

# **Appendix 1**

## **Thirty Precepts of the Commonwealth**

Henceforth, there shall be thirty precepts by which thirty territories of a Great Commonwealth of Beimeni shall live.

—Atticus Masimovian, 168 AR

Precept 1: Serve Beimeni. Live forever.

Precept 2: Suffering is questioning. Questioning is destructive. Destruction is never inevitable.

Precept 3: Jealousy is treachery. Treachery is culpable. Culpability is never questioned.

Precept 4: Abuse or misuse of official insignia of the commonwealth is forbidden.

Precept 5: Citizen heirs of the chancellor are a blessing. They are also property of the Office of the Chancellor. All pregnancies must be reported to the nearest medical facility and all citizens must be registered with the government at the time of birth, prior to development.

Precept 6: Excursions to the surface of the Earth are forbidden unless sanctioned by the Office of the Chancellor.

Precept 7: Citizens should be honored to serve their chancellor, including in the Lower Level.

Precept 8: The Harpoon Auction shall serve as the primary arbiter of commonwealth function.

Precept 9: Exile to the Lower Level is not immutable, unless as determined by the Harpoon Auction or the Office of the Judiciary.

Precept 10: No Beimenian in the upper territories shall be permitted to the Lower Level, unless as determined by the Harpoon Auction or the Offices of the Judiciary or the Chancellor.

Precept 11: The Judiciary shall act in stewardship of the chancellor and in the best interest of the citizenry.

Precept 12: The chancellor shall be the ultimate arbiter in matters that involve the Office of the Judiciary.

Precept 13: To speak against the chancellor is to speak against the Twin Gods of the Cosmos.

Precept 14: Unauthorized exposure to forsaken and foreign lands is forbidden.

Precept 15: A commonwealth mission is honorable. Beimenians who fail to uphold such missions are dishonorable.

Precept 16: Unlimited expansion throughout Earth is the right of all Beimenians. Construction privileges shall be granted via the Department of Communications and Commonwealth Relations.

Precept 17: Ownership of weapons, including but not limited to pulse rifles, pulse guns, and pulse grenades, is forbidden.

Precept 18: Beimenians shall live in harmony, serve, and live together. Everyone belongs to each other.

Precept 19: Fountain Square access shall be granted for service and conversion or as designated by the Office of the Chancellor.

Precept 20: Private ownership of apartment units is encouraged. Private ownership of goods and services is especially encouraged.

Precept 21: Abundant celebrations are encouraged by the Office of the Chancellor.

Precept 22: All images, thoughts, messages, and other neural impulses held within the cerebral network are the property of the Department of Communications and Commonwealth Relations.

Precept 23: The Beimeni monetary unit, the benari, henceforth is defined as coins manufactured by the official mint, comprised of a proprietary blend of silver, gold, and platinum.

Precept 24: The Departments of Peace and Communications shall ensure tranquility and harmony within the borders of Beimeni under the authority of the Office of the Chancellor.

Precept 25: The Department of Space shall ensure technological advancement for departure from the commonwealth and safe passage to foreign or hostile lands, including, but not limited to, the Earth's surface.

Precept 26: The Research & Development Department is tasked with providing all the resources Beimenians require for survival.

Precept 27: The people of Beimeni have the right to freely elect territorial representatives to serve as ministers within the Office of the Chancellor.

Precept 28: The people of Beimeni have the right to bring any and all complaints to the Office of the Judiciary.

Precept 29: Criminal acts with a possible sentencing to the Lower Level shall be arbitrated by the Department of Peace and the Office of the Judiciary at the discretion of the Office of the Chancellor.

Precept 30: A chancellor's rule is infinite as determined by the Twin Gods of the Cosmos and the Beimenian people. In the event of death or incapacitation, and until an election can be arranged, the prime minister of Beimeni shall assume leadership. Beneath the prime minister, the rule of the free peoples of Beimeni shall fall to the supreme scientist tasked with Reassortment.