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# INTRODUCTION

Faith. Fire. Dreams. Destiny. At first glance, these Words might seem insubstantial and fleeting, slipping away from any attempts to understand them like sand through a fist. But these Heavenly Words have profound effects on humanity. Faith, invisible and indescribable, but with the power to bring peace or send whole nations to war. Fire, unpredictable, immolating the cruel, shining the light and warmth of Heavenly inspiration on those whom madness dictates. Dreams, often forgotten, but able to unlock humanity's hopes and fears and drive them to greatness. And Destiny, silent and knowing, helping people make the climactic choice in their lives.

The history of these four Superiors intertwines, drawing them together over time in ways that only Yves can fully comprehend. Blandine has an ember from Gabriel's Volcano shining from the top of her Tower, lighting the way to Heaven. Yves gave Gabriel the Quran, touching off a massive schism which ended in Gabriel's flight from Heaven. Khalid followed Gabriel's example, forsaking his peers in order to fight for his Word on the corporeal plane.

Their methods are as disparate as their Words. Khalid and Blandine agree that humans are the key to the War, but differ completely in their methods of waging that War. He crushes the opposition on Earth; she guides and instructs from the Marches, never presuming to intrude in the realm of the physical. Yves is subtle, preferring to let the Symphony lead him where it will, taking no action without due consideration; Gabriel strikes without thinking, letting God and her whims guide her aim.

This book offers detailed descriptions of the Arch-angels of Faith, Fire, Dreams, and Destiny, combining material from the *Revelations Cycle*, the *In Nomine* rulebook, the *Liber* series, and many others. In the few instances where there is a conflict, the information in this book supersedes any presented in earlier publications.



## *Mommy, Do Angels Sleep?*

A note about sleeping – angels, being celestials, do not sleep or dream the way humans do. The vessels of angels in the corporeal realm may sleep, and as they “dream,” the angel enters the Marches without having gone celestial while on Earth. This is very handy for avoiding Blandine's dissonance conditions. Any time a “sleeping” angel is mentioned in this book, the text is referring to the angel's vessel.

Enjoy the book, and sweet dreams . . .

## DEALING WITH JUDGMENT

Relations with the Servitors of Judgment vary from the tactfully strained to the very strained. It is nearly impossible for any angel of Fire to forget how Dominic's persecution and threatened trial drove Gabriel to leave Heaven – at least, that's how the Gabrielites tell it. They consequently greet Dominicans with sarcastic comments and thinly veiled resignation at the best of times, and outright hostility at the worst.

Servitors of Judgment find it hard not to react to such obvious *prejudice*, which is a potential flaw in any angel. The known and obvious insanities of Gabriel are also logically likely to have some reflection in her Servitors. In addition, Servitors of Fire frequently carry dissonance from not being able to punish their target within their time limit, which hardly inspires confidence. Finally, the angels of Fire frequently judge and punish the cruel, which is – to some extent – in the domain of Judgment. (In the days when the two Archangels cooperated, matters were a great deal simpler.) Dominicans often feel that the Gabrielites are meddling in an area that should be the domain of Judgment, and probably doing more harm than good with their “heavy-handed concepts of torching everything in sight.”

## MODES OF ADDRESS

Servitors of Gabriel, when dealing with each other, flip between either a rigid courtesy that controls whatever their current passion is, or just intense and obvious affection. They may be many things to each other, but they will not be mild. A Gabrielite will usually address one of his fellow angels of Fire as “beloved brother” or “honored sister,” with an obeisance of some sort if the other holds a Word or Distinction. Respect tends to be conveyed in personal bearing, rather than in the formality of words. Gabriel herself is addressed most usually as “Lady,” “Bright Lady,” “Mistress,” or with some ornate title such as “Holy Keeper of the Eternal Fire.” Soldekai tends to receive the honorific of “Sir” from other angels of Fire (or “Sol” behind his back), or “Chamberlain” if in the company of angels from other Words. The angels of Fire are known to other angels as “Gabrielites” or “Flames” – politely – or “Burners” and “Fireboys,” less politely. (Referring to them as “The Inspired” is considered to be technically polite but extremely snide.)



Of course, there are exceptions. Angels of Fire *can* come to appreciate the devotion to duty which Dominicans show, and recognize their passion for the safety of Heaven. They might even cooperate with particular Judges, even working together to identify angels who are straying into cruelty and risk Falling.

However, this is far less common than the usual (and accurate) image of harsh correctness and traded insults.

Dominicans most often accuse Gabrielites of indulgence due to their passions, unnecessary interference in mortal affairs, and heresy (ah, that convenient word). The general reaction of any angel of Fire to such charges is haughty disdain, usually followed by a denial of the Dominican's right to accuse him – followed by a report to Dominic or a trip to the Celestial Tribunal. Soldekai is forced to spend a certain amount of time investigating such affairs. He has a group of Elohim and Seraphim, the Shield (p. 68), who have demonstrated an ability to work with Judgment, and who are assigned to handle “jurisdictional matters” – and preferably get Fire's angels judged by Gabriel, not by Dominic.



## MUSLIM ANGELS

How can a non-Muslim angel serve a Muslim Archangel? He can't . . . but while all of Khalid's Servitors are Muslims, not all of them necessarily believe in Islam.

Even during the long, dark years, Khalid would not cast out a servant who refused to accept all the precepts of Islam, or the infallibility of the Quran. He did expect all of his Servitors to take the shahada; lacking faith that God is the only god, or that Muhammad was a genuine prophet, would certainly make it impossible to serve Khalid. According to Islamic doctrine, anyone who recites the shahada with true belief is a Muslim; acceptance of Muhammad's revelations, as transcribed in the Quran, should naturally follow, but is not specifically mandated.

Thus, it is technically possible for a professed Jew, or Christian, or plain theist, to also be a Muslim. They may not be what most humans would consider a Muslim . . . but simply submitting to God is good enough for Khalid.

Of course, disagreeing with Khalid over theological issues was never a good idea. The vast majority of his Servitors accepted not only the Muslim profession of faith, but at least its basic tenets as well. Of those who did not, only a handful dared to be open about their dissent . . . and that handful was never promoted, and was constantly under the eye of Khalid's orthodoxy enforcers. All of Khalid's highest-ranking Servitors are true, pious Muslims.

Now that Khalid is no longer quite such a zealot, there has been a *slight* loosening in the ranks, and some angels of Faith feel freer to speak about alternative religious views. This is regarded with dismay by Khalid's more conservative Servitors, but most are treating it as a positive opportunity to promote dialogue. It remains to be seen whether Khalid will actually grant Distinctions or sponsor Words for Servitors who are not devoted Muslims.

## DEALING WITH INFIDELS

The majority of Khalid's Servitors stay in Muslim lands, where they are usually the most numerous angels. Many have little contact with Servitors of other Archangels. This has resulted in a mindset similar to that of the humans around them – seeing those who are not among the Faithful as “infidels.”

During Khalid's long self-imposed exile from Heaven, his servants became quite insular, and a bit defensive about their Archangel and his religion. It earned them a poor reputation with the rest of the Host. Few angels of Faith were ever as fanatical as Khalid, but most are still quite fervent by Heavenly standards. Their acceptance of Islam as “the Truth,” and their hostility to a lot of things promoted by other Archangels, can make them difficult to get along with.

Khalid's attitude has been one of viewing other angels much like Muslims view other People of the Book: misguided and wrong, but still servants of God who can be virtuous allies. Now he is encouraging his Servitors to be more cooperative with non-Muslim angels, but there is still a culture clash between the Faithful and “infidel” angels.

Angels of Fire earn the most respect from Khalid's Servitors; even those who show little interest in Islam are to be treated as allies,



because they have the privilege of serving God's Divine Prophet. Servants of David, Michael, and Yves are also shown respect, and may become friends. (Though some of Khalid's Servitors are more suspicious of the Archangel of Destiny than Khalid is – how could Yves give the Quran to Gabriel and then not support her? For that matter, how can he possess the most perfect, divine copy of the Holy Quran in his Library and still not be a vocal proponent of Islam himself?)

Angels of the Sword used to be not-so-friendly rivals, especially during the Crusades. Khalid always forbade his Servitors to engage in hostilities with Laurence's angels, and they did sometimes team up against greater threats, but clearly there was no love lost between them. Now Khalid is requiring his Servitors to cooperate fully and wholeheartedly with the General of the Host, and to treat Laurence's Servitors as allies. Many angels of Faith are having difficulty with the transition (and many angels of the Sword are wary and skeptical).