

Dragon Common Room Onboarding and Quick Reference Guide by Fat

On behalf of **Professor Rachel Fulton Brown**, the Drakes, and the Dragon Common Room, welcome! Come on in from the cold. It's crazy out there, and there's a warm dragonfire in here.

WE HAVE A PODCAST–THE MOSAIC ARK! The podcast sets the topics we discuss. Come join us on Fridays at 8pm US Central Time!
<https://www.youtube.com/@FencingBearatPrayer/playlists>

What to know first:

This group is focused on teaching Christian poetry, art, history, mythology, theology, and symbolism from a Catholic and Orthodox perspective. We also analyze current events through these lenses.

Here's what you will learn if you hang out here:

- You will **learn poetry and its forms**, especially **iambic pentameter**, the heartbeat of the English language. This is what we call "**learning to scan.**" Scanning means to read the meter, or rhythm, of poetry. **Poetry is the heart and soul of our English heritage!**
- You will **learn the history of Catholicism and Orthodoxy** and its peoples across the world, with particular focus on Great Britain, Australia, the Middle East, East Africa, and the United States. You will learn to apply lessons of history to the modern day.
- You will learn the significance of the **veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in Catholic and Orthodox history and tradition, how it influenced the development of Western civilization, and how faithful Catholic and Orthodox Christians **approach the Savior Jesus Christ through His Mother** in both ancient and modern times.
- You will learn how **empires** have shaped the structures–the **medium**–in which we live our lives, think our thoughts, and relate to others; how these structures exert control over our minds, how Satan and his servants have used these empires to dissolve the old structures of Christian life, and how determined Christians resist these forces and even thrive within the imperial currents of the fallen world.
- You will learn the benefits and drawbacks of the **markets, industries, and technologies** established by empires to mechanize, homogenize, and disincarnate human beings, oppress foreign and traditional peoples, dissolve culture, promote sin, make citizens dependent, and extract monetary wealth from human life.
- You will learn how **media is the primary weapon** used by these empires to set the boundaries of acceptable thought, rewrite history and memory for its purposes, indoctrinate people into ungodly thoughts and lifestyles, promote occult and addictive practices, and divide, dehumanize, and subjugate humanity. You will learn that the media narratives employed by these empires repeat throughout history–they aren't new!
- You will break free of the iconoclastic culture of the modern Western Right and **reconnect with age-old Christian artforms**. You will learn how to promote and rebuild traditional Christian culture–and families–from within the belly of the Satanic empire.
- You will **learn male and female social hierarchies**, with an emphasis on Vox Day's Sociosexual Hierarchy (SSH) model and our own Female SSH model, and participate in discussions on how to navigate and rebuild positive relations between men and women.
- You will **participate with a supportive community** of fellow writers, thinkers, and artists under the direction of an acclaimed professor from the University of Chicago.
- Thus armed, you will gain the tools and the education you need to **participate in the great Art War on the side of our Lord Jesus Christ** and bring people home to Him.

What to do first:

- Stop by our website www.dragoncommonroom.com to explore what we're doing!
- **Join our weekly newsletter!** <https://www.dragoncommonroom.com/newsletter>
- Did we mention we have a podcast? Catching up on the podcast is one of the best ways to tune in to the conversation! <https://www.youtube.com/@FencingBearatPrayer/playlists>
- Read the introduction to DCR's study of poetry:
<https://fencingbearatprayer.blogspot.com/2020/06/up-drakes-its-time-for-teaand-prosody.html>
- Read Kilts Khalfan's article on Art War and our project *DRACO ALCHEMICUS*:
<https://news.gab.com/2023/05/storytime-is-the-art-war/>

Dragon Common Room Quick Reference Links:

Our Website:

<https://www.dragoncommonroom.com>

The Mosaic Ark podcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FencingBearatPrayer>

Logos and History—The Mosaic Ark and other video lectures on Unauthorized.tv (paywalled):

unauthorized.tv/channel/medieval-history/

Professor Rachel Fulton Brown

The Professor's Blog:

<https://fencingbearatprayer.blogspot.com>

About Professor Rachel Fulton Brown:

<https://home.uchicago.edu/~rfulton/>

Professor Rachel Fulton Brown's other video appearances:

<https://fencingbearatprayer.blogspot.com/p/bear-on-air.html>

Where to buy books by the Professor and the Dragon Common Room:

<https://www.amazon.com/stores/Rachel-Fulton-Brown/author/B001HO3730>

<https://www.amazon.com/Draco-Alchemicus-Act-I-Casino/dp/B0CMBX6LT9>

Kilts Khalfan's articles. Required reading!

<https://news.gab.com/2023/05/storytime-is-the-art-war/>

<https://news.gab.com/2022/04/vending-machine-people/>

<https://news.gab.com/2022/05/talking-our-way-out-of-rocky-horror/>

<https://quanoworld.substack.com>

Vox Day—colleague, blogger, economist, and maker of fine leather books (he's not in the chat):

<https://voxdays.net>

<https://sigmagame.substack.com>

About Dragon Common Room Publications:

1. **Centrism Games**: An homage to Alexander Pope's *The Dunciad*. The goddess Fama hosts a contest of late 2010's celebrities to see who can garner the broadest appeal.
2. **Aurora Bearialis**: A poem suitable for children. A group of bears embark on an epic voyage to discover the Light at the ends of the Earth.
3. **DRACO ALCHEMICUS**: Pirate King Damian Stone, an analogue of Jesus Christ, journeys into a grand, mythological City to rescue his spellbound bride Columbine from the clutches of the diabolical Dragon who rules the City.

About the Drakes of the Mosaic Ark:

The Drakes are those who have written published works for the Dragon Common Room.

The Mosaic Ark team:

- **Professor Rachel Fulton Brown**—Host and Headmistress of the Dragon Common Room. Has written two big books on Marianology, the veneration of the Virgin Mary. Teaches medieval history, Tolkien, and Catholicism at the University of Chicago.
- **Kilts Khalfan**—Co-host of the Mosaic Ark for the first two seasons. Australian Coptic Christian. Medieval thinker. Goth Wog. Identifies as a bird.
- **Kimberly Crilly**—Current co-host of the Mosaic Ark. Our resident Jackalope.
- **Mel Wiggins**—Joycean snowboarding daughter of Mary. Loves mushrooms and being a riverruncosmicgigglegnarlybird. Video bio: <https://youtu.be/v2Yb86UKG-s>

Recommended Reading (other than the Professor and DCR):

- **The Bible**, if you're not well versed in it already. The Douay-Rheims version is the official Catholic version supported in this group, but you can also follow along just fine with the King James or King James 1611.
- **J.R.R. Tolkien**. The Professor is an expert Tolkienologist! We talk about Tolkien a lot.
- **The Ode Less Travelled**, by actor Stephen Fry. The official Dragon Common Room poetry textbook! Don't be scared; it's breezy, full of charm, and very readable!
- **The Faerie Queene**, by Edmund Spenser. The epic fantasy poem composed for Queen Elizabeth I, which contains the best-known version of the tale of St. George and the Dragon—the foundation for all modern dragon myth, and one of the founding myths of England. *The Faerie Queene* is a major inspiration for our book *DRACO ALCHEMICUS*.
- **Marshall McLuhan**. The father of media studies. Turned a critical eye to the developments of modern mass media and its effects on the public mind. McLuhan lays out the fundamentals of mass psychological warfare. If you have not read him, you should—he is extremely based!
- **The Heliand**. Did you know that before the printing press, the tales of the New Testament were carried across medieval Germany by bards who tailored them to the understanding of the locals? The Heliand is the story of the Gospels as recorded by an anonymous Saxon bard who put a German spin on the tales of Jesus. A delightful read.
- **René Girard**. *Things Hidden Since the Foundation of the World*. Girard describes his *mimetic theory* of scapegoating, in which society fragments into warring camps that progressively resemble each other more and more until a great cataclysm of violence and human sacrifice occurs. Girard argues that each era of history is defined by the great sacrifice that founded it and how the people cope with it afterwards. If your society is not founded on Jesus Christ and His sacrifice, then it will be founded on *child* sacrifice.
- **Terry Pratchett**: The legendary Discworld fantasy series.
- **Finnegans Wake**, by James Joyce. A brain-expanding 600-page Irish mythological cycle about falls and resurrections, fathers and sons, brothers and sisters, plus a few finer points of the birds and the bees. Warning: it's one big cryptic, dreamlike wordplay. Don't focus on specific words and sentences—instead, just drift along in it and pay attention to the vibes. The audiobook version is recommended, and you WILL need guides. Not for those who don't like the fun of language itself!

We have more recommended reading to peruse! We read a LOT in this club. A. WHOLE. LOT. Ready for more? Take a deep breath and dive into the *DRACO ALCHEMICUS* reading list:

<https://www.dragoncommonroom.com/behind-the-scenes>

FAQ:

Q: I came into the chat and posted about the latest Thing, just like on all the other right-wing Telegram channels. Why is everyone frowning at me?

A: We have a specific focus here at DCR, and although you will hear news items discussed regularly, we focus on analyzing them through specific lenses centered in God and scholarship rather than just complaining, trolling, or blackpillling. Watch the podcast and read more from the reading list, and then try discussing things based on what you learn there. *People come here to get educated and learn to fight in the culture war, not to do the usual right-wing circlejerk.* When in doubt, remember the refrain of the ancient internet discussion boards: “Lurk moar.”

Q: Do I have to be Catholic or Orthodox to participate?

A: No, but be ready and willing to learn and discuss lots of theology and symbolism from those schools of Christendom, and don't cause a ruckus. This is not the place to go at people you disagree with religiously, or to otherwise soapbox. If you can vibe and get along here, you're welcome. Don't be offended if people invite you to convert. They love you and aren't hating.

Q: But I want to soapbox. I'm the smartest person on the internet, and I need to correct the wrongs of the universe!

A: If you ignore warnings and soapbox anyway, be ready to fence fair, salute your opponent, have a thick skin, and be willing to drop the matter if asked to stop. You're among a scholarly crowd that is many leagues above the average chat room. **Remember that you are not in charge of this space.** If you can't have a grown-up discussion without causing drama, or if your antics derail the chat from its focus for an extended period, you will be mocked and probably banned. To appeal a ban, DM the Professor. Warning: your penance may require you to write poetry and present it to the group!

Q: You make poetry books? How do I join? Will I be required to contribute to books?

A: The Professor and the Drakes make the books, not the whole chat room. Membership in the Drakes is generally closed to new applicants until they finish the project they are working on. If you hang out enough, study enough, practice enough, get along well, are interested in participating, and can meet virtually with the Drakes once a week on Tuesday nights on Telegram, you may be able to secure an invitation to join next time the group is looking for talent. In the meantime, please feel free to make and share personal works of poetry and other appropriate art in the chat! If you want some direction in your personal study, the Professor or other members of the chat will be happy to direct you.

Q: You made it to the end of writing a guide on DCR and you didn't mention Milo??

A: Let's be real: if you found us, you know who our friend Milo Yiannopoulos is. Don't derail the chat with Milo gossip. He has his own chats for that. If any *major* Milo news comes out, let the regulars breach the topic before posting. The Professor decides how much of that is allowed.

The Mosaic Ark Movie List!

- *Pirates of the Caribbean* (all of them)
- *Jesus Christ Superstar*
- *Dune* and *Dune: Part II*
- *The Addams Family* (1991, with Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston)
- *Addams Family Values*
- *Shrek* (all of them)
- *Bridgerton* (2020 TV series)
- *Barbie*
- *Oppenheimer*