

## Berkmann III: The Beginning of something Beautiful



Imperial Flags were out in force on Berkmann III yesterday as The High Church of Messiah-as-Emperor and The Trilliant Ring announced that a 'period of significant investment' was to take place on the Helascan planet, starting with the joint construction of an as-yet-unnamed new Grand Cathedral.

Loud cheers rang out throughout the streets as talk of new infrastructure, schooling and business were also revealed.

"It is a special day for all," said local Ohanzees Hammonds, who has campaigned for several decades in support of the formal inclusion of Berkmann III into the Empire. "With the death of the Emperor - ten blessings upon his soul - we all thought that this day would never come. Now that it has, we will start to see some real change here."

Whilst the formal inclusion of Berkmann III into the Empire requires agreement by several parties, no doubt this is a huge step forward for the planet and its people.

"It isn't 'just a church' we are building here," said Exarch Tatiana the Grand Voice. "It is a community. One that will grow and prosper for the good all in the sector. In times of crisis, people look to the Empire - and to the High Church - for guidance, stability. Faith. There have long been issues here in the south of Acheron Rho, with no end in sight. Now, Berkmann III and its people have its future back."

Prices of flights both to and from the planet exploded at the news, most notably when that the people of Berkmann III were also all formally invited to attend the annual Pilgrimage to Andophael.

Whilst some have attempted to make a point about the timing of this announcement, both the High Church and The Trilliant Ring were quick to correct any misgivings about the upcoming investments in a part of Acheron Rho quickly becoming known as 'The Crossroads.'

"It is a real chance for us to make a difference in the lives of those outside the Empire who are less fortunate than ourselves," Hierophant Reformist Andelo Kopač noted. "With diligence, kindness and compassion, we can make The Crossroads a place to nurture new relationships and strengthen old ones. No doubt it will be a place where people will come together despite their differences to give praise to their Messiah."

"One cannot perfect humanity without aiding in the betterment of the soul," added [R] Andries Blanchet, CMO. "And alongside the High Church, we have the best tools

in Acheron Rho to take on this project and drive forwards significant change that will benefit all involved."

"A Trill Home is a happy home," chimed in Orin Locke, Home Appliances R&D. "So just imagine what a Trill Planet could be."