

## **ASCENSION**

# **Origins**

## The Rise of Poliate, Part II

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#### THE RISE OF POLIATE

Planet Kathayoh became the command center for the Planetary Union. Milbek instituted a series of social norms necessary to develop and stabilize a nascent civilization. His actions included provisions for maintaining the health and welfare of the inhabitants of Kathayoh, as well as creating the civil and political systems required to meet the governmental necessities of any culture, and handle the countless other needs of the planet. The lessons learned on Kathayoh were to prove invaluable as the Fellowship moved to liberate countless planets over the ensuing cycles.

With equal efficiency and systematic infiltration techniques, Milbek's forces brought down a myriad of tyrants and invaders. The Planetary Union increased exponentially, to the degree that

the mere mention of its name curtailed attempted invasions. Slowly but surely warring factions decreased.

The planet Kathayoh was touted as the new symbol for liberation and freedom, thanks to well-placed envoys imparting the stories of its success. One by one, countless planets rebelled against their oppressors and opted to join the Planetary Union. In less than five cycles, the names Milbek and Kathayoh became synonymous with freedom and justice.

The Clerics of the Fellowship recognized the divine talent that Milbek possessed, and summoned him to appear before them. They conferred upon him the mantel of Supreme Commander of the Planetary Union and anointed him POLIATE, in reference to a mythological warrior known as "champion of freedom and protector of the weak." He was ordained to assume military and secular command of the universe.

#### THE ALLIANCE OF STARS AND THE LEAGUE OF ONE



The Planetary Union Grew Vast Under the Alliance of the Stars.

It is recounted that at this juncture the Clerics introduced Eriandan Harlaren to Calthan Milbek. Eriandan possessed extraordinary mental powers, and his journey had resulted in the discovery of the Halandahall Scrolls, and the eventual creation of the *Talderon Ideals*. The Fellowship had anointed him NESTOR, based on the mythological being known as "the one who enlightens," and then named him the indisputable moral and spiritual guide for the known civilizations.

As time progressed, Poliate and Nestor became staunch allies, and together assimilated profound knowledge and mental supremacy. They shared a common vision for the implementation of the *Talderon Ideals* as the means of establishing a common understanding that would enable civilizations across the known universe to bring about spiritual, social, and political balance.

Poliate instituted a new code of secular laws based on the *Talderon Ideals*, which became known as the Poliate Code. The first laws were inscribed on twelve bronze plaques which became venerated as the Twelve Tablets. These laws include rules of legal procedure, civil and property rights, and a constitutional basis for all future laws.

Having succeeded in system-wide reforms, Poliate founded a universal government under the banner of The Alliance of Stars, and a central government named The League of One.



#### THE BALANCE OF POWER

The Fellowship Clerics deemed the simultaneous emergence of Nestor and Poliate to have occurred by divine providence and attributed this occurrence to the will of *Ousía*. As such, they decreed that the balance of power in the universe should be shared equally between two leaders of identical rank.

Nestor and his direct descendants were therefore destined to become the spiritual leaders and assume the mantel and name of Nestor, with the corresponding titles of Supreme Pontiff of the Galactic Sanctuary, and Scribe for the Incorporeal Fellowship.

Poliate and his descendants were to inherit secular command of the cosmos and the mantel and name of Poliate, with the corresponding titles of Director of the League of One and Supreme Commander of the Alliance of Stars.

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