

### **Three Pillars Religion (1 Page)**

The faiths of the Three Pillars believe that there exist three forces in the universe: order, balance, and chaos. Order is the force of consistency, stagnation and peace. Chaos the force of change, madness and war. Balance is the force of development, disruption and mediation. While the primary faith of the religious doctrine worships all of the Three Pillars as necessary forces in life, many of the additional faiths tend to favor only one.

The faith of the Righteous Order believes that Order must be preserved at any cost. While the noble aspirations of the Order simply push the idea of ensuring justice is swift and fair, as well as only implementing change after a civilized democratic process, extremes do exist. The Paladins of the Righteous Order, also known as the Swords of Justice, can be very authoritarian, seeing dissent, even simple vocal disagreement, as a threat to Order. The patron of Order itself is sometimes depicted in the form of the goddess Dyas.

The cult of Chaos takes it upon itself to embrace, and even instill, Chaos in all of its forms. Random chance and luck are key factors in the faith, with Chaos itself sometimes referred to the natural force of luck. Peaceful Chaos worshippers tend to simply embrace change, allowing the individual to do what they wish for any attempts at control can be oppressive. A slightly more extreme view sees Chaos worshippers are fierce believers in individual destiny, to the point where they rarely help one another. The most extreme Chaos cultists, known as the Chaos Shapers, take it upon themselves to be agents of Chaos, instilling anarchy and death wherever they go. No patron exists for Chaos, the force itself believed to be impossible to control and thus lacking a deity.

The temple of Natural Balance worships the principle of Balance, arguing the Chaos is needed and cannot be suppressed, but must none the less be opposed when logical. Hardship does not mean defeat in the eyes of Balance, but trying to avoid anything considered difficult is considered counter to the teachings of the temple. Reasoned diplomacy and being true to one's own ideals are important, as Natural Balance requires conflict, but ultimately begs that no group be wiped from existence. While the Templar serve as the temple's defenders, a more extreme force known as the Shadow Lords also exist. The Shadow Lords act as enforcers of Balance, taking secret missions to help either stabilize or destabilize a region. The patron of Balance itself is sometimes depicted in the form of the god Mathiras.

A united church of the Three Pillars does exist, though centuries of factionalism have resulted in the original religion being a shadow of its former self. The Sages of the Three Pillars teach each of the three forces, explaining how Balance is required to prevent a constant state of conflict between Order and Chaos. Order is often depicted as a sword, Chaos as fire, with Balance often a table or, in some instances, a shield. While there is no deity for the church, it is believed that a possible savior of the Three Pillars will appear in the form of Dymathos, the avatar of the Three Pillars and perhaps the only being capable of controlling Chaos itself.