



A Bird in the Hand

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A student of the Holy One stood up and said,
"Teacher, the clerics and wise men have told us to give Charity to the Rebel
and to the Alien. They have said that God's mercy extends to them, and so
must ours. Is this true?"

The Holy One said to the people:

"Should a stone be swaddled as a newborn babe? Should I meditate before
brushing the snow from my coat?"


Barely had I put down my pen yesterday than a news report came in from Cabina detailing that world's
current troubles.

Amidst the Chaos on Cabina, an Alien seems to have taken charge of the
Local Mining Facilities. For how long will the Cah-Binn stay in charge
and who put it there? Citrine Yellow coming up with another unusual
discovery from Cabina.

Read those words, friends. Read them carefully. Soak their meaning into your very bones. A disgusting,
sliming, scheming alien has "taken charge" of one of our Messiah's Mining Facilities. I am appalled that I am
now forced to even **write** that sentence! If this report is to be believed, and indeed there is a valid
argument to be made that the godless rebels in the PRISM Network are twisting the truth to sow yet further
discord among the loyal followers of God and Emperox; if this report is to be believed, dear friends, then we
are witnessing the beginnings of an alien insurrection in the Empire's back yard.

The gloried leaders of our once-great Church, like the clerics of old, decided to show Charity at the end
of the Serf Rebellion. "We need to heal the Empire," they said. "We need to put this behind us and move
forward! We have a Messiah to welcome and wealth to acquire. We can't afford to spend time on this
backwater planet!"

So like the fools of our history, these so-called wise men, these foolish leaders of fools, simply cut the
weed at the leaf, not bothering to remove it by the root. Who knows what that would entail! They might
have gotten their hands dirty!



They allowed the fools and traitors license to continue as they had before. PRISM were allowed to continue to exist despite the heresy of attacking their masters and betters on Orpheus. The charity was allowed to purchase nobility, God save us. ACRE and their Eridanian lapdogs have been allowed to further consolidate their wealth and power, now conveniently cloaked in the holy garb of misbegotten nobility. And now look at the result: the PRISM traitors run free spreading their lies, a noble house has joined the so-called "Symposium", and now on Cabina, just a short trip from the heart of the Empire, aliens are realizing their oldest scheme: the overthrow of God and Messiah. Yet the dithering fools on the Council think that all is going according to God's plan. What nonsense.

It saddens me to tell you that your Church will do nothing about this. "Don't worry," they have said to me, "this will all blow over. The aliens on the planet are only **helping**, you see. They are helping the humans rebuild after the troubles! Don't worry, once this is over there will be a stable God-fearing government once again."

Can they not hear themselves speak? Are they that corrupt that they cannot see that this is just plain wrong? Are they so blind? The Church the Holy One, Masood Al-Anwar *peace to his memory*, gave his life to preserve and protect is gone, my friends. It is buried with the Velan traitors, for in the moment when all seemed won, our Holy Church failed in its duty to see the job through. It extended Charity where none was required or deserving.

I find myself at this late hour contemplating how we got to this point, how it could go so wrong so very fast. We do not have a Messiah, to be sure, and without their necessary if limited spiritual guidance it would make sense to have the ship of Empire go slightly adrift. But that, dear friends, does not explain our situation. No, it goes deeper, to the very heart of the Empire. For too long has treason against God and Empire been allowed to fester. For four hundred years these deluded "priests" on their insignificant backwater planet have been tolerated, allowed to spread their poison at will to those foolish enough to welcome them. Do those who doubt think it merely coincidence that the same rhetoric preached for centuries on the street corners of Cabina found its way onto the PRISM Network, onto ACRE branding, and into the minutes of the Velan government? It cannot be coincidence, friends. And now, now that the Treason was "dealt with", we find ourselves perplexed that once again this so-called "church" does nothing while aliens begin to replace them? May the Holy One return soon, and purge the sector of these godless, blind fools. We do not need them.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This sermon represents the farthest extremes of HC theology. Pelax is the leader of an extremist HC Branch, the Masoodites, more information in [this link](#), and none of the above is or should be considered "canon" or in keeping with mainstream HC thought/belief. He's a spicy boi.