For Lev, of the Unbound

To be found among the delegation to Anvil

Sibli**ng i**n Virtue,

We observe with interest and approbation your surely thankless attempts to shore up the sanctity of Human Destiny against the increasingly worrying assaults thereupon.

Know that your footsteps are set upon a Virtuous Path as you seek to guide us all. Yet we urge Vigilance. There is a snake in the grass, should we say, when one preaches of the purity of the Human Soul. And that snake is not dead. Not all our enemies enemies are our allies, if you know what I mean.

If there should be anything further that we or our allies can do for you: our ears are open.

Alagiah of Aaron's Lament, once of the Tribunal

LEV UNBOUND

ANVIL

Sieur, you do not know me, but I am a custodian of the unfortunate within my Chapter in Casinea, Esther's Grove, which is by way of being a sanatorium. While I do not usually indulge my charges to this extent, I felt that in this instance it would be best to allow them the latitude.

Joshua and Berechiah, two of the most difficult briars in my care, have this morning made commitment to the Grey Pilgrimage, and five other unfortunates along with three of the custodians have been moved by this sudden progress to join them upon the Pilgrimage: we leave for Hercynia at the same time as many of the delegations are leaving for Anvil.

And the reason I am writing to you today is upon their behalf. They wish to thank you. They wish to say — I paraphrase — that their inspiration to seek to spread the righteousness of the Way in Hercynia and coincidentally Skarsind has been the sermon preached to them upon the difference between emulation and worship, as exemplified by the recent clarification your good self made concerning orthodoxy where Exemplars are concerned (especially the recent, controversial ones!)

Sieur, thank you. Your words have sent ten souls upon Pilgrimage. Let us see how many souls we may save en route.

Jonathan of Esther's Grove

Ambition says change, but some changes are too far and too much.

We worry that the Assembly of the Way are leading us

off the way we've walked since long before this Empire.

We worry that they are teaching children the Ambition of an uncontrollable

and murderous insurgent alongside that of the Lion.

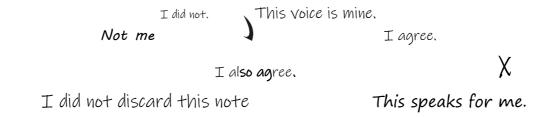
That we must weigh the words of inhumans above those of our own guides.

The voices that are raised against the encroaching night

do not think themselves alone.

Your guidance helps us to see the path forward.

We will not sign this note for obvious reasons. But each courier of this note was asked to discard it if they disagreed with it.



I would have used different words but I don't disagree - Gwyn, who's not a coward

Lev of the Unbound Highborn Delegation

Anvil Summit

WHEREAS it is recognised

that Judgement 5 of the General Assembly, Winter 382, is a Wise and Necessary achievement;

and

WHEREAS it is noted

that the debate that has raged for 8 terms within the Society, to wit, the threading of the path between Heresy and Blasphemy in re the Exemplars named from among the Orcish race:

and

WHEREAS

the benefit to the Prosperity of this Society and doubtless the Wider Empire
as realised through the Resolution of this Philosophical Debate
shall be considered by this Society as evidence of the Benevolence of Lev Unbound
as per the Doctrinal definition:

THIS SOCIETY RESOLVES

to award to Lev Unbound the **Founder's Prize for Theology, 382 YE**and has instructed the Bursar to
cede this Society's seasonal portion of Ceremonial Liao to the same
for Benevolent use as they should see fit.

Estevarri Samalle di Tassato, Chair, Avigliana Society for Debate, School of Epistemology, Tassato Regario

On a personal note, Lev, thank you. One cannot overstate the degree to which that judgement has made my life easier.