

*Pope Reverend Water-Nymph Nocturnal
Of The Church of Discordia*

*Papal Brief # 26: Ben Mahl'Shoikahlah-Bahn Seh Templar
(Which is anything but brief.)*

Ages ago, the Knights Templar were formed. They were a loyal branch of the Church, and all the rumors about them that continue to this day were most likely lies told by the Church as an excuse to claim for their own the massive wealth the Templars had gained by charging travellers for their help. The Catholic Church was being greedy, and this greed is a large part of why they now have a pitiful half-authority over those who belong. Which is ironic... isn't greed one of their seven deadly sins? If not, it ought to be.

Anyway... since all the Templars were executed for supposed heresy, there are none left. So of course the Catholic Church does not see the need to apologize. Well, like it or not, they DO need to apologize. The more things they apologize for, the more they'll gain that humility they're always talking about. The better the Church will become, and the better they'll be for it. Though frankly, they'll have to get rid of Pope Nazinger and become a lot more liberal to become a decent religion.

So I, Pope Reverend W.N. Nacht, speaking *ex Cathedra*, do hereby decree that the Catholic Church must apologize to the dead Templars, absolve them of all heresy charges, and let them into Catholic Heaven. (Though why they would want to go there after being killed for heresy, I don't know. The point remains valid, though.)

Furthermore, also speaking *ex Cathedra*, I hereby re-form the Knights Templar with myself (Tristan A. Arts) as the CEO. (Though I'm willing to give that position to someone more worthy.) I also hereby demand that the Catholic Church make reparations to the Knights Templar, returning all its lost wealth (the modern equivalent thereof, at any rate), which will be put in a trust fund to help pay for college education for orphans. Seriously. Remember, I'm speaking *ex Cathedra*.

Those are our demands, Mr. Pope. Please consider them seriously.

Signed,

