

THIS HOLY messenger

THE ABROGATION OF JUSTICE BY EXARCH PURIST PELAX

In the recent months, and indeed years, we as a people have seen many changes.

Some of these changes have been for the better. We have seen the Empire thrive and expand, bringing the light of the Emperox to the farthest reaches of the sector. We have also, unfortunately, seen the opposite, with rising tides of strife and division threatening to wash away the good works of our forebears. I wish I could sit here, in the office of the Exarch Purist, and say that I see more of the former than of the latter, but as recent events have shown, Division seems to be the *modus imperialis*.

Our noble brethren, through greed, or through folly, have decided to forgo the Virtues in favor of their own personal glory, and that, my dear friends, makes my heart very heavy, as I hope it does yours. I take this time to write to you to speak of one of the Virtues they so foolishly cast aside: Justice. As the mantra states:

We must correct our own failings before looking to those of others.

I was raised to this office not a month ago, and in that time the Empire has slipped that much more into chaos and disorder. Our dear cousins of House Vela, after considerable debate no doubt, decided to forgo their duty to their serfs and to the members of their house, and chose Division over Union. By signing the pacts with the various non-noble organizations, they demonstrated to the Empire that they believe noble unity to be dead, and that their new policy is to enrich and preserve themselves, rather than attend to the needs of the Empire at large. While none may know the future, it is without question that when opportunity fails to avail itself, and their gambit comes to an end, it will be those who depend on the House that will bear the greatest burden. The serfs who depend on trade will lose employment, the nobility that manage them will lose their vocation, and disorder will consume the formerly great noble house.

If God were merciful, that would be where I could stop writing and tend to other duties. But God's mercy does not extend that far in these times. Our noble friends and cousins in House Fornax, not content with the near monopoly on the trade and production of the Imperial Fleets, have decided to commit what could be considered an act of highest treason, holding talks with known terrorists. What they talked about this humble priest does not know, but Justice demands their heads for the suffering they have caused the Empire. The souls of the Honored Dead demand Justice, and Fornax has given them none. I hold the leadership in thought and serious contemplation, that they may find the light of Virtue once more.

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My friends, I wish I could bring gladder tidings. I wish our noble brethren would heed the words of the Arhats and seek Virtue. But the Purist creed is to treat humanity as it is, rather than how it wishes to be seen or how it should be. I hope, and indeed the Sector hopes, that those responsible for the divisions in our society could put aside their trivialities and work for the good of us all.

Signed this day on Andophael,

Pelax, Exarch of the Purists



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