

Fm'toth Gna'uln

Star Stuff

Within a star there are multiple forces in opposition to each other. For the majority of a star's existence the two forces competing for dominance are Gravity and the Energy of nuclear fusion. The gravity draws everything inward and compresses hydrogen atoms into helium, the energy given off by the fusion pushes everything outward. The size of a star is directly proportional to the balance between these two forces. Smaller stars have less energy pushing against the gravity while larger stars have more energy pushing against gravity.

From about 10 seconds to 20 minutes after the Big Bang atomic nuclei, mostly deuterium (a single proton and neutron) with a little helium (two protons), however the energy (temperature) of the universe was such that electrons couldn't settle into stable partnerships with protons to form atoms. It took about 380,000 years of continued expansion and cooling for the first atoms to form. Since the general energy of the universe continued to cause expansion, these atoms continued to spread apart and the large majority remained as Hydrogen while there was some production of Helium and an even smaller amount of Lithium formed. It is believed that no heavier elements were formed.

It took an estimated 100 million years for the first stars to begin forming, where local gravity could overcome the expansion of the universe. Once a collection of hydrogen equals about 1.7×10^{26} (a 17 with 25 zeros) tons becomes gravitationally attracted and forms a cohesive mass, fusion can begin. The moment this occurs, the fusion energy pushes out against the gravity of the hydrogen and a Star is born!

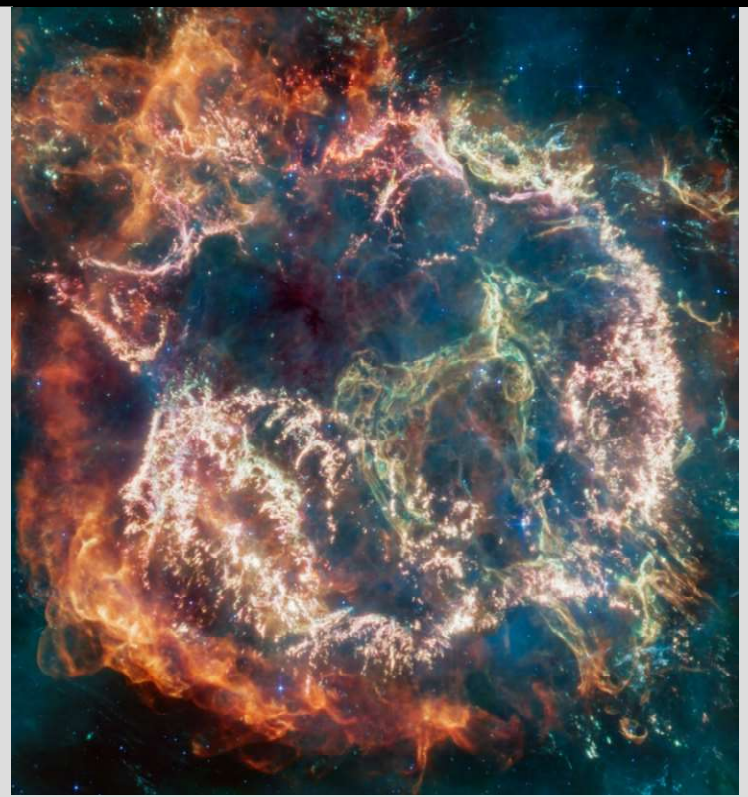
Once hydrogen gets used up in the core of the star, helium starts being fused into heavier elements which gives off more energy which causes the star to swell. Most of this helium becomes carbon, eventually being fused into heavier elements. The heaviest element which can be made through stellar fusion is Iron.

Once a star can no longer burn fuel, the energy which was pushing out against gravity stops and gravity becomes the dominant force causing the star to implode. This unbalanced compressive force causes the creation of new elements which are released in a couple ways. In smaller mass stars, the outer layers of the star are blown away relatively gently, this is where the majority of the nitrogen and carbon in the universe comes from.

In heavier stars the compressive force of gravity overcomes another force acting against it, known as 'Electron Degeneracy Pressure'. This causes the star to explode in a supernova, releasing even heavier elements far and wide. This is where most of the phosphorus and oxygen comes from.

These elements are singled out because they are vital to life on Earth. Oxygen, Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Carbon are all essential for DNA and RNA; the coding molecules in all life on the planet. It is literally the death of a star which allows for life on Earth.

The events of January 2023 for many of us can be considered a metaphoric supernova. The old cult imploded and we were scattered. Some of us gravitated towards one another and the Temple of the Old Ones was created. Much like the newly developing star system, it takes time for things to settle and for order to coalesce out of the chaos. Much has already been done to help with the settling, and now much work is being done to bring about some order to the mess. The Nyths and Council wish to thank all those who have stuck around and joined us as we embark upon this new, and yet not new, journey.



Supernova Remnant Cassiopeia A, taken by the James Webb Space Telescope

From the Nameless Mists

A message from the Council

Fellow reader,

Thank you for embarking on this journey with us. Rebuilding from the ashes of something that was great always has its challenges. As we grow and change, blossom and ascend we all shall strive for greatness. The issue that you are reading is just the beginning of our rebirth. We are happy to announce the return of the ArhkaM Advisor. We thank you for your patience and hope you enjoy it.

Earth shaking announcements, developments, and publications are just around the corner.

All hail the Old Ones.

May the stars align,

Your Harbinger,

Phlegethotep



Thoughts from the Void: Musings of the Members

Azmahn Oriv

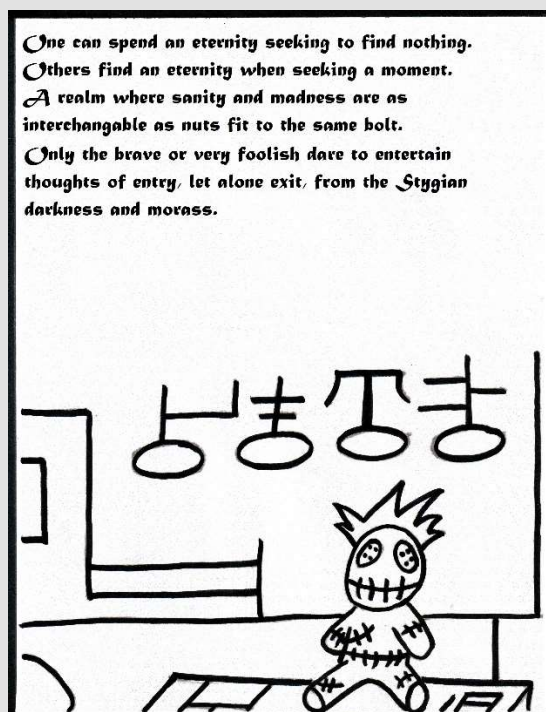
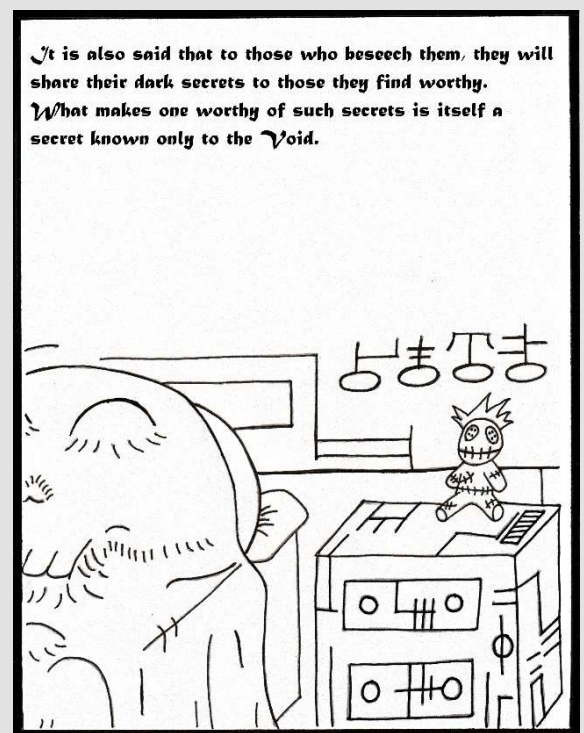
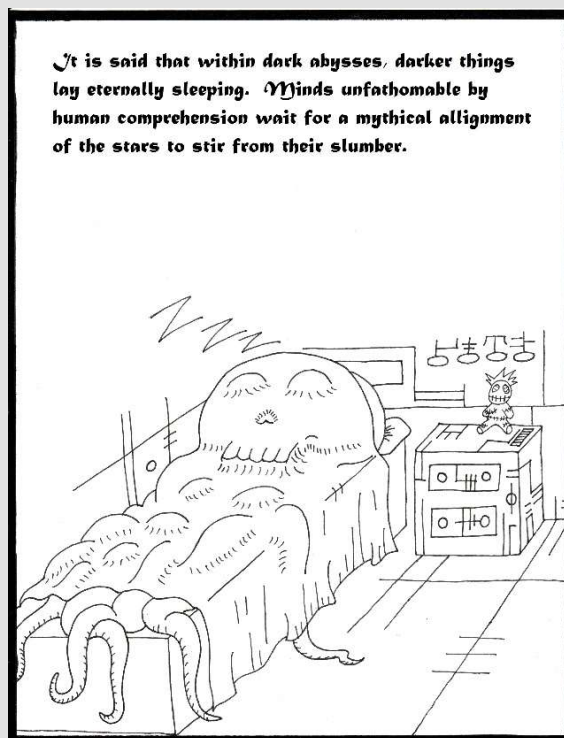
While the Official Cult of Cthulhu was a wonderful place of worship it was not without its problems, that once revealed shattered it to pieces by the very will of the Old Ones. But this was not the End for this was that cult a cult that would never die, first we were but wanderers in the Void but soon we founded the Temple to the Old ones. What this means is this is a place of worship for all the Old Ones not just a select few, as the old ones are without restrictions. This is a place where Magic and Science can truly flourish together. A place where we as followers feel safe and can all worship and revel together, and above all learn those ancient eldritch secrets that would drive the normal insane as we're already insane. Since the very beginning of its founding, I have considered it my duty to the Old Ones to help shape it, to make sure the problems that sunk us to not follow. And I can say I have done this and will continue to do so until the Old Ones tell me otherwise. What I want most of all is for This organization, this TEMPLE to the Old Ones, is to be what draws in other Cthulhu cultists or Yog-Sothoth sorcerers from all over the world. And with the continued input from my fellow brothers and sisters we are well on our way to making this a reality.

Candlelight

I would say the transition to us represents both human fallibility but, more importantly, the Temple's power to grow and adapt in a mad world to get closer to its full potential. Much like the Tower of the Major Arcana if it wasn't for the fall of the Cult there would have been so many possibilities now being explored that never would have even been considered. It has allowed us to reevaluate what exactly it means to be a cultist and what we wish to stand for in such a vast uncaring cosmos. We wish to see the Temple grow into a religion that allows for true growth inside and out, as well as a way to tap into our inherent affinity for mysticism as a species without the need to deny mundane reality while doing so. The Cult offered these things before, but only in a shallow way compared to what we believe the Temple can offer now and in the future.



The Further Adventures of Yog and Steve



Rebirth

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The concept of rebirth is in some of the oldest recorded mythologies, dating back to at least the 4th millennium BCE with the Osiris Myth of ancient Egypt. It has become a common theme in religions across the world such as resurrection or reincarnation. To many of the Abrahamic religions there is a concept known as being 'Born Again' where the old spirit/soul dies and a new spirit is born within the same body. This is typified by the ritual of baptism of most non-Catholic denominations, where the person is 'buried' in the water and 'raised up' out of it a new person.

Many celebrations of the Winter Solstice revolve around the concept of the Rebirth of the Sun or the Sun God, since that is the point where days start lengthening from their shortest point. Likewise, even the daily cycle of the sunset and sunrise have been viewed as death and rebirth in some cultures.

Even in cultures and belief systems where rebirth is associated with death the common theme with the rebirthing is Change. One dies and reincarnates into something new. As the Sun is reborn the season changes into Spring. Your soul enters the waters of baptism dirty then comes forth clean.

Even less esoterically, Life itself is dependent upon Death. A plant grows, taking in light from the Sun, nutrients from the soil, and carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. It gives off oxygen which is then taken in by aerobic organisms, and can be eaten by creatures which then become part of that creature; the plant dying in the process. In turn the animal or aerobic organism gives out carbon dioxide which is taken in by the plants. Furthermore, the animal will itself die; from age, disease, predation (in turn giving life to another creature



directly), injury, and etc. The substance of the creature is decomposed as food for scavengers, putrefying organisms, worms which then enrich the soil with nutrients. Those nutrients are taken in by the seed, which starts the process again. Simplistic explanation, yes, but accurate. That is not dead, which can eternal lie.

We have gone through a change this last year. A figurative death of the Official Cult of Cthulhu and rebirth as the Temple of the Old Ones. With death there is pain. With death that which is not important is discarded. With rebirth there is loss. With rebirth there is new growth.

We are becoming a new incarnation of an ancient belief. What is needed is information and direction to ensure that the Growth is not simply "one person's vision" for how the Temple should be. None of us have a privileged place or knowledge which will create a utopian organization. There are no prophets or enlightened here, just wanderers making a new home. This home needs to be **our** home, so cannot be made without **everyone**.

Thoughts from the Void: Another Musings of a Member

Kadorr'ech'aza

What happened to the cult and why one might ask, especially for new members the old stories are a little confusing and every old member can tell the story about Wyntre, power and how they slowly corrupt a person, the story that ultimately becomes their own led to downfall.

But we don't want to dwell on this failed existence for too long, one thing is Falk, the guy will probably never be able to gain a foothold in any occult group again, and his reputation for his abuse of power and also the reputation of his shop and his Kickstarter far outweigh him should prevent future fraud.

We gave the guy the choice of resigning and joining a council of 5 or leaving. His last big piece of work, putting Nyth on the official server and forcing us to obey, was not a good idea, the whole thing backfired heavily on him and from then on we planned our own server to keep our own community alive.

First find a name, then build two servers, one for the community and one for the Nyth, and then roughly resume operations. Thanks to large friend lists, it wasn't at all difficult to invite the core of the cult to the new server. It's the one thing that was incredibly powerful in the cult and will also be in the Temple, Unification. This community has an extremely strong cohesion and that is exactly what Wyntre ultimately broke the digital neck of and Unification will be the force that creates something completely new without a dictator at the top.

I'm not currently active as a Nyth but I know that a group is working on the Temple Tome while other Nyths are maintaining the other platforms.

The future will show how the Temple will prove itself in the face of time, but it seems to me that there is little need to worry as the group's cohesion is and will remain immensely strong.

My estimates come down to the publication of Temple's own book, from which point I estimate membership numbers will increase significantly. We have corresponding readings every week, but a book in your hand is much better than something in a digital version.

We can be confident so far. Autumn is here and the quiet days are just beginning and I really hope that in the future we will sit in the Discord more and talk about all sorts of things.

Divination for November 2023

By Damien and Kadish Ph'ee

Hello dear reader, as you read this, I ask you to keep in mind that these readings are meant for everyone within our Cult. With that in mind think of yourself within this Cult-Family. We are all small brushstrokes of a larger canvas, each of us adding our own flare to the masterpiece that brings us together. How we interact with each other and the outside world defines our character and ultimately defines the Cult that we chose to represent.

This reading and all other readings that will come after will offer food for thought, and possible even solid advice for those who need it. I cannot tell you specific events that may occur at specific times, but I can offer possibilities within the snapshot of reality that presents itself. Meaning please bear in mind if something is mentioned that either does not come to pass, or that was not mentioned and has a profound impact on you or the Cult it does not mean the reading is invalid entirely. Things do change as with everything in our world. Thank you.

8 of cups: Heartache and deterioration, this will happen for some of us. Lean on us, your Temple should you find yourself in a time of need. The holidays can be a joyous time; however, it can be a hard time. You will not be cast alone, as long as we stand together.

4 of swords: Our inner strength is our ability to push through the hard times, we work together and as the madness of the world around us continues, We The temple stand with our head, held high singing the praises of the Old Ones. We do not lash out in anger; however, we do not bend or shake. You will find a time this inner strength will be of value this month.

Ace of wands: This month there will be a time for something big to happen, maybe a new job, maybe a new friend, or maybe a life changing event of some kind. DO NOT HESITATE, go for it. The ace is in your pocket this month. I know some of you don't like change, or fear rejection. Fight it, go and do. The time for action is now. Just be wise and safe while doing so.

5 of swords: Throughout this month you may have family gatherings, possibly Christmas shopping, perhaps even being asked to attend a place crowded with people singing the all too familiar droning of a hymn... These influences are all around us, most time inescapable outside the comfort of your own door. Be proud of who and what you are, you don't need to evade these people. Simply observe them, don't let their beliefs drown yours. You can't argue with madness, you can chose not escalate it however.

4- of coins: It is important to remember a very important thing this month, we are all just a small particle in the eyes of The Old Ones. Don't be greedy, it will cost you. Be careful of hubris and potential wealth. Chasing your dreams are one thing, but remember my Brothers and Sisters. There is a point where too much of a good thing could be disastrous.

May The Void Guide you. Damian

The Horrorscope

Azathoth,

This month you'll find yourself submerged in a sea of emotions deeper and murkier than the Mariana Trench. When the abyss gazes back at you, take a moment to appreciate its cosmic indifference, then retreat to your cozy nook with a cup of chamomile tea, for in the end, even the darkest horrors can't resist the soothing embrace of herbal infusions.

Cthulhu,

Your determination may push you to achieve great things, but beware the dark side of ambition. When a voice from beyond the stars offers you power, ask if there's a payment plan.

Dagon,

Your flair for the dramatic may draw the attention of eldritch beings this month. When a shadowy figure in a top hat offers you a deal promising fame and fortune, remember, there's no such thing as a free curse.

Darkness,

Your intense passion may draw you into a torrid love affair with an otherworldly being. While it may be tempting to embrace forbidden love, remember that relationships with eldritch entities rarely end well. Take a moment to consider the tentacle situation.

H.P Lovecraft,

Your ambition knows no bounds this month as you strive for cosmic greatness. But be careful not to overstep your mortal limitations. Think twice before attempting to conquer the cosmos. Maybe start with conquering your fear of spiders instead.

Hydra,

This month, your charisma may attract admirers from the farthest reaches of the universe, some of whom might have more eyes than expected. Keep your wardrobe ready for interstellar tea parties; it's going to be a peculiar social month.

Hastur,

Your meticulous attention to detail will lead you to uncover hidden messages in everyday objects. From coffee cup patterns that foretell doom to ominous messages in your alphabet soup. Maybe stick to tea and chicken noodles instead this month.

Nameless Mist,

Your quirky inventiveness may lead to the creation of a sentient household appliance. Beware of your toaster gaining self-awareness or your refrigerator forming a union. You've always been ahead of your time, but this month, you might be advancing humanity into an era of appliance uprising.

Nug & Yeb,

Be cautious this month as you go exploring the dark corners of the universe, for you might stumble upon an elder god dating app. Swipe left on tentacle profiles, and remember, true love should be otherworldly, not other-dimensional.

Nyarlahotep,

Prepare for a deep dive into the unknown, for your dreams may take on an eldritch twist. The line between sleep and cosmic horror will blur, and you may find yourself conversing with eldritch fish or attending otherworldly masquerades. Keep a dream journal; you'll need evidence for the therapy bills to come.

Shub-Niggurath,

Your intuition is your trusty guide in the cosmic wilderness of love. Let your intuition be your compass as you navigate the cosmic tides of love, and remember, don't trust fishy pick-up lines.

Yog-Sothoth,

Your stubborn nature may lead you to unearth ancient and forbidden knowledge this month. But beware, for curiosity killed the cat, and the cat's will then become an eldritch abomination. Maybe consider a safer hobby, like gardening or knitting Elder Sign doilies.