

A sense of mystery: what is the reason behind this? How did it come about?

The driving mystery is the hint behind Anakin's destiny that there is more to him than being one who would exterminate nearly all Jedi and therefore bring balance to the force. The meaning behind balance to the force is expanded upon here. The female Jedi whom the force-clones were based off of, Jnai, was a Jedi whose life mirrored Anakin's. She, too, was conflicted between her own selfish desires and the realization that she needed to sacrifice her own impulses to cooperate with the plan of the greater good. During her life, she saw that the plan of the greater good appeared to be ineffective, and wanted more say in it. Her peers disagreed; they claimed it was practical, and that her own goals would be to steer the plan to her own desires, which none of the other Jedi shared.

Jnai felt the individual had sacrificed too much for the greater good. There was an imbalance in the force; in exchange for their own desires, the Jedi would relinquish all their personal goals and emotions. The light side was seen as being complete calmness and freedom, meaning individuals could make their own choices. However, this was a misinterpretation; the light side and the neutral side were seen by the Jedi as being one, even though they were different. The light side emphasized compassion and selflessness; the dark side emphasized individual freedom.

With the Sith gaining ever greater power, something had to be done to eradicate them. The greatest weapon the Sith possessed was luring Jedi into their side through the Jedi's own selfish desires that were being hindered by the greater cause. Knowing that in many cases the outcomes of their happiness and the greater good were mutually exclusive, the Jedi taught their members to be happy with the outcome, finding peace in letting it all flow, knowing that this is the right thing to do. However, several Jedi could not just let their loved ones or ideals perish when they had the power- right there in front of them- to stop it. This was the ultimate temptation.

Traitorous Jedi were the greatest threat to maintaining the peace in the galaxy- one Jedi's selfish ideals could wreck the happiness of everyone else. For example, during Anakin's time, cloning- and thus eternal life- was seen as leading to the downfall of society, as when many get their hands on it, it would make some immortal, even though they needed to be killed. Clearly, this view was different than views of the Jedi who originally invented cloning, so Jedi doctrine constantly changed based on subjective perspectives of the times. Breaking just one rule just one time was seen as sin. The martyrdom-like sacrifice of Jedi was seen as the highest honor- if a Jedi could not sacrifice their own most cherished desire, they were seen as shameful. Such a strict, irrational obsession with self-sacrifice was what the Jedi were fanatically succumbing to, and Jnai saw this as something that had to be stopped. It was the Force- not the light side, not the dark side, that was supreme, and the light side was taking over.

Though they could cope with self-control, the Sith were becoming too powerful. Drastic measures had to be implemented, else the entire harmony of society could be torn apart. The Jedi were looking to ascend into an existence to get rid of virtually all their desires- this ascension was completely by one's own free choice, but Jedi who did not do so would be greatly shamed and not seen as 'real Jedi'. But such an act would leave the individual a wrecked shell. Jedi were not coerced into committing actions, but judgment and shame were strong in the community. In fact, criminals were seen as enemies, which was the basis behind the Jedi eliminating the Sith through violent means. Anyone who would harm the common good was seen as part of the plague. In order to fully get rid of this plague, some fanatic Jedi believed the ultimate answer was to get rid of desire so that the Jedi may serve the people for the rest of their lives.

The neutral side of the Force was never judgmental, having no agenda nor virtues. It simply existed and

let the individual choose to be both selfless at times, and selfish at other times, never having to take sides and vow oaths. The Jedi were still an ever-growing plague, and their ultimate plan morphed into genetically engineering, using the Force, individuals to be born without desire. They can be reincarnated into clones of themselves without such needs. By this time, they had eradicated many of the Sith and their philosophies, using their own selfishness against them rather than outright slaughtering them (however, it is manipulation nonetheless). This prompts the Sith into the Rule of Two, to prevent themselves from imploding. At first, Jnai leaves the Jedi and becomes a terrible Sith, murdering many Jedi in order to achieve what she herself thought to be the common good, something akin to libertarianism. However, she realized that she had gone too far and was not allowing others to practice what they saw as their own common good, ironically contradicting her own philosophy as to what each person is allowed to do. She realizes that it is possible to practice neither Sith nor Jedi, but rather the neutral side. Jedi were allowed to exist and so were Sith in an push and pull dynamic of war and peace, but one does not need to take oaths to either side, and can exist as a mixed individual of both good and evil, not needing to fit a mold.

At the end of her life, Jnai becomes a Gray Force User. Jnai was the clone chosen to be mind-controlled, as her neutral state in the afterlife in the Force meant she had no set agenda on what to do, meaning the clones were like children who still sought their way in the world and thus could be molded and mind controlled. But this is a misinterpretation- Gray Force Users may or may not have strong wills, depending on the individual, and some of her clones who survived Order 66 became instrumental in bringing balance to the force.

DO NOT USE THIS WORD FOR WORD:

Jnai begins the prophecy that a Chosen One will come to bring about balance to the force. It is not a vision, but rather a rational causality. In eternal time, it is inevitable that if life is to exist, the push and pull dynamic must still exist. So the Jedi must be stopped. However, once the Jedi are stopped, the Sith will rise in response. Now the Sith must be stopped. There is no guarantee this Chosen One exists; however, Jnai puts out this 'prophecy' so that there is hope that someone will be the Chosen One. With Jedi and Sith believing the Chosen One will come about, they will actively search for one and mold someone to this idea, and they will themselves bring about the event through their own actions. They must BOTH influence this Chosen One, else the individual will not become a Gray Force User, and might obliterate the other side completely.

CHOSEN ONE PROPHECY:

Jnai wanted to bring balance to the force by finding one who would stop the Jedi or the Sith, depending on who was overwhelming the other side to near obliteration. At the time, it was the Jedi. However, both Jedi and Sith believed the 'Chosen One' was to be on there side, to bring balance by driving the other out- to them, balance meant no conflict, which meant only one side ruled. Jnai DID have premonitions of two possible paths: the elimination of one side completely and thus the destruction of all life (not the universe), or the force becoming balanced. This prophecy would be reinterpreted and misunderstood many times for 200,000 years.

Cloning is an ancient technique, long forgotten until Darth Plagueis found it again. It was developed by the Jedi as a way to get rid of their desires; their minds, strengthened and ready to serve with complete self-sacrifice and martyrdom- would be placed into these new bodies, which had no physical desires. Also, any new clones would have no desires upon birth. The proto-clone wars was a hidden war where both Jedi and Sith alike cloned their own selves either to create more of their own due to ego, to create an army of like-minded beings the user could control, or to create growing clones they could put their

mind into upon death. This ended up in a conflict where it was confusing which clone was the original, with clones competing to be the 'real' version, and some ending up taking over the real version. Jnai was key to ending this conflict, although she sacrificed her life to do so. Upon this incident, cloning was banished away to the depths of the void for hundreds of thousands of years, until Darth Plagueis uncovered it.

Darth Plagueis, who hid his face constantly so only Sidious knew his true appearance, created clones of himself so that he could have many bodies to go into upon his death. When Darth Sidious discovered Plagueis was planning to never let him take over as master, he unleashed these clones, who rebelled against Plagueis and killed him. These clones were of different ages. Sidious killed all of these clones except one, a baby whose mind was not developed yet to rebel against the master, and he sought to mold him into his apprentice, as his power was felt to be greater than all the other clones- he was the newest version, enhanced much more than all the others. He would be unstoppable if he was controlled by Sidious. Not only that, he had a connection to any clone who would ever exist. This clone had a force ability that was unique to him: to connect with any clone and influence them, in a mind bending way, to do his bidding. Sidious planned to raise a clone army and to have this clone take control of it. This ability was discovered through Plagueis's notes about his cloning experiments. The secret to creating such an ability died along with Plagueis, and Sidious never re-discovered it. He also did not believe an infant could wield such power effectively yet, though he was wrong. Sidious began to develop more clones, force-sensitive ones, hoping to use a bastardized mind-trick to wield armies of these mindless clones. Trusting no one but himself, he raised less intelligent versions of himself- like-minded who were almost as powerful, but not strong enough to take over. To distinguish them from him, they were all scarred physically.

However, during the process, one of these clones came across the clone of Darth Plagueis. Perhaps the clone's ability- the instinctive desire of an infant meant the infant still had goals though not plans- had influenced him, and he realized he had to escape with his own freedom. Even though he was not commanded by the infant to do so, he felt he had to take the infant for some reason. This clone was only the first one; gradually, beneath Sidious's knowing, they were all influenced, and began to become more self-aware of their own free will by being influenced by Darth Plagueis's clone. One day, these clones began a mutiny against Sidious, and an internal conflict erupted within the army. Several clones took the infant and sent it on an escape pod to a random destination far, far away. Outraged, Sidious destroyed his clone army. He did not give up; he sought for more mind-controllable clones. With much of the literature and history on Jnai destroyed, only an inaccurate history remained. He believed Gray Jedi- being in the middle- were indecisive and mentally weak. This was far from the case, and was another one of his undoings. Though the clones of Jnai were able to be controlled during Order 66, after the ordeal, several survivors were key to influencing Darth Vader into considering the Gray Side, and ultimately committing an Jedi action that brought balance to the force. It took decades for Sidious to find the temples of Jnai and begin production. Sidious would experiment with many more different versions of clones. He also believed that if he could find the escaped infant, he could persuade it to become a clone commander for his armies. This was indeed the case; however, the force-sensitive clones proved to be far too dangerous and some were too strong-minded to be controlled, meaning they had to be eliminated during and after Order 66. This left his army with only clone troopers.

The infant found its way to a far off realm, where he was picked up by scavengers and sold to merchants many times. Eventually, it found its way to the planet Tatooine, and raised by a woman named Shmi. The infant was called Anakin.