

THE HUNGER

THE EPOCHS OF THE REALM

A reader timeline reconstructed from Jamith's research in the Twilight Library

The manuscript gives no calendar dates for the Epochs; this timeline preserves the order and uncertainties Jamith records.



I. EPOCH OF ORIGIN

Relatively short; earliest named Epoch

Rahim is described in singular terms - chiefly "he" or "I" - and worship of any other god is treated as the darkest heresy.

The first followers use the greeting: "May you have Rahim's peace," answered by "And also his favor."

Jamith's earliest records treat Rahim as one divine being; later plurality has not yet appeared.

A single god. A single voice. The beginning of the recorded pattern.



II. EPOCH OF TWILIGHT

Longer than the Epoch of Origin

Records begin using "he" and "she" for Rahim, and sometimes "them" and "they," suggesting a newly recognized duality.

Two named forms appear: Shran and Dhir. Shran is invoked for internal magic such as heightened senses; Dhir for external magic such as control of the elements.

Jamith notes that changes in religious language and changes in magic seem closely linked.

One becomes two - or people begin to perceive what was always there.



III. EPOCH OF SPECTRUM

Follows Twilight; marked by further division

Plural language becomes dominant. Color and light imagery increasingly define descriptions of Rahim.

A surviving liturgical text names three Aspects: Rahim-Shehdan (Eyes), Rahim-Manir (Hands), and Rahim-Voxel (Feet), "every Aspect of his light."

Jamith also finds evidence that two distinct kinds of beings lived in the land in this Epoch or earlier, and that true worship required their cooperation.

Light divides into a spectrum; belief and magic divide with it.



IV. THE PRESENT EPOCH

Unnamed by scholars

The present age follows the Epoch of Spectrum, but its formal name was never recorded. Jamith jokingly considers "Epoch of Fog" or "Epoch of Confusion."

Competing factions claim incompatible truths about Rahim while much older evidence has been destroyed.

The three Clans now dominate political life, but Jamith's discoveries suggest their modern form is far removed from older religious traditions.

A history fragmented by rivalry, lost records, and competing claims to truth.

UNDATED HISTORICAL MARKERS

Creation tradition / World Fissure

A record Jamith finds says Rahim fell from the sky, leaving the World Fissure, then formed a verdant realm. The record does not securely date this event to a named Epoch.

The Great Purge

Epoch of Spectrum liturgical texts have become rare since the Great Purge. Jamith connects later destruction of religious records to the Clans, but the exact chronology remains uncertain.

Origins of the Three Clans

Jamith learns the Clans began as religious service groups that tested applicants and placed the strongest, swiftest, and keenest-sighted where their gifts could serve best. Their exact founding date is not given.

JAMITH'S NOTES ON THE EPOCHS

What the surviving records reveal - and what they still refuse to answer

THE HISTORICAL PATTERN

● Origin

Singular Rahim; strict one-god worship; early devotional formulas.

● Twilight

Dual language emerges; Shran and Dhir; internal and external magic.

● Spectrum

Plurality expands; three named Aspects; color/light imagery; two collaborating kinds of beings.

● Present

Formal name lost; factional religious conflict; destroyed evidence; entrenched Clan power.

WHAT CHANGES FROM EPOCH TO EPOCH?

Language about Rahim: one -> dual -> plural -> disputed

Magic: early practice -> Shran/Dhir functions -> Aspect/color complexity -> fragmented modern traditions

Religious certainty: strict orthodoxy -> expanding understanding -> complex plurality -> competing factions

Historical record: ancient texts -> evolving records -> rare liturgies -> destruction and confusion

QUESTIONS JAMITH CANNOT YET ANSWER

1. When exactly did each Epoch begin and end? The manuscript supplies sequence, not dates.
2. Was Rahim changing across history, or were people gradually perceiving more of Rahim's true nature?
3. How exactly did the two ancient kinds of beings disappear, and what was their relationship to later purges?
4. When did the three Clans change from service-oriented religious groups into hereditary political powers?
5. What should the present Epoch be called - and who has the authority to name it?

JAMITH'S PROVISIONAL NAME FOR THE PRESENT

"Epoch of Fog"

or perhaps

"Epoch of Confusion"

His suggestions are musings, not established historical names.

Reader note: This companion preserves the manuscript's uncertainty. Where Jamith speculates, the timeline labels the point as uncertain rather than fact.