

THE MAGDALEN HISTORY

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100,000 BC

The ancient Anopheles find one of their mortal followers has somehow become immortal: Anath. In his himsati form, Anath appears the equivalent of a modern human of this day and age. Impressed with his abilities they convince Rukshasa to breed with him. Rukshasa bears Anath 100 children a day for fourteen days. The first litters were all humanoid and primate-like sapiens that formed a warrior caste known as the Ephraim (early Eremites). The next litters were a variety of species of creatures of the time, known as the Manasseh. The very last litter born at the end of the fourteenth day was a group of mixed humanoid and non-humanoid giants known as the Titans. Collectively, these children were known as the Anathasians, and upon reaching maturity they were implanted with shards hidden in the vaults of the ancient Abzulim fortress of Babel where the Anopheles then resided. The Anopheles used the Anathasians as their own immortal servants.

80,000 BC

The Eremites venerate Anath and his teachings about the first Crucible, the Titans become interested in the other humans that live in and around Babel, and the Magdalen become far more interested in the arcane secrets of the Anopheles and the Rukshasa. The Magdalen's occultist curiosity entertains the Anopheles and they become the favorites among the masters. The Titans quickly took up protecting the Magdalen from their more warlike brethren among the Eremites who hate the Anopheles.

75,000 BC

The Rime infiltrates Babel and possesses Anath, allowing him to escape the Anopheles, leaving the Magdalen and their brother castes at the mercy of the Anopheles. The Eremites are used as warrior castes against the Arachne, Morrigan and any others who might come too close to Anopheles territory. The Magdalen gain greater access to Rukshasa from whom they learned a great deal of knowledge about the universe.

70,000 BC

The Eremites convince the Magdalen to assist them in overthrowing the Anopheles. The Anopheles willingly submit to becoming concubines and serving the Eremites. The Magdalen and Titans leave Babel together and begin construction on their first stronghold, Tarterus. From there they began to use the knowledge imparted by the Rukshasa. They had taken a number of primitive proto-humans with them and began to study them in earnest.

65,600 BC

Worried that the Eremites might unlock the power of the Abzulim or accidentally set them free (and due to the harsh treatment received at their hands), the Anopheles rebel against the Eremites. This begins the Shouting War and is the traditional time noted as to the other Prides' discovery of the existence of the Magdalen and the Eremites. The Magdalen remain neutral either spending time in Tarterus or traveling the nearby Dominions occasionally coming into cooperative efforts with the Arachne on their digs for information about the Abzulim and their own missing queen Lilith.

40,000 BC

The Magdalen make two important discoveries in studying primitive humanity and the universe around them near this point in time. The first discovery leads them to a rough working knowledge of the basic patterns of the Aria used by the vox to create serenades. Using previously unknown patterns, they create some new serenades that they teach to the other immortals in exchange for not being drawn into the Shouting War or being attacked outright. The second discovery (by the Titans actually) is of the human power known as Religarum. Having sought the reason why primitive humanity was able to completely change the Abzulim-bred slave forms of the immortal race into more humanoid ones, the Magdalen discovered a latent telepathic ability that allowed humanity to transmit a degree of belief and expectation amongst themselves.

30,000 BC

The Titans attempt to create human warriors capable of protecting them should the Magdalen cast them out from Tarterus. The Titans were the Magdalen's protectors in Babel, but the Magdalen have assured themselves a seat of neutrality during the Shouting War. One among the Titans, Prometheus, secretly creates a cult known as the Illuminati; the other Titans teach them the ways and weaknesses of the himsati race.

28,000 BC

After many generations, the Illuminati tire of being the servants of the Titans. They steal away, destroy a number of Magdalen and take their voxes and flee to Earth. Once there they implant themselves until a number of them survive, becoming the eventual leaders of an organization known as the Apocrypha. The Magdalen assail the Titans, with Prometheus turning traitor and assisting them; the Titans are buried alive in Tarterus. Zeus of the Olympians becomes the leader of the Magdalen for his efforts in deposing the Titans and their leader Cronus. The Magdalen are forced to go to Earth to seek out the Illuminati in an attempt to bind or destroy them before the other warring immortals find out what has been done.

27,000 BC

Seven immortals of the Illuminati, led by Benendanti, break away. Each of them, with their own group of mortal followers, begin to hunt the Apocrypha as well, coming into conflict with the Magdalen until the Nimrod slowly capture them as well and imprison them in Sheol circa 10,000 BC.

20,000 BC

The Eremites discover the existence of the Apocrypha and make their way to Tarterus. They fling the stronghold and all its inhabitants into the far Dominions. Fortunately almost all the Magdalen had gone to Earth and separated to find the Illuminati. Finding out that their stronghold was now gone, the Magdalen settle on building a new fortress, a vast library known as Jeremiah, accessible only from within the Himalayan Mountains.

18,000 BC

A small cabal of Magdalen settles in Southwest France, overseeing cultural development and researching early humans (Magdalenian). This cabal becomes the basis for the name of the tribe some 12,000 years later in Atlantis as they are the representatives sent to negotiate entry into the Stratagem Pact.

10,000 BC

As the Shouting War finally reaches Earth and the Nimrod (predecessors of the Shadowen) begin to take all immortals prisoner, the Magdalen retreat to Jeremia and use their advanced knowledge of the patterns of the Aria and of serenades to hide it from the Femme Darkle the Nimrod are wielding. They are successful and wait out the end of the Shouting War within their intellectual stronghold. The Magdalen begin tracking the Apocrypha, trailing them to the beginnings of the city of Jericho, but are unable to muster enough of a force due to the Nimrod still hunting for them.

9,000 BC

The Apocrypha continued to spread through Europe as no immortals existed in force to counter them. Their enhanced use of their telepathic abilities quickly forced a new doctrine of reason and rationality to the mortal world, relegating the tales of the himsati race to myth and legend. To counter it the Magdalen created the "Sleeper" Calling, to navigate the telepathic grid of humanity known as the Morpheum. They attempted to find a way to navigate the topography of the human subconscious and find a way to shut down the mental propaganda system of the Apocrypha. This led to an even more horrific discovery within the telepathic grid known as the Morpheum. Through the creation of the "Sleeper" Calling the Magdalen had begun exploring the topography of the Morpheum and its rapid development over the last tens of thousands of years. They discovered the Hush-Hush and the continued existence of an entity that had only existed in their legends up to now: the Sanguinary.

8,500 BC

In a desperate act, the Magdalen sent scattered groups out into the world and secretly delivered the concept of spoken and written language to humanity. Humanity's growing dependence on speaking, reading and writing over the next several thousand years dulls their telepathic ability; it reaches the point where the Apocrypha can no longer spread its doctrine so easily and the Sanguinary finds itself trapped in the subconscious Morpheum with no direct access to humanity's conscious thoughts. Individual humans within carefully chosen tribes are chosen with the propensity for faster evolution and the development of mental Religarum to make up for the loss of their standard telepathic abilities – and to combat the Apocrypha. The descendants of these humans form the core of the Inheritors Quiet Culture nearly ten thousand years later.

7,500 BC

Individual Magdalen are sent out to check on the Earth, hunt down Apocrypha and see to the status of the imprisoned immortals in Sheol and their Nimrod wardens standing guard at all pathways into the dark realm. They are contacted by the Ennead, a group of ancient Abzulim slaves in contact with the deposed warlords of the fallen Prides and their mortal followers led by Benendanti and his six immortal accomplices. A deal is struck and the Magdalen tentatively seek out and begin to manipulate the followers of the Illuminati.

7,000 BC

Having tricked the Apocrypha into storming one of the smaller entrances to Sheol, the former warlords, the Peri and the followers of Benendanti are able to break free from Sheol. They return within a few hundred years and force the Nimrod to free the remaining immortals trapped within Sheol. Rather than return to the Magdalen, Benendanti joins with the warlords in the newly forming Banjax (predecessors of the Osiri). Each of his six accomplices goes on to join with other Prides. The mortal followers of these seven former Illuminati become the first true worldwide Quiet Cultures that span the known world.

6000 BC

Magdalen representatives arrive in Atlantis for the peace accord known as the Stratagem Pact. They are immediately threatened by the Eremites and Nimrod for the creation of the Apocrypha and their refusal to join the immortals in Sheol respectively. The Morrigan and Tuatha remain neutral during the heated debate. Eventually the Magdalen reveal a large amount of information concerning the existence of the Sanguinary in the Morpheum, knowledge about Religarum and several patterns of the Aria for use in developing a vast new array of serenades previously unknown to the rest of the himsati race. The Arachne, Banjax, Roane and Terat all support their entry. The Nimrod relent after an arrangement is struck, placing a ban on the collection of life force by the Magdalen in exchange for the Nimrod handing over the Femme Darkle to be kept separate from all the Prides. This forces the Eremites to relent and a unanimous decision is made to allow their entry in exchange for the knowledge and tools presented to the new Prides by the Magdalen. When the high scholars representing the Magdalen left Atlantis to return to Jeremiah, the curse of the Ban filtered out to all their members. They could no longer partake of the life force of a willing volunteer; the act of the Lullaby was lost to them.

5000 BC

Magdalen infiltrate Sumer to counter the growing presence of the Apocrypha, but find that the Anopheles have already infiltrated and actively work towards keeping the Magdalen from progressing their influence further.

4000 BC

After Atlantis is destroyed, and seeing many immortals return to Earth, Zeus and Olympians tire of constantly staying in Jeremia. They leave the other solitary Magdalen to tend the library and settle in Greece, creating the mantle of Olympus high in Greece's mountains. The Eremites quickly came to Zeus and demanded retribution for the act of creating the Apocrypha. Zeus explained this was already done and then the Eremites informed him they discovered from the Titans trapped in Tarterus that Prometheus was actually responsible. Thus in an act of appeasement, Zeus punished Prometheus. He creates the Erinyes Quiet Culture to bring similar justice to the Olympians' mortal charges of Greece and eventually around the world.

3720 BC

Nearly all the Magdalen's mortal holdings are wiped out by the Great Flood caused by the Morrigan.

3600 BC

The Olympians reach out and work with Neolithic settlers in Crete (the Minoans) and the Cyclades, ushering in the Aegean civilization. They have limited success reestablishing a then "modern-day" Age of Myth like that which predated the Shouting War.

3000 BC

Dardanos, a tryst child of Zeus brings his people to the site of what will eventually become Troy. He is destroyed by the Horned Lord who upon splintering the first of the 50 Phoenix Warlord scions, finds that Dardanos has been somehow reborn in the first of the warlords. Dardanos pledges his loyalty to the Horned Lord, still bitter over the death of his twin brother as ordered by Zeus when they were still infants. Dardanos proceeds to create 50 of his own scions, several passing themselves off as Dardanos's descendants and infiltrating the Magdalen-dominated city of Troy over the next several hundred years.

2500 BC

The Magdalen discover the Horned Lord, Dardanos and the other Phoenix secretly manipulating events within Troy and burn it to the ground. They are unaware that a mantle has already been created, protecting the inhabitants they thought destroyed in the fire. The city will be burned to the ground repeatedly by the Magdalen and allies among the Nimrod seeking to stop the Horned Lord's rise to power over the next few millennia.

2000 BC

Magdalen traveling in the Canaan lands meet with Abraham, a Bright Blood who escaped from the Anopheles in Mesopotamia. They escorted him to Egypt and then from there filtered out along the Northern coast of what is now Africa. They will influence Phoenicians along Africa and eventually help found the Carthaginian Empire.

1500 BC

The Titans Typhoon and Echidna, having broken free from their imprisonment in Tarterus and made their way to Earth, attack the Olympians. Ill prepared to face them directly; Zeus tricks them into harming a small Sunedrion Weald during the battles. In response a group of Primals appear, causing the eruption of the volcano in the Satorini archipelago (also known as Thera). Though it mostly destroys the Minoan civilization of Crete, the Primals drag both the Titans into the Maelstrom, destroying them.

1250 BC

The Ingenue Heracles, being watched over by Zeus, is tricked by Hera into murdering his mortal family. He goes on to join the Banjax and perform service to the Phoenix over the course of 12 years. Afterwards he eventually sacked Troy in a fit of rage and revenge, but went on to become a member of the Phoenix (teaching them the Magdalen art of Pancratium)

1200 BC

The Magdalen step in to assist the Terat with the Canaan peoples after the Anopheles, Eremites and Banjax start to take the Canaanite lands (present-day Israel, Palestine Territories and Lebanon) from them. This draws the Roane in and spurs on the development of the seafaring Phoenician Empire under the tutelage of the Magdalen, thus spreading Olympian influence throughout the Mediterranean Sea.

1184 BC

The Trojan War occurs, this is the last time the Magdalen are able to attack the Phoenix.

1100 BC

Heracles, now a member of the Banjax, returns to Greece to reclaim his domain of Peloponnesus. This leads to an internal political power struggle between Zeus and Hera that ends their great Mycenaean civilization. Greece is plunged into a period of Dark Ages lasting over 300 years, well past the point when Zeus regains control by establishing the first Greek city-states in the 9th Century BC. In the lands at the far Eastern edge of the growing Phoenician Empire the Magdalen seek out skilled Religarum wielders capable of conversing with Bright Blood ghosts, the Witches of Endor Quiet Culture is formed.

850 BC

Magdalen found the Etruscan civilization in what is now Italy. Within a hundred years they also found the Roman civilization with the patronage of Romulus and Remus, descendents of fugitives from the Trojan War.

776 BC

The Magdalen open the Olympiad to mortal participation – previously it was only open to the various tribes. The Morrigan attend for the first time with a handful of humans they have interacted with from among the Celtic tribes.

621 BC

The Magdalen and Eremites gain an upper hand over the Terat and Anopheles, resulting in the purging of the polytheistic belief system of the Canaan peoples as part of Josiah's reformation of the Jewish peoples. This begins a back and forth battle over the lands of Israel and Jerusalem in particular. No other place in the world would change hands more often, in terms of immortal influence, from this point forward in history.

540 BC

The Magdalen continue to vie for control over Israel and the rest of the Middle East with the Anopheles, Eremites and to a lesser extent the Phoenix.

539 BC

The Eremite controlled Persian Empire conquers the Magdalen controlled Phoenician Empire. The Magdalen enter into an alliance with the Peri who have begun to impose some influence on Sparta.

510 BC

The Olympians gain control over the Roman Monarchy, creating the Roman Republic and instituting themselves as the major deities. Apocryphal influences that have spread into the region cause them to use differing names. Except for Italy and Greece, the rest of the Mediterranean is controlled by the Eremites. The Eremites arrange for the overthrow of King Tarquinus Superbus and are able to infiltrate their own mortal agents into the newly forming Magdalen's Republic of Rome.

499 BC

The Eremite Persians begin attacks on the Magdalen Greeks; the Peri-Magdalen alliance is terminated shortly after the Persian War ends in 479 BC.

454 BC

Agreeing to assist the Banjax, the Magdalen lose almost 50,000 mortal soldiers in a failed attempt to aid Egypt in a revolt against the Eremite Persians. Determined not to incur these kinds of loses again, they begin to foster stronger martial training in mortals with Religarum, those mortals found the core of the Myrmidons: both Alexander the Great and Julius Ceaser would be great leaders among this quiet culture before being "stolen" away by the Phoenix and Eremites respectively.

440 BC

The Dust travels through the lands of Greece and Rome, spreading famine and pestilence.

353 BC

The Peri-sponsored Spartans are forced back by the Magdalen-sponsored Macedonians

338 BC

Alexander the Great defects from the Magdalen to the Phoenix and takes over the Macedonians. He quickly eradicates the Persian Empire of the Eremites, allowing the Phoenix free reign over their territories to search for Palladium. Alexander's defection is unknown to most of the other tribes, so the territory is still considered to belong to Greece as Alexander pays false homage to the Olympians of the Magdalen. This further enrages the Magdalen, but allows them to later reclaim much of their former Phoenician territories around the Mediterranean Sea as part of the Roman Republic and later Roman Empire.

320 BC

After Alexander retreats from active rule, the Magdalen gain influence in the Seleucid and then Parthian Empires located in now present-day Iran.

280 BC

The cabal of Magdalen leading the Carthaginian Empire (originally founded by the Phoenicians and now partially influenced by both Banjax and Anopheles) has expanded to all of the Mediterranean following the Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great, and including into the Iberian peninsula of what is now Spain and Portugal. Disputing the sovereignty of the Olympian-held Roman Empire, the two empires begin to quarrel. Spurred on by the Eremites, Pyrrhus of Epirus goes to war against both groups to protect Epirus from the Romans and Sicily from the Carthaginians. The massive losses paid for his victory coins the term "Pyrrhic Victory".

264 BC

The Punic Wars begin. In the first war the Magdalen's massive Roman armies crush the Carthaginian presence in the Mediterranean by 241 BC. Following in 218 BC, the Banjax gain influence over Carthage and the mortal general Hannibal makes his Alpine crossing. The second war ends in 202 BC with the Magdalen controlled Roman Empire taking all Carthaginian territory in main land Europe, including that of the Celts and Gauls they allied with between Spain and Italy. The third war began in 149 and ended only three years later with the razing of the city of Carthage.

148 BC

The last of the Phoenix controlled Macedonian Empire is conquered by the Magdalen controlled Roman Empire as the Phoenix abandon the empire, having completed their search of the territories it controlled. The Eremites begin their infiltration of the Roman Empire, resulting in Corinth being destroyed two years later, outraging Zeus and causing internal conflict among the Olympians and with other Magdalen cabals.

92 BC

The Roman-Persian Wars against the Parthia and Sassanid empires of the Eremites begins, it ends with another sect of the Eremite sponsored mortals – the Arab Muslims defeats them all. At this point the Roman Republic (as it is not officially known as the Roman Empire yet) is stretched extremely thin. The Eremites use this to gain even more influence over the Roman territories and begin to infiltrate the heart of the republic.

73 BC

The Terat slave Spartacus starts the Third Servile War against the Roman Empire.

68 BC

The Eremites woo Ceaser away from accepting Magdalen patronage and he turns his back on the squabbling and conflict between the Olympians and the cabals. By the time he finishes conquering the Tuatha and Peri led Gauls at the end of the Gallic War in 51 BC, the Eremites have full control over him and become the lead tribe within the Stratagem Pact. As a result, Zeus is ousted from leadership of the Magdalen as Hera takes control and attempts to reconcile the warring Magdalen cabals with no success. Zeus flees to Morrigan territory in Norway and captures the Paragon's seat from an absent Odin.

49 BC

Ceasar crosses into Italy and the Eremites take control of the entire Roman Empire in 44 BC. The Magdalen cabals in Europe and Asia concentrate on making manipulations on a smaller scale from this point forward.

0 BC

Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar of the Magdalen travel from the Parthian Empire to the city of Bethlehem and witness the birth of Jesus Christ. Unable to ascertain the origin of the power they sensed, stronger than that of the Bright Blood Abraham, they kept the knowledge of the child a secret for some time.

66 AD

The Magdalen, having asserted a great degree of control over Judaism, incite the Jewish-Roman War. The mortal Roman general Titus, with the Eremites as his patrons, crushes the city of Jerusalem a few years later and ends the war.

132 AD

The Jewish state spirals out of Magdalen control and the Jewish people rise up against the Eremite controlled Romans in the Bar Kokhba revolt. Their defeat causes the Jewish people to disperse from the lands of Israel and the Magdalen lose influence over Judaism. Hera is nearly unseated as the Paragon by Athena as a result, but manages to hold onto the Paragon seat through sheer cunning and that fact that the widespread cabals have little interest in the goings-on of the Olympians nor do they pay heed to the edicts of the current Paragon very often by this point in time.

150 AD

Zeus loses the Paragon seat back to Odin; the two devise a plan to return the Morrigan to the ruling seat of the Stratagem Pact while simultaneously putting Zeus back into the Magdalen and regaining his Paragon seat there.

226 AD

The Phoenix conquer the Parthian Empire using the Zoroastianism-influenced Sassanids and the Magdalen lose influence in 230 AD when the new Sassanid Empire of Persia goes to war with the Roman Empire.

235 AD

The Morrigan take over the Franks and Goths as they push back into Eremite Roman territory. Zeus, aided by a handful of Morrigan and their mortal followers, are able to secretly enter Greece amidst the chaos of what is known as the Crisis of the Third Century in the Roman Empire. Morrigan followers spread across Greece in secret and begin to assail the Greek population and Olympian followers. During one particular incident a temple dedicated to Aphrodite is assailed; unknown to the Morrigan followers, one of the hand maidens is actually Aphrodite. Convalescing from recent failed attempts to route eremite dominance within Greece, she was severely weakened and powerless due to an infusion of faith from devout Roman followers. Unable to stop the pillaging of her temple, handmaidens or herself, she recovers the next morning and the faith infesting her wells up, affecting the followers still present. It eventually carries her infamous curse to the immortals of the Asgardian Clan.

251 AD

The Dust enters the Roman Empire and begins a fifteen-year plague. The Morrigan force a treaty between the Roman Empire and the Goths as several emperors are killed from the last several years of fighting. By the end of the year, Zeus appears publicly and routes the Morrigan; when the truth of the intricate plan is revealed, Zeus regains the Magdalen Paragon's seat over Hera. However, the unplanned rape of Aphrodite causes her to defect to the Anopheles. Additionally, Apollo defects with a number of minor Magdalen and some mortal soothsayers to the Phoenix and Poseidon defects to the Solitaires. Zeus allows them to leave and proclaims no retribution may be made against them. Still, the Magdalen cabals around Europe, Africa and Asia are incensed by the defection of such prominent members to those particular groups.

330 AD

Due to increasing pressure from other tribes, the Eremite-sponsored Emperor Constantine renames Byzantine to Constantinople, making a solid break between the Western and Eastern Half of the Roman Empire. The Magdalen feel a minor surge in power, but in 378 AD the Western Emperor Theodosius I bans all "pagan" worship under the tutelage of the Eremites. The Olympians, already hurting from the defections of 251 AD fall from grace and the Magdalen develop the Magi Council to manage all the tribe's affairs as Zeus is relegated to merely being the leader of the Olympians. The Magi also become increasingly embroiled in affairs of the Roman Catholic Church.

480 AD

With the fall of the Western Roman Empire, the various Magdalen cabals insinuate themselves into the various new rising kingdoms of Western Europe. They maintain a light presence along the Northern Coast of Africa, concentrating on their intellectual holdings in Egypt now that the Osiri have removed themselves from the political arena of the mortals there. They also insinuated themselves into the new Roman Byzantine Empire of the East.

570 AD

The prophet Muhammed is born, rather than simply ignore the signs, the Magdalen work furiously to turn the works of this powerful religious leader into a tool against the Eremites, claiming that they had distorted the original tenets of Christianity. The Caliphates begin in Arabia, a land minimally controlled by the Phoenix. Muhammed's death in 632 AD provides the Eremites an in-road and divides the Muslims into two camps from this point in time forward.

651 AD

The Islamic Muslims conquer the Phoenix Sassanid Persian Empire after the Phoenix have exhausted most of their mortal resources in warring with the Eremites Byzantine Empire. In retribution, the Phoenix Moorish Muslims burn the Great Library of Alexandria in Egypt. The growing Arab Caliphates go on to capture and destroy Carthage in 698, ending the Eremite tribe's Byzantine supremacy in North Africa.

750 AD

The Golden Age of the Caliphs as the Arabs control the Middle East, the North Africa coast, Spain and the lands along the Arabian Sea all the way to Arachne-dominated India. The Eastern-most portion of the Empire is controlled by the Eremites and the Western portion controlled by the Magdalen. Only the Eremite's control of the Eastern portion of the Islamic Empire stops the Magdalen from seizing control of the Stratagem Pact. Baghdad is established as the mortal seat of Magdalen power on Earth.

781 AD

The Magdalen gain influence over Italy when the Morrigan sponsored Charlemagne sends his son Pepin to rule over the new Kingdom of Italy; through Pepin they gain influence over Charlemagne and a few Magdalen begin making advances into France and Britain. By 787 AD their hold on Charlemagne is strong enough that the Morrigan send the Vikings to maintain a strong presence in the area as the Semitic tribes of the Magdalen and Eremites once again push closer to their home territories in the North.

800 AD

Magdalen begin influencing Constantinople and surrounding regions to the point of creating a schism between the Western and Eastern Catholic Churches starting in 863 AD. This leads to a power grab starting in 867 AD as multiple tribes influence the Byzantine Empire under the Macedonian Renaissance.

909 AD

The Eremites seek more control over the Caliphates; the Islamic Magdalen pull most of their Islamic resources into the Fatimid Caliphate (the Saracens). This causes problems with the Phoenix who have again begun concentrating efforts to find Palladium. This results in the Phoenix aiding the Eremites against the Magdalen in 1095 AD in the First Crusade. Eventually the Osiri take up arms in defending Egypt from the crusaders as well, siding with the Magdalen. These uneasy alliances would continually break and rebuild for a period of over 300 years.

1000 AD

After the surge of Religarum that threw many immortals into torpid states and caused them to burst into eternal flames, the Magdalen begin to seek out and collect the descendants of those humans they helped to evolve in 8,500 BC. The Inheritors Quiet Culture officially comes into being.

1094 AD

The Apocrypha hero El Cid defeats the Magdalen Muslims at Valencia, marking a decline of Magdalen influence in Spain.

1137 AD

The Magdalen sponsor Abbot Suger in the rebuilding of the Church of Saint-Denis in France, under the rule of Louis VI and VII who were under the banner of the Phoenix.

1171 AD

The Fatimid empire collapses as the Phoenix insinuate themselves into what is left of the Roman Empire and use the Almohads to take back most of Northern Africa; the Magdalen concentrate power in Egypt while trying to insinuate themselves into the growing Turkish Seljuks territories. They run afoul of Drove Mut in north-central Africa and are unable to push their coastal empire southward.

1212 AD

The Saracens and Eremites war over the faith of Islam in Jerusalem and across Anatolia, causing the Catholic Church to sanction 50,000 children to march against the Saracens. They do not reach their destination as an Arachne-Peri plan captures all the children of this short-lived crusade.

1258 AD

The Magdalen lose control over the Islamic empire when the Arachne-sponsored Mongols sack Baghdad.

1299 AD

The Magdalen gain control over Osman I and manipulate the growing Ottoman Empire. They quickly begin to turn back what is left of the Roman Empire in Anatolia and even reach back up into the Balkans (of which Greece sits in its peninsula).

1315 AD

The Dust causes the Great Famine in Europe; by 1337 the Hundred Years' War begins. The Magdalen do little to interfere in the clashes between the Phoenix, Morrigan, Tuatha and Eremites as they now concentrate fully on expanding their Ottoman Empire. The Black Death of 1347 – 1351 further pushes all but the core cabals in France and England out of Europe. The Magdalen of Italy, who had been collecting much of the works of art and writing in the area, foster a Renaissance in Italy that spreads though much of Western Europe.

1402 AD

With the death of the Sultan Bayezid I, multiple tribes grab for power in the Ottoman Empire, the Arachne succeed in 1413 when their puppet Mehmed I emerges as the victor from the internal strife and crowns himself sultan. The Magdalen lose control over their newly treasured empire.

1428 AD

The Magdalen within England arrange for the capture of Joan of Arc, patroned by those Magdalen in France. For breaking Magdalen convictions during her leading of the French army during the Hundred Year's War she is burned at the stake. Having lost the Ottoman Empire the Magdalen quickly begin to re-gather resources in Western Europe.

1438 AD

Realizing the extent of the information they have been withholding, the Magdalen begin a campaign to oust the Dracul and Anopheles from the Stratagem Pact.

1453 AD

The Anopheles and Dracul are expelled from the Stratagem Pact, the Magdalen vote with the Prides Nimrod, Arachne, Eremite, and Morrigan in favor of their expulsion.

1461 AD

Louis XI is replaced with an Arachne Juggler who takes his identity and becomes King of France, placing the Arachne in direct competition with the Magdalen of France, but not with the Phoenix whose power and influence are unaffected by the change at the time. The Magdalen regain control of France and a temporary peace with the Phoenix, with the crowning of their mortal pawn King Francis I.

1499 AD

Johannes Trithemius of the Apocrypha writes the Steganographia. The Magdalen Paracelsus infiltrates his circle of confidants and becomes his pupil, stealing the last pieces of the book so only part of it could be published.

1520 AD

The Magdalen instill their follower Suleiman I as the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire and regain control over their Anatolian territory. They are constantly plagued by individual Anopheles interfering in their affairs for the remainder of the empire's existence. In 1535 they regain Baghdad and keep it until 1921 AD. With their affairs in order in Anatolia they turn their attention to the far west and sponsor the mortal Jacques Cartier who goes on to claim Quebec in the name of France, leading to the Magdalen's continued presence in Montreal to this day. Their only blemish is the sack of Rome in 1527 by the Eremites of Germany. Finally the Magdalen begin patronage of the arts in England as the English Renaissance begins.

1585 AD

The immortal bard, Shakespeare, accepts patronage from the Magdalen but later breaks ties with them.

1666 AD

The Magdalen from Europe converge on London to battle the Dark Lady and the Dust. The following year they agree with the other tribes to reinstitute the Stratagem Pact.

1701 AD

Several of the tribes, allied with and against the Magdalen inspired Philip (grandson of French King Louis XIV) attempt to take Spain from the hands of the Apocrypha after the death of Charles II who makes a desperate bid to rid his people of Apocryphal influence from out of Portugal where they maintain major power even to the present day. They also have to battle Drove Sainha attempting to once again push into Spain from both Portugal and France.

1752 AD

The Magdalen of Jeremia watch as the Dracul and Arachne war over the areas of Tibet in an attempt to find Jeremia. They are of course, unsuccessful.

1754 AD

The Magdalen sponsored Canadian French and the Tuatha and Osiri sponsored Native American Indians ally together to repulse the domination of Eastern North America by the Morrigan, Eremite and Anopheles. They are unsuccessful.

1785 AD

The Luststone is brought into France by the Anopheles in a bid to gain influence over the country, multiple rituals nearly oust the Magdalen from controlling the nobility. This causes the Phoenix to incite the peasant populace into starting the French Revolution to end the conflict between the Anopheles and Magdalen of France. The Phoenix are victorious and institute a new government, even giving voice to all other Tribes in France at the time. This eventually led to the quick ruination of the new government by 1799.

1795 AD

Multiple trading companies founded under Magdalen patronage begin to enter China after the Magdalen gain a foothold in India with the British East India Trading Company. Members of the Apocrypha infiltrate several of the trading companies' expeditions. The Anopheles Josephine de Beauharnais begins the seduction of the powerful general Napoleon Bonaparte in order to remove the Phoenix, Magdalen and all other powers from France by once again instituting full control over France.

1803 AD

In France, Napoleon Bonaparte crowns himself Emperor under Anopheles control. Nearly all of mainland Western Europe falls under Anopheles control for a brief and violent period ending in 1815. Manifest Destiny begins the time of the United States "Wild West" where Magdalen "snake oil peddlers" gained notoriety. The Magdalen literally sell off their mortal holdings in North America to the United States (currently under Banjax influence), but retain strongholds within the area of the Louisiana Purchase, most notably in New Orleans. This helps slow the Anopheles (poised to take over all of Europe) from gaining a superior foothold in the United States.

1807 AD

The Magdalen and Tuatha help to force a declaration against the Slave Trade among mortals in the United Kingdom.

1819 AD

The Magdalen found the city of Singapore through the British East India Company. The Phoenix spend many years carving enough influence over the French populace to keep any further Anopheles and Magdalen incursions into the French monarchy in check.

1821 AD

The Anopheles cause a rift within the Magdalen sparking the Greek War of Independence from the Ottoman Empire.

1837 AD

A series of Mystech-based medical experiments leads to the creation of a creature that breaks free of Magdalen control and terrorizes England for nearly 70 years. The Magdalen and Tuatha attempt to catch this Spring Heeled Jack with no success. Henry Beresford, 3rd Marquess of Waterford and a Magdalen himself, is banished from the Magdalen in 1859 for failing to recapture his creation as well as creating the creature against the orders of the Magi Council. The creature had the parts of several drovelings combined with a human, including parts of a dreaded cannibal drone. It died in 1904 after the human parts of the body simply aged to the point of being unable to keep up with the immortalesque predator parts.

1839 AD

The Arachne lose more control as the Apocrypha introduce Opium to China, leading to open warfare between the followers of the Magdalen and the Apocrypha. The Dracul attempt to help the Arachne maintain control rather than see China torn apart but are unable to be effective.

1854 AD

The Magdalen, Phoenix, Tuatha, Morrigan, Anopheles and Eremites muster their entire mortal political and military power against the Nimrod controlled Russians in the Crimean War.

1887 AD

A group of mortals come upon the missing pages of the Steganographia and use it with the Cipher Manuscripts created from the published book to found the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. After the Golden Dawn splinters in 1901 AD the Magdalen start to take over. Approximately 100 years later when the last of the mortal temples close, the Magdalen take their Quiet Culture underground.

1896 AD

The Magdalen, in the spirit of cooperation, assist Greece in reviving the Olympic Games in Athens.

1900 AD

A rogue faction of the Dracul, led by the Slayer Lin Do, form the Righteous Harmony Fist and incite the Boxer Rebellion, consigning Arachne, Magdalen and Eremites to the Blue Air all around the areas of China. The Arachne's inability to stop them would spell the beginning of the end for the Qing Dynasty. A decade later they completely lose control of the Chinese Government to a new kind of Dracul, adapting Western thought into their traditional ways. A short time later they are completely purged from China and regroup in India.

1914 AD

A consolidation of power among multiple Drovers creates a loss of control over most of the major European powers. World War I starts. When it is over, the Aryan House of the Eremites comes to power under Hitler but is corrupted by connections to the Sillhouette and start World War II. During the wars the Magdalen will quickly work to save various works of art and literature and secure them in Jeremia, allowing many mortals and other immortals to believe them lost during the wars. The Magdalen begin to focus on places and institutions of art, learning and theology. During this period they encounter the Alexandrites who use the wars to purposely destroy the various works of art and literature the Magdalen are attempting to save.

1945 AD

Salvatore Giuliano of D'Arcade unites generations of Sicilian rebels against the Magdalen controlled government; this leads to the formation of the modern incarnation of the Cosa Nostra. D'Arcade continues to sponsor the Mafia into the present day.

1950 AD

The Magdalen help inspire the Beat Generation literary movement (Beatniks)

1960 AD

During this decade the Magdalen begin to patron the mainstream from behind the scenes, including such potent figures of the time as Woody Allen, Barry Goldwater, the Beatles, Nelson Rockefeller, William F. Buckley, Jean-Paul Sartre and many more intellectuals, artists, politicians and performers. They also performed several mass social experiments through substances such as LSD, marijuana and the use of psychedelic music.

1970 AD

Moving into the 70's and 80's the Magdalen sponsor the growing horror genre of writers such as Stephen King. All-out war between D'Arcade, the Apocrypha and several Drovers breaks out in various cells in the Middle East and spreads far faster than the tribes are able to gain control. The tribes lose control over the Middle East, making the Middle East nations the one of the most uncontrolled area of the world into the present, second only to the continental United States of America.

1995 AD

An Outlander known only as Suurade causes an outbreak of pneumonic plague in India that begins to reach out to other nearby areas. Magdalen, Anopheles and Arachne Probes and Mystics are called on to determine the cause of the disease, which spreads while its victims sleep. It is determined Solitaires are using the plague to find immortals in lethe.

1999 AD

Magdalen are assaulted by the various Drove families utilizing Zuzog trees to breach the gap between Sheol and the mantles of Sanctuary. The surviving members along with others form the Court of Secrets and assist in materializing Sharakai during the battle of Nivalea in 2003. They reform the Magdalen Tribe during the time the Atlantean Pact is created in 2004.