

The Gods Gift Magic

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The theological framing -- that magic was a gift, given deliberately, in response to a specific crisis -- is the dominant interpretation in Kyrell's religious traditions and is disputed by approximately no one within those traditions. The scholarly dispute, such as it is, concerns mechanism rather than fact: whether the gods acted in concert or independently, whether the gift was simultaneous across all traditions or staggered, and whether Arcanthos's role in founding the Orders of Wizardry represents a continuation of the original gift or a later administrative layer added to something that had become chaotic in the intervening centuries.

What is not disputed: magic changed the war. Creatures that could shrug off conventional weapons could not shrug off fire that did not come from a torch or stone that moved without being thrown. The shift was not immediate -- military application of newly-granted power takes time to develop -- but within two generations the tactical situation had changed enough that coordinated campaigns became viable. The Spirit Dragons, whose alliance came later, completed what the gift of magic began.