

Traveler, you have started down the road toward a future you did not expect, taking steps into the unknown that have led you to this place. Until now your journey has been a solitary search, answering the Call, along a path revealed to you alone. All of us came along such a path, no two alike, but all leading here, to the Cathedral. Where the path leads from here is hidden from you. Not as a test, nor as a barrier, but because the journey from here is no longer your own. From here, you embark on the greater journey that was presented to all mankind, and we are taking this journey together.

Where you stand is the Cathedral of the Archons. It is not on Earth, and neither are you, anymore. Your last act on Earth was to step through a doorway into darkness. This was more than a doorway, as you knew when you felt the Call. How much more, is part of what mankind is learning now. Perhaps erroneously, we refer to these doorways—or rather, part of the unfathomable machinery atop the doorways—as *Architraves*, and the passage itself as an Architrave Door.

No human being created this technology, and part of mankind's journey now is to understand it. It was given to us by the Archons, the builders of all you see around you, and the other part of our journey is to understand *them*. It is no mere scholarly pursuit. This journey will encompass a fundamental change in the physical and spiritual nature of humanity itself. Even *this*, the Archons prepared for us; the change has already begun, and you have experienced the first of it.

When you passed through the Architrave Door, you found yourself in the hidden antechamber, surrounded by Archon writing (lamentably, we lack a real copy of it), and the first great Artifact. Your embrace of the Artifact has opened the first Mystery to you: in mind and body, you were actually not capable of comprehending the most basic of the Archons' gifts, but the

Artifact has imbued you with this ability. There is a name for the first Mystery, but that is a lesson for a different book; for purposes of public discussion you will hear it referred to as “parsing,” and it will allow you to perceive the mutable script that the Archons used to direct the power of the Architraves, and thus use the technologies they left us.

There are other Artifacts, and other Mysteries. Healing and the swift evolution of mind and body are realities you will discover, in time. Though we cannot fathom the destination for humanity’s great journey, the Archons have laid out a path for us, as surely as they laid out a path for *you*. We are the Disciples of the Archons, and together we will find this path. Learn from us what we know, discover with us what we can learn. The Call that brought you here continues, but we are hearing it together.

When you leave this place you will meet others. Not all of the Called have embraced humanity’s journey: despite discovering the inconceivable technology of the Archons, despite experiencing the Call, and the Mysteries, despite all the evidence around their very feet, they are content to stand in place. They believe that this is simply another “place,” that our societies and cultures have evolved to their peak, that the knowledge of the Architraves can simply be learned like Algebra. Smug in this belief, they will suggest to you that the Disciples are quasi-religious and that they themselves are secular scientists.

We submit to you that we are also scientists, and that believing humanity to be equal or superior to all other species is no more “secular” than acknowledging humanity to be so far behind the Archons that we are physically unable to tell what their technology *does*, much less how it works. Ask these “secular” people how their lack of belief, their disavowal of humanity’s path, brought violence, hate, and war to this world, even to the very floor where you stand. Ask them why they forbid you to walk where you will, closing Doors and Artifacts to with their

right hand while claiming them to be the “property of all” with their left. Ask them for the history of the Archons, the writings, the philosophy, as you discover that they seek only what is profitable.

The Call has not ended. Day after day, more of these others realize it, that the emptiness of their endless search for something they can’t name can be filled only by joining us, for we are answering the Call. We are following the path. The Archon Disciples do not worship the Archons. We thank them. We follow them. We learn from them, and grow. And the future awaits us.

--Avery Sehnahn, First Disciple of the Archons