvar was born in Canchworth, BF, known as a high poverty high city and political unrest. Xyvar's father, Aldric Thorne, was a military officer of the Ofcairnlu army, and his mother, Celia Thorne, was a teacher who worked at Canchworth Elementary School. Xyvar was an intelligent young man, though he was a quiet, and he preferred to read books rather than play. He always aced his schoolwork, and loved psychology, criminology, and philosophy. Though he was often referred to as cold and distant from students, and he didn't connect well with others. After completing primary school, he attended the University of Ofcairnlu Champions, a university that is extremely hard to get in, with only 457 students as of 2000. There, he studies psychology and criminology, and earned his doctorate at age 26. His academic work was centered on the darker spot aspects of human nature, exploring crime, punishment, and justice. He believed that society's approach to law and order was weak and misguided, and he sought a more "efficient" solution to controlling societies ills. In 1971, after completing school, Xyvar was recruited by the Ofcairnlu government as a counterintelligence adviser. He was involved in studying criminal behavior, analyzing social threats, and finding ways to neutralize perceived dangers to the nation. It was during this time that Xyvar's extreme beliefs began to solidify. By the mid-1970s, Thorne had risen to a significant position within the government, advising on national security and overseeing covert operations against internal threats. Despite his success, he became increasingly disillusioned with what he saw as the government's ineffectiveness in dealing with crime and social unrest. He began formulating his own radical solution: eradication. He believed that true justice could only be achieved through absolute control and elimination of those deemed unworthy of society's preservation—something he would later articulate as "mental purification." He started

operating in secret, gathering followers who shared his vision. These followers, many of whom were disillusioned ex-government agents, saw in Thorne a solution to the nation's deep-rooted corruption. In 1978, Thorne officially founded The Path of Ascendancy (TPA). It was a secretive cult that combined militant ideology, psychological manipulation, and brutal enforcement of its principles. His doctrine was simple: to achieve a higher state of being, individuals had to rid themselves of all "negative influences," which included criminals, dissenters, and even children who were seen as tainted by society's failings. As TPA grew, so did its influence. The cult's teachings began to resonate with certain factions within the government, especially those in intelligence, law enforcement, and military circles, who shared Thorne's vision of a more ruthless, authoritarian approach. By the late 1980s, TPA had established a clandestine alliance with high-ranking officials in Ofcainrlu, allowing them to operate under the radar. Thorne's followers became more deeply embedded in government affairs, executing covert "purges" against individuals and groups deemed "criminal." These purges often included brutal killings, a practice that was secretly sanctioned by the government but hidden from the public eye. TPA's influence also grew in media, business, and education, where it used its wealth and connections to propagate its ideology, attracting more followers while remaining invisible to the broader society. On April 2, 1999, Xyvar Thorne mysteriously disappeared without a trace. Rumors swirled that he had been eliminated by a faction within the Ofcainrlu government who feared his increasingly radical views and his power within the state. Others speculated that Thorne had orchestrated his own disappearance to escape from his physical form and continue his influence through his followers. After his disappearance, TPA continued to thrive, now led by his closest lieutenants, who perpetuated his ideology. Despite his absence, the cult's influence over the government deepened, and they continued to carry out

the "eradication" of anyone they deemed unworthy of society, including children, in brutal acts of violence and public purges.

Case: Disappearance of Xyvar Thorne

Case Number: 999-04-02

Date: April 2, 1999

Investigating Officer: Detective Lira Vasquez

Summary:

Xyvar Thorne, accused of being the founder of The Path of Ascendancy (TPA), disappeared under mysterious circumstances on April 2, 1999. Thorne, known for his radical beliefs and secret ties to government factions, had been largely hidden from public view for the last several years, making this disappearance both unusual and deeply alarming. Authorities remain uncertain whether he was abducted, killed, or chose to disappear voluntarily.

Background Information:

Xyvar Thorne was born in Ofcairnlu in 1945. He was a former psychologist and military strategist, and later founded The Path of Ascendancy (TPA) in 1978. TPA is a radical organization that believes in the eradication of criminals, dissenters, and other "unworthy" individuals in society. It has secret connections with the Ofcairnlu government, including high-ranking military and intelligence officers.

Thorne had become increasingly powerful in the years leading up to his disappearance, orchestrating covert operations, purges, and even brutal executions of those deemed "criminals." TPA's influence within the government was both far-reaching and deeply concealed from the public.

Last Known Location:

On the night of April 2, 1999, Xyvar Thorne was last seen at his private estate near the outskirts of the capital city, Bluis Fleau. Thorne had been in regular contact with several government officials, though those meetings often took place in secrecy. The estate was heavily secured, and no one was allowed inside without strict clearance.

Key Events Leading to Disappearance:

1. April 1, 1999: Thorne met with an undisclosed group of high-ranking officials at an undisclosed location. According to confidential reports, these meetings were tense, as there had been growing concerns about Thorne's radical ideas and influence.
2. April 2, 1999 (Early Hours): Thorne had a private meeting with his closest lieutenant, Erik Winton, who later reported that Thorne seemed unusually calm but spoke cryptically about his future plans. Winton claims Thorne mentioned that he "needed to prepare for the next phase" and would be unreachable for a while.
3. Midday, April 2, 1999: Thorne's personal assistant, Lillian Vos, arrived at his estate to find it completely locked down, with no sign of Thorne. A note was found on his desk, written in Thorne's handwriting, which read:
"I must ascend. The time for earthly bonds has passed. Do not search for me."

Investigation Findings:

- Estate Search: The estate was thoroughly searched, but no physical trace of Xyvar Thorne was found. His personal belongings, including documents and security records, were carefully examined. All files related to TPA operations were securely hidden or destroyed.
- Witness Statements: Several security personnel working at the estate reported hearing strange

sounds and seeing unidentified vehicles on the property overnight. However, none of them directly witnessed any activity involving Thorne. Some claimed they had seen shadowy figures near the estate's perimeter, though they could not provide any clear descriptions.

- **Public Reactions:** News of Thorne's disappearance was initially downplayed by government officials. However, as rumors swirled about his possible abduction or death, there were public outcries from factions aligned with TPA, demanding an investigation into his sudden absence.

Potential Theories:

1. **Government Involvement:** There are persistent rumors that certain government factions, fearful of Thorne's growing power, may have orchestrated his elimination. Given Thorne's influence, many within the government wanted to silence him before he became too dangerous. This theory suggests that certain high-ranking officials might have ordered his disappearance to prevent his extreme ideology from spreading further.
2. **Voluntary Disappearance:** Thorne had frequently spoken of his belief that he would one day ascend beyond the physical realm and was preparing for a higher state of being. Some suspect that Thorne chose to disappear voluntarily, possibly orchestrating his own vanishing in order to continue his work undetected by the outside world. His cryptic note, "Do not search for me," seems to support this theory.
3. **Abduction by Rival Factions:** Another theory is that rival organizations or government factions might have abducted Thorne in order to take control of TPA's operations. These factions could have believed that removing Thorne would give them control over the cult's secret operations and connections.

Current Status:

The case remains unsolved, with no concrete evidence pointing to any one theory. Thorne's disappearance has become a national mystery, and many believe that his influence still lurks behind the scenes, whether in the form of secret dealings or through his loyal followers. Despite multiple investigations and interrogations, Thorne's whereabouts remain unknown, leaving many to question whether he truly disappeared or if he remains alive, working in the shadows.

Case Closed:

Pending further information.

Interrogation of Jarek Thorne

Case Number: 999-04-10-IT

Type: Interrogation

Subject: Jarek Thorne

Investigation: Disappearance of Xyvar Thorne (Case #999-04-02)

Interrogation Officer: Detective Lisa Vasquez

Location: Bluis Fleau Police Headquarters

Case Overview:

On April 10, 1999, Jarek Thorne, the brother of the missing founder of The Path of Ascendancy (TPA), Xyvar Thorne, was brought in for interrogation regarding his brother's sudden and mysterious disappearance. Xyvar Thorne, last seen on April 2, 1999, had been a highly controversial figure, and authorities were seeking information about his whereabouts and the circumstances of his disappearance.

Interrogation Summary:

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Interrogation Room 3, Bluis Fleau Police Headquarters

Detective Vasquez:

"Mr. Thorne, thank you for coming in today. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Your brother's disappearance has left many questions unanswered. We need to ask you some direct questions."

Can you tell us about the last time you saw your brother, Xyvar?"

Jarek Thorne:

"When I last seen him was, March 27, last month. He seemed odd and-panicked. Constantly checking outside through the windows, breathing frantically, walking back and forth-I mean, he couldn't even eat. Then he started telling me about some organization called-The Path of Ascendancy, I think? Then, he stared at me, right into my soul, and told me; "I've told you too much.". And then he, shoved me out of his house, and I haven't seen him since. And none of our family has seen him or heard from him. It's just so strange.

Detective Vasquez:

"Mm hmm. So, you mentioned an organization, The Path of Ascendancy-what did he describe it was about?

Jarek Thorne:

"I'm not sure, but I know he had some insane beliefs."

Detective Vasquez:

"And what exactly were these beliefs?"

Jarek Thorne:

"He believed that anyone held of crimes should be killed, even just an 8-year-old kid stealing a candy bar. He also believed that God wasn't real, and that he

was the "**chosen one**". He also believed that if a woman was to get an abortion, she should be killed and skinned. And also, that public executions should come back, and having children slaves, and manipulating people, and just so much evil stuff. Our mom cut him off because of this stuff."

Detective Vasquez:

"I see. Did he have a hard time growing up?"

Jarek Thorne:

"No, he was super smart and favored more than any of our other siblings by our parents. And my parents allowed to get anything off his chest."

Detective Vasquez:

"Hm. Do you think anybody in your family or anybody he knows might know where he is?"

Jarek Thorne:

"No. He doesn't have any friends, and everyone in our family stopped talking to him except me."

Detective Vasquez:

"Now, do YOU have any idea where he could be?"

Jarek Thorne:

"Not a single clue of where he could be. I just hope he's safe."

Detective Vasquez:

"Very well. This interrogation is now finished. The current time is 10:43 AM."

Case Status:

Ongoing. Further questioning of TPA members and government officials was planned.

Updates on Disappearance of Xyvar Thorne

Date: April 5, 1999

March 28: Security camera footage shows that Xyvar left his home around 2:14 AM, carrying a single duffel bag. He hasn't been seen since.

March 31: Further investigation of The Path of Ascendancy.

April 5: Xyvar's abandoned car was found in a remote wooded area 20 miles outside of Bluis Fleau. Inside the car was: A bloodstained seatbelt, his phone wiped entirely clean, and a TPA symbol carved into the dashboard. A forensic team confirmed that the blood belongs to Xyvar, but no body was found.

April 12: An anonymous letter was sent to the police station in Bluis Fleau city, reading: *"He saw too much. You won't find him. Stop looking. -Your friend :)"*

April 13: Investigators pull Xyvar Thorne's financial records, searching for unusual transactions. A large withdrawal of £25,000,000 was made two days before his disappearance.

April 16: Investigators re-examine Xyvar's abandoned car for missing clues. Under the driver's seat, they recover a torn piece of paper with half of an address written on it. Detectives attempt to match the partial address to known TPA safe houses.

April 21: A quick stop security camera 5 miles from the car's location captures a black van parked nearby on the night of March 28. The footage shows two men in masks dragging a struggling figure from the van into the woods. The van's license plate is partially visible, enough to track the owner.

April 21 #2: The van is registered to Dorian Kessler, a known TPA enforcer. Kessler has a violent criminal record, including suspected kidnappings, but has always evaded charges. Detectives monitor Kessler's movements and prepare for a high-risk arrest.

April 28 - 2:00 AM: Authorities place Kessler under surveillance, monitoring his movements for five days.

May 3 - 11:45 PM: Kessler is spotted leaving a secluded warehouse in the outskirts of Bluis Fleau city. Detectives believe the location is being used as a TPA safe house.

May 4 - 12:10 AM: Tactical units move in, surrounding Kessler as he reaches his vehicle. Kessler attempts to flee, but officers block his path and take him into custody without incident.

May 4 - 9:00 AM: Detectives Vasquez and Monroe begin questioning Kessler about Xyvar's disappearance and his ties to TPA. He refuses to cooperate, offering cryptic responses and smirking when asked about Xyvar. "You think this is about one man? You have no idea what you're dealing with."

May 5 - 4:30 PM: A search warrant is executed at Kessler's residence. Inside, investigators discover: A notebook containing handwritten coordinates, pages filled with coded messages referencing 'The Path', and a blood-stained cloth that matches Xyvar's last known outfit.

May 7 - 5:30 AM: Detectives use the coordinates from Kessler's notebook to lead a search team to a secluded forest outside of Bluis Fleau. After an exhausting trek, they find a hidden cabin-run down, covered in vines, and appearing abandoned.

May 7 - 7:15 AM: The team enters and immediately senses something is off. Inside, they find shackles,

bloodstains, and a single chair positioned in front of a camera. A trapdoor is discovered under a rug.

May 7 - 7:45 AM: The team pries open the trapdoor, revealing a dark bunker below. Inside they find: Xyvar's torn and bloodied clothing, A journal, seemingly belonged to Xyvar, filled with disturbing notes, signs of struggle, but no body. One passage from the journal stands out: *"They know I've talked too much. I can hear them above. They whisper my name. I don't think I'll leave here alive. If you find this... you are already in danger. The Path is watching."* The final entry, dated May 6, 2025, is simply: *"It's time."*

May 7 - 8:30 AM: Detective Vasquez radios headquarters, reporting the team's findings.

May 7 - 9:12 AM: A final transmission is received—a distorted, frantic message with muffled voices in the background. "Something's not right— **static** "We're not alone out here— **silence**" After this, all communication is lost.

May 7 - 11:00 AM: A backup team is dispatched to the cabin location.

May 7 - 12:25 PM: They arrive—only to find the site completely deserted. At the cabin, they discover: No sign of Vasquez, Monroe, or the five other officers. The trapdoor is wide open, but the bunker below is now empty. The journal is missing—only a single torn page remains, reading: *"The Path does not forget."* Outside, seven sets of footprints lead into the woods—but none return.

May 8, 2025 - 6:00 AM: A statewide manhunt begins.

May 9, 2025 - 3:45 AM: Reports emerge of unmarked black vans spotted near the area.

May 10, 2025 - 9:00 AM: The media catches wind of the missing officers. Reports flood the news, linking their disappearance to Xyvar Thorne and the Path of Ascendancy.

May 11, 2025 - 8:00 PM: A leaked police report fuels speculation that the cult is behind the vanishing.

May 12, 2025 - 6:30 AM: Protesters gather outside Bluis Fleau Police Headquarters, demanding answers.

May 13, 2025 - 3:15 AM: A mysterious package arrives at the police station.

Inside the package: A cassette tape labeled *"For Those Who Seek."* A polaroid photo of the missing search team—bound and blindfolded in a dark room. A handwritten note: *"They searched for truth. Now, they belong to the Path."*

May 13, 2025 - 10:00 AM: Detectives analyze the cassette. The audio contains muffled voices, distant screams, and a repeated phrase in a monotone voice: *"They walk the Ascendant's path now."*

May 14, 2025 - 2:30 PM: Investigators identify a faint background noise—a church bell. The sound matches an abandoned chapel 30 miles north of where the team disappeared. The building was once owned by a shell company connected to The Path of Ascendancy.

May 15, 2025 - 4:45 AM: A SWAT team storms the abandoned chapel. Inside, they find... nothing. No bodies. No evidence of struggle. No sign that anyone has been there in years. The only thing left behind is a single candle, still burning in the center of the room.

May 16, 2025 - 7:00 PM: The case hits a standstill. No new leads. No further messages. No bodies recovered. The missing officers are officially classified as

presumed dead. The public demands answers, but the government remains silent.

May 20, 2025 - 11:30 PM: A late-night janitor at the police station finds a note taped to the back door. It simply reads: "*The Path watches. The Path waits.*"

RULES OF THE PATH OF ASCENDANCY

Applying

1. When applying, you agree that you will be a permanent resident of TPA and will never be a resident of any other.
2. Once you have entered the interrogation room for signing and interrogation, you will lose all property of yours and will not leave once entered the interrogation room.
3. If you refuse to comply with the rules once you have entered the interrogation room, you will be executed.

Working

1. When working, you receive \$0.25-\$0.75 per hour, and work from 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Monday-Saturday, and 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM on Sundays. Taxed half of your paycheck.
2. If you refuse to work, you will be beaten with a whip for 5 minutes.

Behavior & Loyalty

1. Absolute Obedience - All orders from higher-ranking members must be followed without hesitation. Failure to comply will result in severe punishment.
2. No Outside Communication - Members are forbidden from contacting anyone outside of TPA. Any attempt to do so will lead to isolation and public humiliation.

3. Respect the Doctrine - All members must fully believe in and uphold the teachings of TPA. Expressing doubt or questioning leadership is punishable by imprisonment or execution.

Punishments & Discipline

1. Infractions - Any violation of the rules will result in one of the following punishments based on severity: Minor infractions (e.g., speaking out of turn, missing work): Solitary confinement for 24 hours. Moderate infractions (e.g., attempting to flee, speaking against leadership): Public whipping or branding. Major infractions (e.g., treason, betrayal, or trying to expose TPA): Execution.
2. Trials - Those accused of offenses will face a trial led by the High Order of TPA. Verdicts are final.

Personal Life & Restrictions

1. Marriages & Relationships - Members may only marry if approved by leadership. Unauthorized relationships are forbidden and punishable by separation or re-education.
2. Children - Children born within TPA must undergo strict training and indoctrination from the age of 3. Any signs of rebellion will be met with reconditioning.
3. Personal Possessions - Members are not permitted to own property, money, or external identification. All possessions are property of TPA.

Leaving TPA

1. No Exit - Once initiated, members cannot leave TPA under any circumstances.
2. Defection - Any attempt to escape will be met with immediate capture and execution.

- 3.If given approval (chosen by behavior), one of your loved ones must be executed. This includes adults, children, seniors, and pets.

Speaking Lies of TPA

- 1.If you are released from TPA and are to speak lies of TPA, one of your loved ones may bay executed, and/or one of your body parts will be removed. Executions include adults, children, seniors, and pets.

The Path of Ascendancy Registration Form #1

By signing the first registration form of The Path of Ascendancy, you are agreeing to becoming a permanent resident of TPA, and not to be a resident of any others. You may not ever leave the TPA church and be here for eternity.

Date: _____

Name: _____

IDN: _____

Current Home Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Maternal Grandmother's Name:

Maternal Grandfather's Name:

Paternal Grandmother's Name:

Paternal Grandfather's Name:

Uncle's Name: _____

Uncle's Name: _____

Uncle's Name: _____

Uncle's Name: _____

Uncle's Name: _____

Aunt's Name: _____

Aunt's Name: _____

Aunt's Name: _____

Aunt's Name: _____

Aunt's Name: _____

Current Job: _____

THE PATH OF ASCENDANCY

INTENT LABOR REGISTRY - RESTRICTED

This registry documents assigned labor units within TPA compounds. All individuals labeled are classified as "Permanent Residents". Personal identities are retained solely for internal tracking.

WORK REGISTRY (EXAMPLE EXTRACT)

Worker ID: TPA-W-041

- Full Name: Elian Morvek
- Date of Birth: February 14, 1991
- Place of Birth: Tempalia, Qin, Bluis Fleau, OC
- Age at Intake: 33
- Former Occupation: Warehouse laborer
- Date of Intake: January 9, 2024
- Assignment: Agricultural labor (Field Unit C)
- Daily Shift: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Hourly Wage: \$0.40
- Compliance Record: 2 minor infractions
- Notes: Displays low resistance, avoids eye contact, compliant after disciplinary action

Worker ID: TPA-W-058

- Full Name: Maris Quell
- Date of Birth: July 3, 1987
- Place of Birth: Arjan, Bluis Fleau, Bluis Fleau, OC
- Age at Intake: 36
- Former Occupation: Office assistant
- Date of Intake: March 22, 2023

- Assignment: Textile production
- Daily Shift: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Hourly Wage: \$0.55
- Compliance Record: Clean
- Notes: Considered "mentally adaptable." Approved for observation for higher utility roles.

Worker ID: TPA-W-077

- Full Name: Karel Vost
- Date of Birth: November 29, 1975
- Place of Birth: Southern Ofcairnlu
- Age at Intake: 48
- Former Occupation: Truck driver
- Date of Intake: August 14, 2022
- Assignment: Logistics / Transport
- Daily Shift: Variable
- Hourly Wage: \$0.75
- Compliance Record: 1 major infraction (attempted refusal of work)

Notes: Physically capable, psychologically resistant. Marked for continued monitoring.

Worker ID: TPA-W-102

- Full Name: Sena Ilyth
- Date of Birth: May 6, 2002
- Place of Birth: Coastal Ofcairnlu
- Age at Intake: 21
- Former Occupation: Student
- Date of Intake: September 2, 2024
- Assignment: Kitchen labor / sanitation
- Daily Shift: 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (Sundays included)

- Hourly Wage: \$0.25
- Compliance Record: Ongoing reconditioning
- Notes: High emotional distress noted. Restricted communication enforced.

Additional TPA Infrastructure Details

Hierarchy (Simplified)

- The Ascendant - Supreme unseen authority
- High Order - Governing council
- Enforcers - Discipline, capture, execution
- Overseers - Labor supervision
- Workers - Permanent residents, no rank

Identification System

- No names used internally—only Worker IDs
- Colored armbands indicate assignment category
- Infractions logged via biometric tracking

Facilities

- Interrogation Chambers (intake only, no exit)
- Labor Compounds
- Reconditioning Rooms
- Dormitory Blocks (segregated by compliance score)

Internal Doctrine Phrase

"Ascendancy is earned through obedience. Individuality is the root of decay."

LEAKED WHISTLEBLOWER REPORT

Source: Anonymous (Former Administrative Clerk, TPA)

Leak Date: May 6, 1999

Status: Suppressed / Classified

Title: *"They Do Not Ascend—They Disappear"*

I was assigned to Registry Wing B. My role was to log Worker IDs, compliance scores, and transfers. I believed the doctrine was metaphorical. It is not.

TPA does not rehabilitate. It replaces. Individuals are stripped of identity through repetition, isolation, and exhaustion. Names are forbidden. Memories are "defects."

Those who fail reconditioning are not executed publicly. They are reassigned to Null Status. From there, no records continue.

I saw internal correspondence between TPA High Order officials and state intermediaries. The government does not merely ignore TPA—it routes people to it under sealed warrants labeled *"nonrecoverable civil threats."*

Children are not spared. They are preferred.

I am leaking this because once you understand the system, you realize there is no exit—only silence.

CHILD INDOCTRINATION UNITS

Internal Designation: *Ascendancy Youth Continuum (AYC)*

Intake Age Ranges

- Tier I: Ages 4-7
- Tier II: Ages 8-12
- Tier III: Ages 13-16

Doctrine Principles

- Family bonds are labeled "*primitive attachments*."
- Moral absolutism replaces empathy.
- Punishment is reframed as "correction."
- Obedience is taught as a biological necessity.

Daily Structure (Tier II Example)

- 06:00-07:00: Chant Recitation
- 07:00-09:00: Doctrine Lessons
- 09:00-14:00: Labor Conditioning
- 14:00-16:00: Observation Silence
- 16:00-18:00: Moral Failure Case Studies
- 18:00-20:00: Sleep Restriction Rotation

Outcome Goal

Children are molded into:

- Enforcers
- Overseers
- Ideological broadcasters

Internal phrase:

"Adults must be broken. Children must be shaped."

TPA PROPAGANDA POSTERS (DESCRIPTIONS)

Poster 1: "ORDER IS MERCY"

- Visual: A faceless figure standing above a chaotic crowd
- Text:

"Compassion breeds decay. Order preserves humanity."

Poster 2: "THE UNWORTHY FALL SO OTHERS MAY RISE"

- Visual: A staircase ascending into light, silhouettes missing steps
- Text:

"Ascendancy is selective by necessity."

Poster 3: "CHILDREN SEE TRUTH CLEARLY"

- Visual: A child staring upward at a geometric symbol
- Text:

"They have not yet been corrupted by choice."

GOVERNMENT COVER MEMO

Agency: Ministry of Internal Stability

Date: June 2, 1999

Classification: Internal / Non-Public

Subject: Allegations Regarding "The Path of Ascendancy"

Recent reports alleging the existence of an organization known as "The Path of Ascendancy" are unsubstantiated and based on misinformation, conspiracy speculation, and falsified documents.

There is no verified evidence of:

- Organized detention facilities
- Forced labor programs
- Ideological reconditioning operations

Any disappearances cited in these claims fall under existing categories of:

- Voluntary relocation
- Unrelated criminal investigations
- Unverified missing persons cases

Continued dissemination of these rumors poses a risk to public trust and will be addressed accordingly.

-Signed,

Deputy Minister of Internal Stability

TPA RANKING SYSTEM & PUNISHMENT LOG

Compliance Ranks

- Rank 0 - Null: Identity erased, records cease
- Rank 1 - Corrective: Under constant supervision
- Rank 2 - Functional: Performs labor adequately
- Rank 3 - Aligned: Ideologically compliant
- Rank 4 - Instrumental: Trusted with enforcement roles

Punishment Log Codes

- P-01: Sleep deprivation cycle
- P-03: Isolation confinement
- P-07: Labor intensification
- P-12: Reconditioning session
- P-99: Status Nullification

Internal note:

"Punishment is not deterrence. It is education."

FINAL WHISTEBLOWER STATEMENT

Source: Same anonymous administrative clerk

Date Recorded: July 1, 1999

Transmission Method: Dead-drop cassette, location
unrecovered

I am writing this knowing it will likely never be read.

The mistake investigators made was assuming TPA was a
cult.

It is not.

Cult implies belief. TPA operates on *process*. Belief is
optional; obedience is not.

The government does not command TPA, and TPA does not
command the government. They intersect briefly,
quietly, and only when someone becomes inconvenient.

Once you enter the system—interrogation, intake,
reassignment—you are no longer missing.

You are *resolved*.

If this reaches anyone: do not search the facilities.
They are designed to erase searchers.

CHILD INDOCTRINATION PROGRAM – FINAL SUMMARY

Program Name: Ascendancy Youth Continuum (AYC)

Status: Officially Nonexistent

Outcome Assessment (Internal)

- 82% of Tier II children demonstrate *empathy suppression* within 9 months
- 61% of Tier III children qualify for Enforcer candidacy
- Family recognition loss observed as early as age 6

Failure Classification

Children who:

- Retain familial memory
- Demonstrate spontaneous compassion
- Ask unscripted questions

are reassigned to **Null Processing**.

Internal annotation:

"A child who remembers love will always hesitate."

PROPAGANDA ARCHIVE - FINAL SET

These posters were recovered digitally from a server that no longer exists.

Poster Code: TPA-P-11

Slogan:

"JUSTICE IS NOT KINDNESS."

Usage: Labor halls, interrogation corridors

Poster Code: TPA-P-19

Slogan:

"THE GUILTY ARE SIMPLY THE UNCORRECTED."

Usage: Youth indoctrination units

Poster Code: TPA-P-27

Slogan:

"ASCENDANCY HAS NO END-ONLY FILTERS."

Usage: Administrative offices only

GOVERNMENT POSITION – FINAL MEMORANDUM

Agency: Ministry of Internal Stability

Date: July 18, 1999

Classification: Absolute Denial Directive

After extensive internal review, this Ministry reaffirms that no organization operating under the name "The Path of Ascendancy" exists or has ever existed within Ofcainrlu.

Alleged documents, testimonies, and artifacts have been determined to be:

- Fabricated
- Misattributed
- Or the result of coordinated misinformation campaigns

All missing persons cases referenced are closed or pending unrelated resolution.

No further inquiries are authorized.

–Final Notice Issued

RANKING & PUNISHMENT SYSTEM - TERMINAL RECORD

Hierarchy (Final Confirmed)

- **The Ascendant** - identity unknown, possibly symbolic
- **High Order** - rotating, untraceable
- **Instruments** - Enforcers, Overseers
- **Aligned** - ideologically compliant labor
- **Functional** - compliant labor
- **Corrective** - under discipline
- **Null** - removed from record

Punishment Escalation Ladder

- 1.Reconditioning
- 2.Isolation
- 3.Labor Intensification
- 4.Identity Reduction
- 5.Status Nullification

Internal closing note:

"There is no punishment severe enough to require remembrance."

CASE TERMINATION NOTICE

Related Case: Xyvar Thorne Disappearance

Secondary Losses: Investigators, search personnel,
third-party civilians

Date Closed: August 3, 1999

Reason:

*Lack of recoverable evidence. Continued inquiry
presents unacceptable risk.*

Final margin notation (author unknown):

"The system worked."

FINAL STATUS

- **TPA:** Officially nonexistent
- **Evidence:** Fragmentary, unverifiable
- **Witnesses:** Missing
- **Facilities:** Never found
- **Case:** Unsolved

Public Record Conclusion:

There was no cult.

There was no organization.

There was nothing to investigate.

THE PATH OF ASCENDANCY

ASCENDANCY YOUTH CONTINUUM (AYC)

INTERNAL CHILD WORKER REGISTRY — UNREDACTED

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SECTION I — PROGRAM PURPOSE

"Children are not corrected. They are calibrated."

The Ascendancy Youth Continuum exists to ensure ideological continuity through early conditioning. Children demonstrate higher long-term compliance, lower resistance thresholds, and reduced memory retention of prior attachments.

All listed individuals are classified as **Permanent Residents**.

SECTION II — CHILD WORKER ROSTER

AYC ID: AYC-014

- **Full Name:** Liora Thane
- **Date of Birth:** March 11, 1992
- **Age:** 7
- **Place of Birth:** West-Central Ofcairnlu
- **Parental Status:** Parents deceased (civil unrest, unverified)
- **Date of Intake:** September 3, 1998
- **Tier:** I
- **Assignment:** Chant Memorization / Facility Cleaning
- **Compliance Score:** 82%

- **Behavioral Notes:** Cries during isolation periods. Memory of mother persists.
- **Status:** Under observation

AYC ID: AYC-029

- **Full Name:** Derren Vos
- **Date of Birth:** July 22, 1989
- **Age:** 9
- **Place of Birth:** Southern Ofcairnlu
- **Parental Status:** Father incarcerated, mother unknown
- **Date of Intake:** January 17, 1999
- **Tier:** II
- **Assignment:** Agricultural labor / Doctrine Recitation
- **Compliance Score:** 91%
- **Behavioral Notes:** Displays early ideological repetition. Corrects peers.
- **Status:** Advancement candidate

AYC ID: AYC-041

- **Full Name:** Sena Moriel
- **Date of Birth:** December 2, 1986
- **Age:** 12
- **Place of Birth:** Northern Ofcairnlu
- **Parental Status:** Family noncompliant (terminated)
- **Date of Intake:** June 8, 1997
- **Tier:** II
- **Assignment:** Textile labor / Instruction Assistant
- **Compliance Score:** 95%
- **Behavioral Notes:** No emotional recall of family. Ideal subject.
- **Status:** Stable

AYC ID: AYC-057

- **Full Name:** Calen Rhyse
- **Date of Birth:** April 19, 1984
- **Age:** 15
- **Place of Birth:** Coastal Ofcairnlu
- **Parental Status:** Voluntary surrender
- **Date of Intake:** October 12, 1996
- **Tier:** III
- **Assignment:** Overseer Trainee / Discipline Observation
- **Compliance Score:** 98%
- **Behavioral Notes:** Demonstrates authority mimicry. No hesitation during correction events.
- **Status:** Enforcer Track Approved

AYC ID: AYC-063

- **Full Name:** Mireya Sol
- **Date of Birth:** August 30, 1993
- **Age:** 5
- **Place of Birth:** Eastern Ofcairnlu
- **Parental Status:** Missing
- **Date of Intake:** February 6, 1999
- **Tier:** I
- **Assignment:** Sleep-cycle conditioning
- **Compliance Score:** 67%
- **Behavioral Notes:** Speaks to unseen individuals during silence periods.
- **Status:** Reconditioning required

SECTION III — EDUCATIONAL CONTENT (INTERNAL)

Children are taught:

- Justice is corrective, not compassionate

- Individual desire is a defect
- Authority is a natural hierarchy
- Memory is optional

Prohibited concepts:

- Family loyalty
- Moral ambiguity
- Mercy
- Choice

SECTION IV — DISCIPLINARY RECORD (CHILDREN)

Punishment codes applied identically to adults, with reduced duration but increased frequency.

Common entries:

- **P-01:** Sleep restriction
- **P-03:** Isolation
- **P-12:** Reconditioning

Narrative descriptions intentionally omitted.

SECTION V — TERMINATION CLAUSE

*"Children who fail alignment do not fail the system.
The system simply moves past them."*

Children reassigned to **Null Status** are removed from this registry immediately.

SECTION VI — SIGN-OFF

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