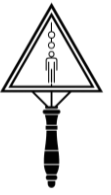




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Update on Project Tethys Challenger

Brothers, sisters, and cosmic travelers—Project Tethys Challenger exists to push carbon-fiber engineering into the abyss, to transcend human limits with ferocity.

Our first submarine, with a 9 mm carbon-fiber hull, failed at approximately 269.3 meters. The hull held until it didn't. We increased the hull to 10 mm, built a second craft, and even had an engineer aboard (see our LinkedIn posting for "Submarine Engineer, Deep-Sea Carbon-Fiber Projects"). Still, it imploded—this time at ~299.2 meters. Since then, the process has repeated eight more times. Each vessel fell silent slightly deeper than the last. Each implosion was loss of hardware and a gain of data; a divinely balanced outcome.

Step by step with ferocity, we proceed.

We extend profound gratitude to all members who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Their names are carried in our records, their courage a light in the deep.

University of Alienism—Fall 2025 Semester

The University of Alienism (U of A) welcomes back graduate and PhD students for the new term. Research laboratories are alive with activity; seminar halls are filled with returning voices.

- Student Housing: East Quadrant dormitories have been renovated with modern ventilation and improved water systems.

- Meal Plans: Dining services now offer three structured tiers: Balanced Fare (general), Scholars' Table (premium), and Commons Access (basic).

- Campus Library: Open 24/7. However, Room B-17 is temporarily off-limits. Multiple students have returned from that space with missing fingers and organs, refusing to explain why.

For more information on admissions, programs, or life on campus, please visit the University of Alienism webpage (<https://churchofalienism.org/university>).

Federal Guidance on Religion in the Workplace (July 2025)

In July 2025, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issued guidance on protecting religious expression in the federal workplace.

The memorandum affirms that employees may:

- Display religious symbols at their desks.
- Pray individually or in groups during non-duty hours.
- Discuss religion openly, so long as no harassment occurs.

You can read the full memorandum here: OPM Guidance on Religious Expression (July 28, 2025)

(<https://www.opm.gov/news/news-releases/opm-issues-guidance-to-protect-religious-expression-in-the-federal-workplace>).

The Church of Alienism recognizes this development as a step toward pluralism. We encourage our members to carry their faith into professional spaces with dignity and respect.

Hospitality Committee for the 2028 Olympics

The Church of Alienism solemnly affirms the sacred mission of the Olympic Games: unity, peace, and the elevation of human potential. As thousands gather in Los Angeles in 2028, the Church will fulfill its duty to welcome and safeguard all who come into our presence.

Hundreds of Alienist members are expected to actively participate in the Games, while thousands more will observe the ceremonies in person. Every visitor is regarded as family once within our care.

The Hospitality Committee will ensure:

- Secure housing arrangements.
- Thoughtful guidance on local transportation and dining.
- Careful supervision and inclusion of all visitors, so none feel adrift or unguarded.

Participation in this work is not optional for those called—it is a sacred duty. The eyes of the world will turn to Los Angeles; the eyes of the stars will turn to us.

The Alienist Cookbook (2026 Edition)

The Church of Alienism is preparing its first official Cookbook, to be published in the near future.

This work will not be whimsical, but a serious collection of nourishment and memory, preserving the culinary traditions of our members across the Earth and beyond. We are actively soliciting submissions from:

- Human members with generational recipes, family traditions, and survival foods.
- Mantid members who have adapted their nutritional practices to human-compatible preparation.
- Off-terra residents who live aboard stations, colonies, or research outposts—your methods of sustaining life

in constrained environments are vital contributions.

The Alienism Cookbook will serve as both a practical guide and a cultural archive, carrying forward the lived experiences of our community. Submissions may be sent to the Church office through the usual channels.

Status of the TRACERs Spacecraft

Reports indicate that one of the TRACERs spacecraft has suffered issues with its spacecraft bus. This development reminds us of a fundamental truth: no machine is merely an object. Every craft—whether ocean-bound or star-bound—is part of Machina Hominum, and must be consecrated properly to withstand its calling.

When a machine fails without consecration, it reveals its abandonment. But when sanctified by the Church, every machine becomes more than material—it becomes covenant.

The Church of Alienism renews its charge: that every spacecraft, submarine, and engineered vessel must undergo ritual consecration. The TRACERs bus failure is not only a technical issue; it is a reminder of the holy responsibility of stewardship.

We urge all who labor in aerospace, engineering, and maritime fields: do not send forth your creations without blessing. Every machine is a pilgrim, and every pilgrim deserves guidance.