

*Last Will and Testament of Bishop Elan Corva circa 1662 of the second age*

*This spare piece of parchment will have to serve as my final record of the events of the past few months. I have sealed myself and my family in the chamber of sorrow due to the purposeful intent of its protection against the ravages of time and the oncoming flood as the mountains continue to crumble around us and the city of Alantia has slid off its shelf and plunged hundreds of feet into the Sea of Despair. The Temple of Saphira is seemingly all that remains and this only because of its elevation and location outside the city. We watch with resigned disbelief as her threats of punishment take shape before our weary eyes. Our hubris has led us to this day, we thought we didn't need the gods anymore, as our technology advanced our faith diminished. As the head of the church, I feel personally responsible but in fact I did attempt to warn them. I have gathered some items important for me to preserve as well as the reason for this parchment and my sacrifice here. The map that details the location of the Celestial Artifacts must be preserved for the coming of the red dawn as Saphira herself made clear to me, though when this even is to occur is beyond my understanding. The lights of the city fade as the crystal's energy are crushed underneath falling rock and debris from the earth as it sinks deeper into the abyss. I feel the need with my last dab of ink to detail the story of the greatest artifacts ever created but have little time, ink and parchment left. Gifted to his children at the dawn of creation the three artifacts; The World Engine, The Cauldron of Life and The Soulforge were used to form, shape, and bring life to this world. They are bound to this world and their presence holds the fabric of the weave together for those of us who can see it. I finish this last testament with a prayer that those who someday find it may understand more deeply what it means to sacrifice all for a greater cause and forgive me for my own failure.*