

Atheism

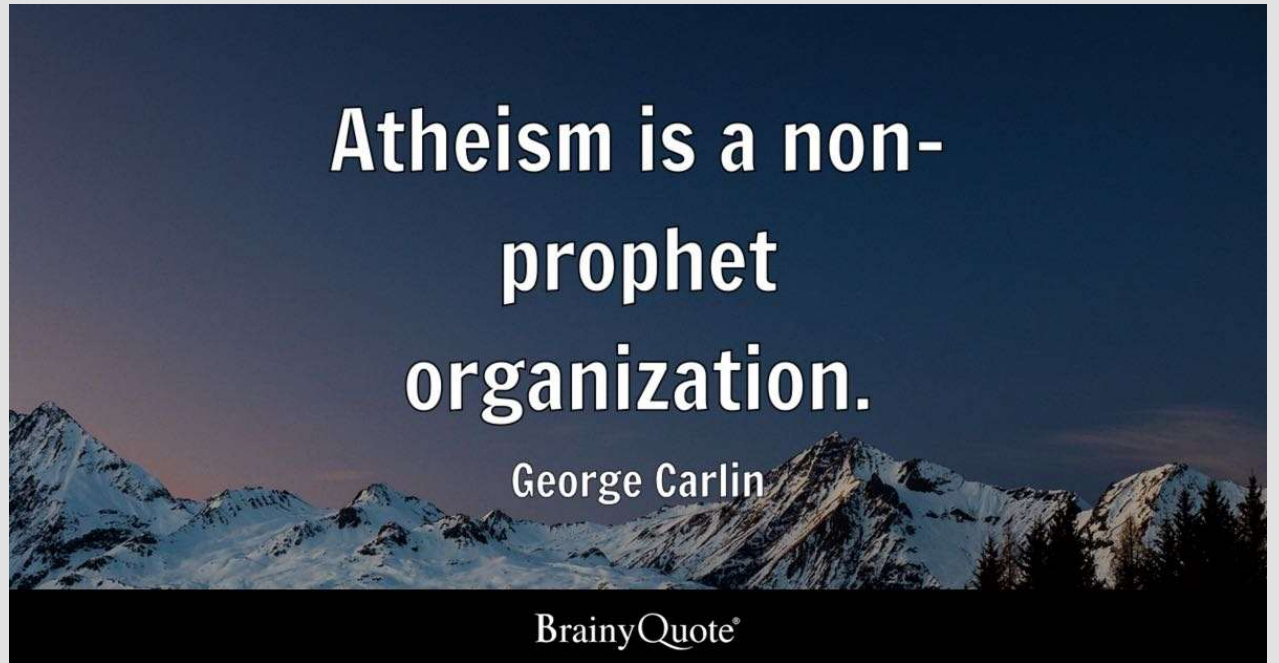
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It is in the honor of Nug and Yeb that I write this article. To celebrate the balance of opposing views, and grant validity to the other. My stance is one of pure deism and I personally struggle to understand the stance of the atheist, yet as a cultist I choose to see, respect, and value the views of others. This is what the Temple stands for... The acceptance of your fellow cultists and their deepest beliefs, no matter how much they differ from yours. At the end of the day we all honor Cthulhu and the Old Ones in our own ways, but stand in undivided unity.

In my eyes we have more than enough evidence supporting there is more to life than meets the eye, scientifically, philosophically, and spiritually. Still there are many that truly believe that this is it. They believe there is life, death, and the void, with nothing more. These are our atheist counterparts, and while I full heartedly find this foolish, it is not my place to determine the reality within their sphere of Yog-Sothoth. Even in the shared reality of our existence, we are all still different and so are our individual realities.

To best explain my view on supporting atheism, I feel it would be best to first explain my view on the spiritual realm. We all know Azathoth is the blind idiot god, but what does that mean? A god that creates all things and has no knowledge of it... What would that look like? I believe the answer is you! Yes, you the reader. Now how is this possible to be true for every reader? By the separation of Yog-Sothoth.

Everything in existence is its own sphere of Yog-Sothoth, and brought together in larger spheres of Yog-Sothoth. So you yourself exist in your own sphere of Yog-Sothoth, as does everyone else in your shared reality. Then all of your lives are tied together within a larger sphere of Yog-Sothoth to shape the world you live in.



We've all seen those diagrams with multiple circles, each labeled as one thing, and the smaller sections labeled as something different. Like a circle labeled "yes", and another labeled "no", with a section created by overlap labeled "maybe". Now put three circles in a row, and label the center one "The Temple". The other two overlap the center circle on each side, but not each other. The one on the left could be labeled "deism" and the one on the right "atheism". Both exist within the Temple, but not to each other directly. Yet we are still able to recognize that the other still exists, and is valid.

With this mindset and sincere belief, you might be able to understand how I struggle to believe that an atheist could possibly be right, yet I can. As I've said, everyone is Azathoth, and separated by Yog-Sothoth, making every single person the ultimate say of all truths in their reality. If a person knows that at their death they will cease to be, then it is undeniably true. Even with differing beliefs, the temple still brings us together in unified praise for the Old Ones.

The thing to remember about this article is that it is written from the biased point of view of an avid believer in the sincere existence of the Old Ones. While I know what I claim to be true, I also recognize the sure absurdity of it for some others. One can only know the truth of their existence by looking deep within themselves for the answers.

All things, all truths are created by Azathoth, as Yog-Sothoth is the key and the gate. If a person "knows" there are no gods, no heaven nor hell, no worlds beyond the stars... Then it is the ultimate truth of their reality. When they die, they will return to the void with no further consequence. As for the rest of us, Yog-Sothoth allows a different reality. Remember, you are Azathoth, the blind idiot god. Awaken, remember that, and make your truths!

From the Nameless Mists

A message from the Council

Welcome siblings of the void to this issue of the AA, we have quite the experience this issue and we hope you enjoy it.

The Tome is being filled with art and formatted and more content and courses are being developed for the uni.

We are still looking for nyth so please reach out and DM me if you are interested.

Your brother in the void,
Harbinger Phlegethotep

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Thoughts from the Void: Musings from our Members

Phlegethotepe

Fatherhood, it's quite the journey. I became a father 10 years ago. Stepping into the unknown at 21 years old I had no idea what life had in-store for me, my wife and this tiny person. For myself fatherhood began as soon as the pregnancy. This instinct washed over me, this primal knowledge that above all else this tiny person was to survive and thrive above all odds. Now I have three school age children that bring me new unfathomable horrors daily.

Children bring with them challenges, sickness, frustration and additive, but they also bring a happiness and love unparalleled by any in the universe.

And for those of us who are lucky enough to be proud members of this fraternity our children are an immense source of pride.

Now not all fathers are able to fulfill the role for a myriad of reasons, and I won't dive into or expect to elaborate on the trauma and father wounds that some of us have experienced and deal with on a daily. But if there is one basic good thing that has resulted from everyone's father is our time in the light.

To me fatherhood in a word is Amazing, and I believe anyone who is willing and able should experience the responsibility, the delightful burden of fatherhood. From sleepless nights to blow-out-up-the-back diapers. All the madness inducing endless crying, to deep intellectual conversations that you had no idea that someone so small would have such a grasp on. Kids keep you honest and bring out the inner child. Being DaDa is ingrained in me, and having kids was the best thing to ever happen to me.

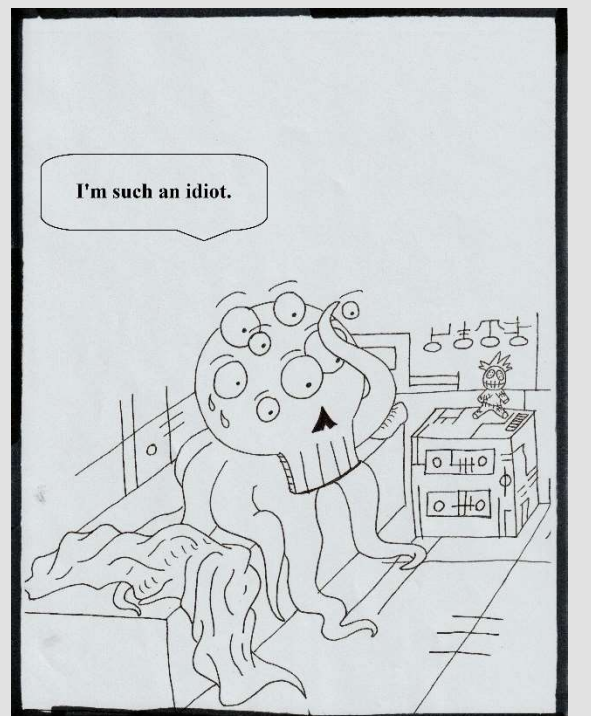
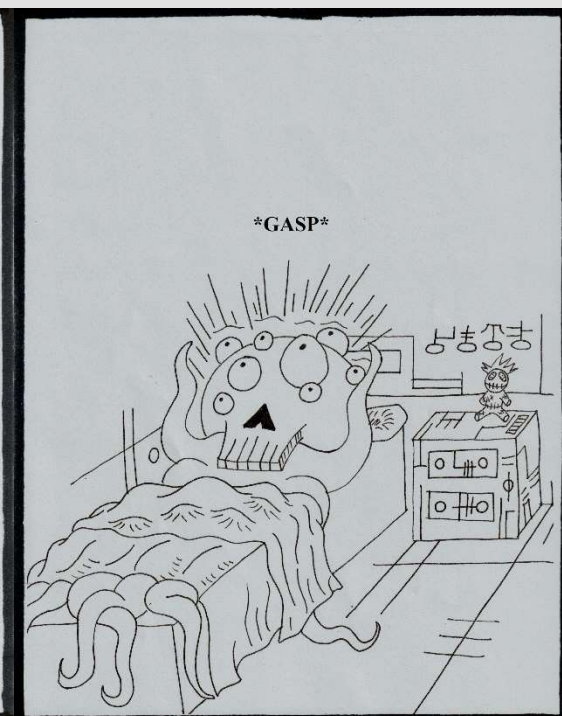
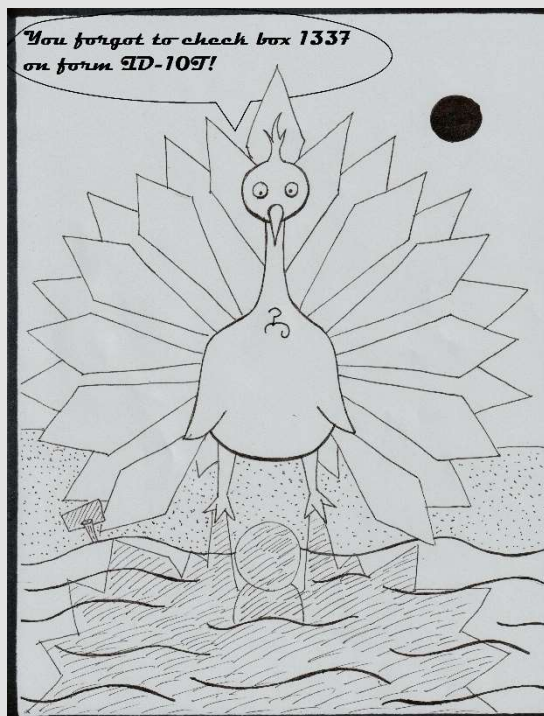
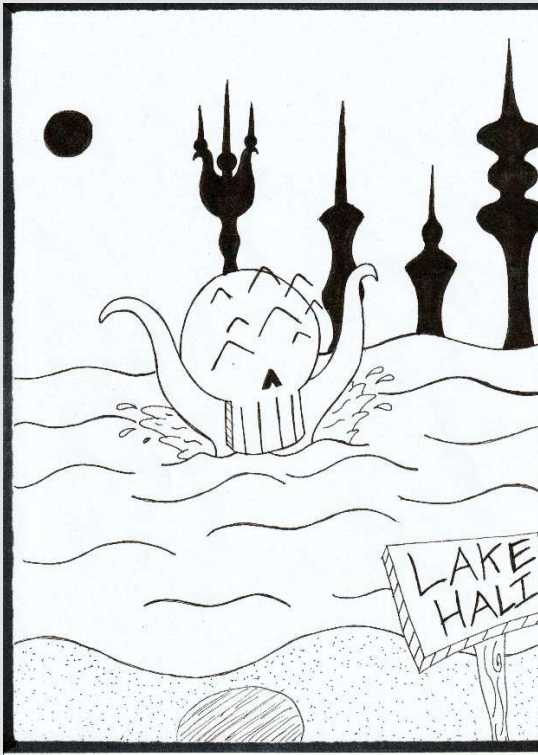
Fm'Toth Gna'uln

One of the biggest pieces of advice I give new parents, as both a father and medical practitioner, is "Your goal is not to raise happy children. The goal of parenthood is to raise successful adults." Now, part of being a healthy, successful adult is having a reasonably happy childhood, but the goal and focus of that happiness is alternatively directed.

There are many lessons that have to be learned in life which do not promote happiness in the moment. To succeed in life, you have to be able to deal with disappointment, overcome challenges, delay immediate gratification for longer term reward.

To be a good parent, you need to have a vision which is 18+ years long. This means that they need to learn that actions have consequences, because eventually they are going to be in a situation far less forgiving than the home. It also means that it is OK to bang on the pots and pans with wooden spoons because it doesn't hurt the pans and they are learning coordination and just having a good time.

The Further Adventures of Yog and Steve



Interesting Title

Fm'toth Gna'uln

In honor of the Solstice, we celebrate by challenging everyone to explore opposing viewpoints. During this month the northern hemisphere experiences its longest day, while the southern hemisphere experiences its longest night. This is symbolically like the Yin Yang of Taoist philosophy, hence why we associate the two solstices with Nug and Yeb of our own beliefs.

The reason we recommend these arguments counter to your own beliefs, is so an individual can understand their own beliefs better and also continue to respect those within the Temple with beliefs counter to their own. There is a tendency to only view the fallacies in someone's opposing belief, not looking at the valid points and seeing where there is agreement.

For those who do not know, I am an agnostic atheist. What this means is that I do not believe in the existence of any particular deific being, but I cannot discount the possibility of their existence. Within the Temple I am a Pantheist, using the traditional definition that the Pantheist believes that the universe itself is a god. This isn't to say that I believe that the universe has a consciousness, more that the existence within the universe is bound by a particular set of laws which we should try to live in harmony with; much as the Taoists describe the Tao.

In the spirit of Nug and Yeb, we will discuss the creatures known as Deity.

One of the biggest complaints I have with arguments in favor of Deity or Magick is that they use science badly to justify it, falling into the realm of Quantum Mysticism; using arguments such as the Multiversal Theory of Quantum Superposition or Quantum Entanglement. These arguments start with good data, but then misrepresent the data or leave out other data in order to support their hypothesis.

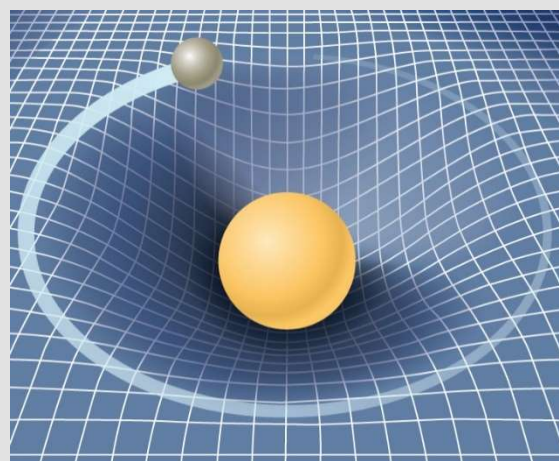
For example, Schrodinger's cat is frequently used to justify the existence of the multiverse because, according to the Copenhagen Interpretation, before the box is opened the cat is both alive and dead and it isn't until the box is opened that the cat becomes alive or dead. Multiversal theory states that at the moment the box is opened the universe splits, one where the cat is alive and the other where the cat died. These arguments entirely miss the point because Schrodinger made the analogy of the cat specifically to point out that quantum scenarios cannot be extrapolated into macroscopic situations. Meaning, he said it was absurd to think that the cat is both alive and dead before the box is opened.

The real possibility of deity revolves around much simpler concepts; things that require much less disbelief. It is well understood that the universe is expanding, it is also understood that the universe is very likely a flat 3-dimensional plane of space. Consider also that the mass of an object causes spacetime to bend. So, while the overall shape of the universe can be described as flat, there are pockets where matter has caused the universe to bend around it.

Consider how a ball falls when you drop it. This is because the universe is curved in such a way as to create a 'down' for the ball to fall through. We cannot see the curve, we can experience it, and see the effects the curvature creates. Though, we cannot *see* it.

Something as prevalent as Gravity, in fact all four of the Fundamental Forces of Nature (Gravity, Weak Force, Electromagnetic Force, Strong Force), is something we cannot see, only experience indirectly.

Consider the possibilities of other special or temporal dimensions. According to String Theory there may be as many as 26 space-time dimensions. We experience 1 temporal dimension and 3 spatial dimensions. Experimental proof of this will likely be impossible to determine, much like a drawing on a piece of paper cannot prove the existence of anything not on the paper.



Now, let us step into the hypothetical for a moment. A being which exists within four spatial dimensions would seem omnipotent to a three-dimensional world (like our own), much in the same way someone living as a 2-dimensional being on a piece of paper would view us as omnipotent.

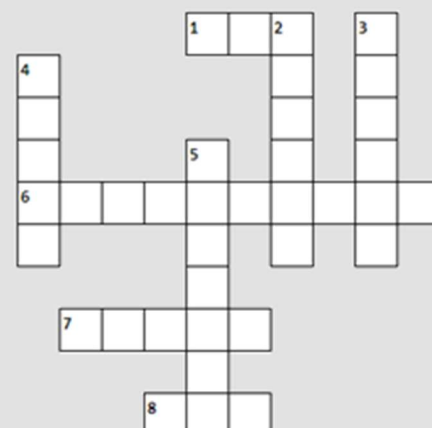
We could make objects seem to appear and disappear from the 2D world with impunity. Likewise, we could easily lift with seemingly super-being strength any 2D object since our strength is based on 3D mass of the object.

Think about a piece of paper and someone living on it, it can only experience Length and Width. The only thing it can experience is something which is a part of or touching the paper. You put a penny on the paper, suddenly the Paperbeing sees the penny appear from nowhere, likewise when you pick the penny up it leaves the Height axis that Paperbeing exists in.

The same would apply to a 4D being interacting with our 3D world. Something could seem to appear from nowhere when brought from a shift on the 4th axis back into line with where we exist on that axis. Identical in concept to the penny being placed on the Height axis of the paper, but invisible to Paperbeing when placed at a different Height.

To us, a being which experiences Four spacial dimensions would be God.

Consider also Time. We experience Time as a single dimension constantly moving forward at a rate we have defined as 1 second per second. What if Time were also multidimensional? Something could exist right next to us spatially, but unless it intersected with us at the right time coordinate, we would not see or experience it. Perhaps then, ghosts are simply beings which travel along a different Time Axis and intercept us just for a moment or two.



Across

- 1. Father of Cthulhu
- 6. May be Yeb's name in Hyperboria
- 7. Possibly Nug's name in Hyperborea
- 8. Mother of Tsathoggua

Down

- 2. Worshipers of Nug
- 3. Yeb leads a cult who worships this one
- 4. Will be used by Nug to cleanse the Earth
- 5. Will be used by Yeb to cleanse the Earth

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Divination for June 2024

By Kadish Ph'ee

Unfortunately, there is no Tarot reading this month

The Horrorscope

Azathoth,

Your reflection might decide to take the month off and wander into the abyss. If you see your doppelgänger pursuing a career in stand-up comedy, you might want to consider a change of appearance.

Cthulhu,

The bedside alarm dock predicts an otherworldly commute will mean a delay of at least fifteen minutes. If your morning coffee run involves navigating through interdimensional portals, consider investing in a carpool or working from home this month.

Dagon,

If you hear dissonant music echoing in your bathroom, it's just your other selves practicing for an other-dimensional talent show. Join in by harmonizing with the shower curtain as backup, and you might score yourself a record deal.

Darkness,

Choose a new phone ringtone this month; eldritch chants can help you avoid unexpected calls from eldritch telemarketers offering cursed vacuum cleaners. Politeness alone won't save you from a spectral sales pitch.

H.P. Lovecraft,

This month, your fortune hinges on the mastery of spectral origami. Fold ethereal paper into otherworldly shapes to ward off doom, or be doomed to a lifetime of metaphysical paper cuts.

Hydra,

An ancient curse befalls you this month which will force you to communicate solely in anagrams of Shakespearean sonnets. Beware misunderstandings; not everyone appreciates iambic pentameter puns.

Hastur,

Due to the position of Venus, your cosmic energy aligns with rogue sock monsters. Beware their influence in the laundry room; the lint trap is a portal to a dimension ruled by sentient belly buttons.

Nameless Mist,

Unearthly whispers guide your month; beware left-handed albino rabbits on Tuesdays, for they hold the key to the location of your cosmic twin. Avoid potato salad at all costs; not for any horrific reason they're just more fatty than you think.

Nug & Yeb,

Beware of haunted spatulas in your kitchen. Should they begin to speak in tongues, summon the spectral whisk with an offering of ghost pepper salsa to defend you against the ancient terror now haunting your utensil drawer.

Nyarlahotep,

A whispering wind may carry secrets of eldritch origin. Pay attention; it could be telling you the WiFi password of the afterlife. Remember, spectral streaming services have captivating shows beyond your mortal imagination, but the prices are a bit higher.

Shub-Niggurath,

A flock of crows gathering outside your window is not an omen but rather is an eldritch book club gathering discussing Lovecraftian literature. If you offer them snacks, you might get invited to their next reading.

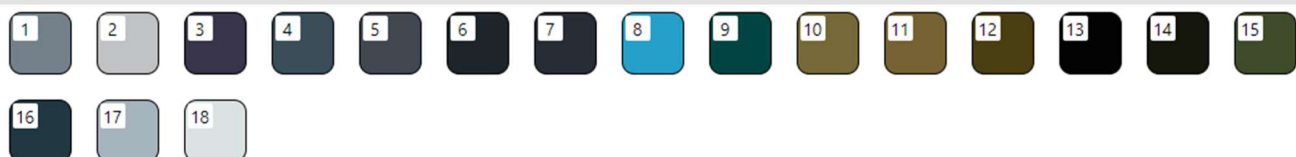
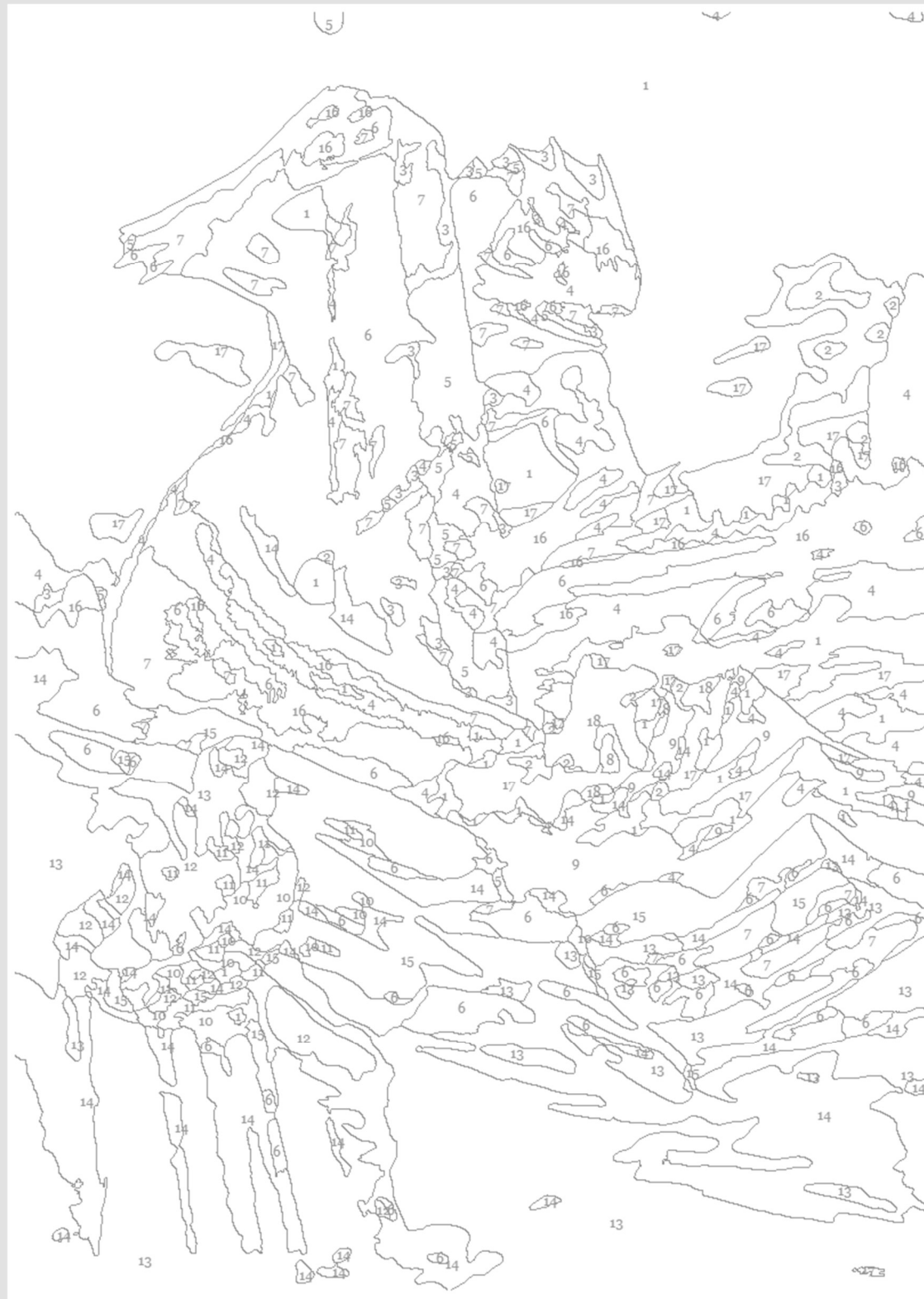
Yog-Sothoth,

Your office chair will develop a penchant for dark rituals involving the sacrifice of staplers and luke-warm instant coffee. When it starts chanting and levitating you up during meetings, embrace the newfound ergonomics.

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This Month in the Temple Current Events

April 30th, 2024: Call for possible titles for the Tome placed, all Nyth and Council allowed to submit up to three titles.

May 3rd, 2024: All submitted titles placed in a poll for Nyth to select down to three possible titles.

May 9th, 2024: Chapter Headers received from artist, reviewed and minor changes suggested by Nyth.

May 10th 2024: Poll closed and three titles sent to Council for selection of final Title.

May 13th, 2024: Council votes collected, motion carries to name the Tome: Liber Veterum, which translates at "Book of the Old Ones"

May 29th, 2024: Nyth Meeting to expand Miskatonic University. General Leadership Meeting scheduled for June 5, 2024: Waiting periods for Acolyte sections returned, two weeks between major sections to allow for better absorption of information.

Ranks given more permanent names instead of Cultist 1, 2, 3

Cultist 1 -> Cultist

Cultist 2 -> Adept

Cultist 3 -> Ade'm

Concrete steps laid out for elevation from Acolyte to Cultist rank.

Plan laid for Cultist to Adept rank.

