

Tsenlanese Religion

The Church of the Builders is the primary religion represented in [Tsenlan](#). It is a [polytheistic](#) religion that has undergone many changes throughout the [History of the Norian People and Nations](#). It has survived and evolved from its origin deep in the eras of [Norian](#) antiquity.

It used to be called the Church of the Espra, however, due to social changes following the [Void Wars](#) the institution's name was changed. The current Church of the Builders name has been in place since [YE 41](#).

As of [YE 44](#) it is uncertain what role the church will play in [Tsenlan](#).



The Influence of the Ancients

The discovery of the artifacts and remnants of the race the [norians](#) called the ancients fueled more than just technological and social changes within their society. The religion and the ancients themselves were made part of a religion that would eventually become the 'Church of The Builders' and an important institution within [Tsenlan](#).

The Builders

The builders, namely the creator of the universe herself Unya are codified into the religious documents of

the church to have been magnificent beings who swam through the destructive and unending darkness called the void. Unya a representative of beings with tremendous power is said to have stolen matter from this forever dark to weave the universes. Her and other wise beings who departed the never-ending war that consumed the forever dark are regarded as the creators of everything from the stars to the planets, to the species of life across the universes.

Notable Builders

- Unya the mother of all.
- Uathotho the guardian of the forever dark, ruler of hyperspace.
- Morggho the father of all and the creator of nightmares.

The Espra

The Espra are the children of Unya, and is the title given to the leaders of the race they call the ancients. [Norians](#) consider themselves to be a creation of the Builders and the Espra and that the passing of technological and social knowledge was purposeful.

Notable Espra

- Niratheyra - An Espra worshipped as the heart of the [Norian](#) people and said to be one of the contributors to their creation.
- Senquaelari - The Espra of love and relationships.
- Tog - The Espra of [phaloam](#) and [nathaul](#).
- Artemesia - The Espra of War and Death. Also regarded as the Espra of Heroes and Warriors.

Temples

Temples of the Church of the Builders are the physical places of worship found in [Tsenlan](#) settlements. Several of these temples are integrated into the colonial ark ships which carried them from their home universe to the [Kagami Galaxy](#). Future temples are planned to depend on which planets the [Yamatai Star Empire](#) provides as a new home to them.

The temples are regarded as places for:

- 🙏 [Prayer^{1\)}](#)
 - Healing
 - Resolution of daily challenges
 - Before battle or conflict
- 🙏 [Ritual^{2\)}](#)
 - funerals
 - marriages

- devotion of children
- and Social Gatherings, and shelter especially in times of crisis.

Structure of the Temple

Once the issue of colonization is resolved with the [Yamatai Star Empire](#), new temples will be constructed.

The Priesthood

The priesthood predominately is priestesses which are female. They study for many years under the elder members of the priesthood and are taught to translate artifacts left behind by the ancients, lead prayer services, conduct rituals and provide counsel to those seeking religious enlightenment. The priesthood also plays a role in homeopathic healing, [Ysi](#) counseling, relationship counseling, and other services.

A Dark and Controversial Past, A Tool for Change

Up until the conclusion of the [Void Wars](#) the influence of the Church was one of absolutism in their society. It supported a belief system that had [norian](#)s believe that they were the chosen creation of the Builders. It promoted intense xenophobia, racism, and outright injustice against other cultures. At various points in history, it is believed that the church had more power than the government. The church also promoted the enslavement of what they considered to be lesser species, referring to those species as "Cli'cha" which is now considered a derogatory term; it means to be below the boot and not worthy of any kind of rights.

In [YE 44](#) the [Tsenlan State Quorum](#) pressured the church to undergo a reformation. Due to the asune void origins of their enemy and how it tied into the religious texts regarding the Builders and the Espra the church was at risk of collapse. Many secular groups went as far as to say the church promoted the worship of the enemies of the people. Following a massive decline in church attendance, the priesthood agreed to the reformation call. Religious scriptures were modified to remove xenophobic and racist ideals and sought to divide the pantheon from the creatures which had caused devastation.

The ruler at the time, Aestaesys Airwin Caeyara was very vocal in his government's use of the church to bring about change that would help preserve their culture and ensure their survival.

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