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Library Data: Ishmael (C432310-A)

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**Sector:** Sol

**Subsector:** Dingir

Allegiance: Terran Federation

Population: ~8,000

**Starport Quality:** Routine (C)

Environment: Very thin atmosphere; 20% hydrosphere; average surface temperature ~70°C

**Tech Level:** 10 (Medicine TL9, Environmental TL11)

Trade Codes: Non-Industrial, Poor

Ishmael is a scorching, marginally habitable world colonized by the *Ishmael Colonial Company* (ICC), a surviving chartered corporate body that maintains planetary governance. Due to its dangerously hot climate, settlements exist exclusively in caverns, deep underground cities, or within pressurized domed structures. The planet has no significant laws, with a Law Level of 0 across most jurisdictions, though in practice social customs and tiered enforcement mechanisms apply different standards to individuals based on social standing or classification.

Uniquely, Ishmael was settled entirely by natural-born humans—primarily of Kinyarwanda heritage—with no use of clones or vat-grown colonists. This contributes to a culturally cohesive but somewhat insular population proud of its origin and fiercely independent. Ishmael places unusual emphasis on education and civic responsibility among its lower classes, resulting in a well-trained labor pool despite its economic limitations.

Ishmael is also the birthplace of the *Ishmaelite* faith, a religion that permeates nearly every aspect of life on the planet. Though religious minorities and some ethnic differences exist, they are mostly tolerated under the planet's permissive laws. However, these same freedoms create internal friction, with ideological divides and sporadic unrest.

Despite its challenges, Ishmael is known for its openness to offworlders, especially traders, scholars, and pilgrims. The planet's *Historical Pilgrimage Route* has become a cultural attraction in recent decades, earning a 4-star Smadian Starburst Rating for its sweeping views, preserved holy sites, and immersive tour of Ishmaelite history.

Native life is limited to microbial and cellular organisms, mostly extremophiles found in thermal vent systems. These are studied under controlled conditions, but do not pose a direct threat to habitation.

Library Data: Ishmaelism Origin World: Ishmael **Adherents:** ~1 billion (estimated), with ~95% of Ishmael's population

Religious Type: Rational Polytheism

**Core Practices:** 

Daily prayer rituals

- Ascetic and philosophical study
- Services in classical Kinyarwanda
- Reincarnation by personal choice
- Missionary outreach

Ishmaelism is a philosophical and religious movement founded several generations after colonization by a mystic ascetic known as *The First Ishmaelite*, who withdrew to the harsh wilderness to contemplate the meaning of human suffering and existence. From his isolated meditations emerged a rational polytheistic faith centered on the belief that reality is governed by multiple deific principles—forces of nature and mind—which can be understood and communed with through self-discipline, ritual, and introspection.

Central to Ishmaelite doctrine is the concept of *chosen reincarnation*: the soul, upon death, may choose to return to life in another form or remain in spiritual stillness. This concept has resonated deeply with adherents, reinforcing ideas of agency and ethical evolution across lifetimes.

Ishmaelism is loosely hierarchical, with spiritual teachers (called *Intiti*) maintaining doctrinal cohesion while allowing wide interpretive variance. Services are structured yet minimalistic, consisting of chants, rote recitations, and meditative silence in the sacred tongue of classical Kinyarwanda—a cultural hallmark that preserves the faith's linguistic roots.

Though once confined to Ishmael, Ishmaelism has grown rapidly in recent decades through missionary efforts, particularly among frontier worlds and isolated colonies. Its appeal lies in its balance between structured belief and personal autonomy, as well as its emphasis on reincarnation, individual purpose, and resilience.

The religion's aggressive missionary outreach and tightly held dogmas have occasionally caused friction with secular Federation authorities and other religious groups. Nonetheless, Ishmaelism is considered one of the Federation's important but minor religious traditions and is actively studied by cultural scholars.

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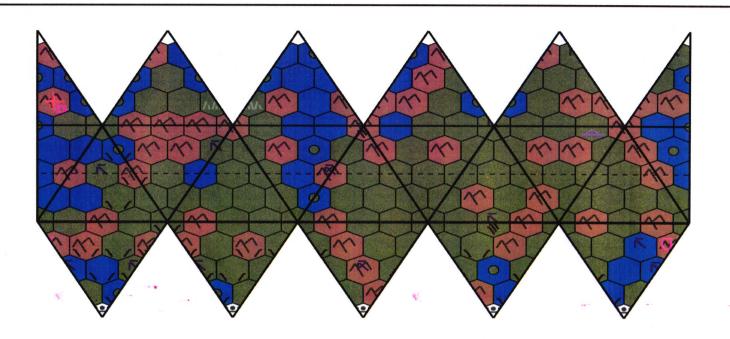
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Trade Classifications and Remarks

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The Ishmael system (0922 Solomani Rim)





Chasm



Island



Precipice



Wasteland



Clear



Mountain



Resource



Scale



Exotic Terrain



Noble Estate



Starport



Ice cap



Ocean



Town

1. Local Tour about History

2. Historic Legislative Chamber (200 yrs, Democratic Group)