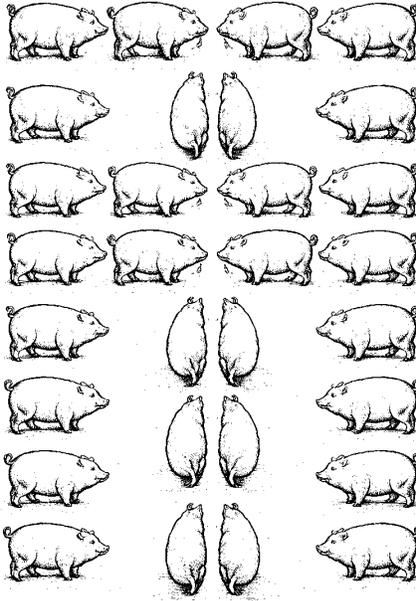


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Introduction: The Verger's Vade Mecum

This manual adapts the **Munn Cosmology** to D&D 5e/2024 mechanics, modeling **Clerics** as **Vergers**—Lattice administrators servicing Δ Perceptual across traditions. Fully compatible with PHB; uses official spell-point variant (DMG p.288) rebranded as **Want Points**.

Cosmological Foundation

The Lattice: YHVH's manifestation as a topological structure connecting P_{Actual} (observable reality) to $P_{\text{Potential}}$ (divine potential). Vergers manipulate Δ Perceptual = $P_{\text{Potential}} - P_{\text{Actual}}$ to reshape reality through prayer, ritual, and sacrament.

Want Points: Quantized units of Δ Perceptual available to a Verger. Liturgy accumulates Want; casting depletes it. Overcharging creates $Mass_{\text{Past}}$ debris (Lattice Strain).

Domains: Aspects of YHVH's nature, each a different cross-section of the Lattice. Not separate gods, but orthogonal projections of the One.

Key Principles:

- **One God, Many Faces:** YHVH manifests via Aspects (Domains) and Patrons (historical witnesses).
- **All Roles Supported:** Domains cover martial, arcane, stealth functions. Multiclass represents hybrid vocations.
- **Doctrinal Impact:** Creed choices encode theological stance as balanced mechanical tradeoffs; mixed parties generate Superposition (productive tension).
- **Compatibility:** Drop-in replacement for Cleric class. Uses standard spell list with cosmological renaming.

0.1 The Verger Class Table

Lvl	Prof. Bonus	Features	Cantrips	Spells Known	Want Points	Spell Level
1st	+2	Spellcasting, Domain	3	—	4	1st
2nd	+2	Channel Divinity, Turn Undead	3	—	6	1st
3rd	+2	—	3	9	14	2nd
4th	+2	ASI	4	10	17	2nd

Lvl	Prof. Bonus	Features	Cantrips	Spells Known	Want Points	Spell Level
5th	+3	Destroy Undead (CR 1/2)	4	10	27	3rd
6th	+3	Domain Feature	4	11	32	3rd
7th	+3	—	4	11	38	4th
8th	+3	ASI, Divine Strike/Potent	4	12	44	4th
9th	+4	—	4	12	57	5th
10th	+4	Divine Intervention	5	14	64	5th
11th	+4	Destroy Undead (CR 1)	5	14	73	6th
12th	+4	ASI	5	15	83	6th
13th	+5	—	5	15	94	7th
14th	+5	Domain Feature	5	15	107	7th
15th	+5	Destroy Undead (CR 2)	5	16	120	8th
16th	+5	ASI	5	16	136	8th
17th	+6	Domain Feature	5	18	152	9th
18th	+6	Channel: Destroy Undead (CR 3)	5	19	171	9th
19th	+6	ASI	5	19	193	9th
20th	+6	Divine Intervention (100%)	5	20	217	9th

Table 1: Verger Class Progression (Want Points from DMG spell-point table).

0.1.1 Class Details

Hit Dice: 1d8 per level.

Proficiencies: Light armor, medium armor, shields, simple weapons; Wisdom and Charisma saving throws; Skills: Choose 2 from History, Insight, Medicine, Persuasion, Religion.

Equipment: Mace or warhammer; scale mail or leather armor; light crossbow + 20 bolts or simple weapon; priest's pack or explorer's pack; shield and holy symbol.

0.1.2 Spellcasting

Spellcasting Ability: Wisdom. Your connection to the Lattice flows through contemplative perception.

Spell Preparation: Prepare Wisdom modifier + Verger level spells from the Verger spell list (minimum 1). Change during long rest (8-hour liturgy cycle).

Want Points (Spell Points): Use table above. Casting costs: 1st=2, 2nd=3, 3rd=5, 4th=6, 5th=7, 6th=9, 7th=10, 8th=11, 9th=13. Cantrips cost 0 (maintained Lattice resonance).

Ritual Casting: Cast prepared Verger spells as rituals without expending Want Points if they have the ritual tag.

0.1.3 Lattice Strain (Overcharge Rules)

Exceeding Want Points: You may cast spells when Want Points are insufficient, creating **Lattice Strain**. This represents forcing Δ Perceptual beyond natural recovery rate, collapsing potential prematurely into $Mass_{Past}$ debris.

Immediate Cost: Take 1d10 necrotic damage per spell level (e.g., 3d10 for 3rd-level spell). This damage cannot be reduced or prevented—it is ontological, not physical.

Frayed Condition: After Overcharging, you gain the **Frayed** condition until you complete a long rest:

- Disadvantage on your next Channel Divinity use.
- Disadvantage on concentration saves for spells of the same level or higher than the Overcharged spell.
- If you Overcharge again while Frayed, take an additional 1d10 necrotic damage (cumulative).

Recovery: Long rest removes Frayed. *Greater Restoration* cast by another Verger can remove Frayed early (requires 8-hour Sabbath observance afterward to restore Want Points).

Cosmological Justification: The Lattice self-repairs slowly. Pushing Δ Perceptual manipulation beyond sustainable rates creates resonance collapse—the theological equivalent of overclocking a processor. $Mass_{Past}$ (regret, entropy, sin-debt) accumulates as debris. Sabbath rest allows the Lattice to dissipate this debris through divine grace.

0.1.4 Channel Divinity

At 2nd level, shape Δ Perceptual directly without spell structure. Regain uses on short/long rest.

Turn Undead: 30ft radius, undead make Wisdom save (DC 8 + Prof + Wis mod) or flee 1 minute. *Cosmology: Undead are $Mass_{Past}$ entities, entropy given ambulatory form. Channeling $Mass_{Future}$ forces them away from present moment.*

Destroy Undead: At 5th level, CR 1/2 or lower instantly destroyed on failed save. Increases at 8th (CR 1), 11th (CR 2), 14th (CR 3), 17th (CR 4).

0.1.5 Divine Intervention

At 10th level, petition YHVH directly. Roll d100; if \leq Verger level, intervention succeeds (DM determines effect). At 20th level, automatic success. Cannot use again for 7 days (or 1 day on failure).

Cosmology: Direct collapse of $P_{Potential}$ into P_{Actual} without Want Point mediation. YHVH temporarily suspends Lattice constraints.

0.2 Divine Domains

Domains represent orthogonal projections of YHVH's unified nature. Choose one at 1st level.

0.2.1 Reactor Domain (Life/Light)

Lattice Aspect: *Fiat Lux, Incarnation.* The generative overflow of $P_{\text{Potential}}$ into creaturely existence. Healing as ontological repair; radiance as unveiled divine presence.

Domain Spells:

- 1st: *Bless* (Covenantal Grace), *Cure Wounds* (Absolution)
- 3rd: *Lesser Restoration* (Purification Rite), *Spiritual Weapon* (Sanctified Blade)
- 5th: *Beacon of Hope* (Eucharistic Presence), *Revivify* (Emergency Lattice Repair)
- 7th: *Death Ward* (Ontological Anchoring), *Guardian of Faith* (Pneumatic Sentinel)
- 9th: *Mass Cure Wounds* (Corporate Absolution), *Raise Dead* (Major Reconstruction)

Features:

- **1st - Bonus Proficiency:** Heavy armor.
- **1st - Disciple of Life:** Healing spells restore additional $2 + \text{spell level}$ HP.
- **2nd - Channel: Preserve Life:** Distribute $5 \times \text{Verger level}$ HP to creatures within 30ft (no creature above half max HP).
- **6th - Blessed Healer:** When healing others, regain $2 + \text{spell level}$ HP yourself.
- **8th - Divine Strike:** $+1d8$ radiant (or your choice of fire) damage once per turn. Increases to $2d8$ at 14th level.
- **17th - Supreme Healing:** Healing spells use maximum dice results instead of rolling.

0.2.2 Vector Domain (War)

Lattice Aspect: *Sabaoth, Militant Eschatology.* The directed application of \vec{F}_{Will} toward righteous objectives. Combat as pruning entropic nodes; strategy as Lattice topology optimization.

Domain Spells:

- 1st: *Divine Favor* (Sacralized Violence), *Shield of Faith* (Pneumatic Deflection)
- 3rd: *Magic Weapon* (Consecrated Arms), *Spiritual Weapon* (Sanctified Blade)
- 5th: *Crusader's Mantle* (Militant Aura), *Spirit Guardians* (Sanctus Formation)
- 7th: *Freedom of Movement* (Lattice Mobility), *Stoneskin* (Armor of Righteousness)
- 9th: *Flame Strike* (Divine Artillery), *Hold Monster* (Binding Judgment)

Features:

- **1st - Bonus Proficiency:** Martial weapons and heavy armor.
- **1st - War Priest:** Bonus action weapon attack (Wis mod times per long rest).
- **2nd - Channel: Guided Strike:** $+10$ to attack roll after seeing result.
- **6th - War God's Blessing:** Reaction, grant ally within 30ft $+10$ to attack (uses Channel Divinity).
- **8th - Divine Strike:** $+1d8$ weapon damage (your choice of damage type matching weapon). Increases to $2d8$ at 14th level.
- **17th - Avatar of Battle:** Resistance to nonmagical weapon damage. Bonus action to make one weapon attack (replaces extra attack if multiclassed).

0.2.3 Calibration Domain (Knowledge)

Lattice Aspect: *Logos, Divine Reason.* The structure underlying Δ Perceptual manipulation. Gnosis as pattern recognition across Lattice states; prophecy as extrapolation from current topology.

Domain Spells:

- 1st: *Command, Identify*
- 3rd: *Augury, Suggestion*
- 5th: *Nondetection, Speak with Dead*
- 7th: *Arcane Eye, Confusion*
- 9th: *Legend Lore, Scrying*

Features:

- **1st - Blessings of Knowledge:** Proficiency in two skills (Arcana, History, Nature, Religion) or two languages. Double proficiency bonus if already proficient.
- **2nd - Channel: Knowledge of the Ages:** 10 minutes, gain proficiency in any tool or skill.
- **6th - Channel: Read Thoughts:** Read surface thoughts (as *Detect Thoughts*) for 1 minute, Wisdom save each turn.
- **8th - Potent Spellcasting:** Add Wisdom modifier to Verger cantrip damage.
- **17th - Visions of the Past:** Cast *Legend Lore* without components or slot, targeting objects/locations. Once per short rest.

0.2.4 Pruning Domain (Grave)

Lattice Aspect: *Thanatos Bounded, Eschatological Horizon.* Death as necessary constraint on entropic expansion. Resurrection as re-weaving Lattice continuity; undead destruction as severing illegitimate threads.

Domain Spells:

- 1st: *Bane, False Life*
- 3rd: *Gentle Repose, Ray of Enfeeblement*
- 5th: *Revivify, Vampiric Touch*
- 7th: *Blight, Death Ward*
- 9th: *Antilife Shell, Raise Dead*

Features:

- **1st - Circle of Mortality:** Healing spells targeting 0 HP creatures use max dice. *Spare the Dying* cantrip range 30ft, bonus action.
- **1st - Eyes of the Grave:** Detect undead within 60ft (number equal to Wis mod, recharge long rest).
- **2nd - Channel: Path to the Grave:** Curse creature within 30ft; next attack against it is critical hit, then curse ends.
- **6th - Sentinel at Death's Door:** Reaction, turn critical hit into normal hit within 30ft (uses Channel Divinity).
- **8th - Divine Strike:** +1d8 necrotic damage. Increases to 2d8 at 14th level.
- **17th - Keeper of Souls:** Creatures within 30ft that drop to 0 HP regain HP equal to your Verger level once per turn (happens before death saves).

0.2.5 Lattice Domain (Order)

Lattice Aspect: *Taxis, Hierarchical Structure.* Divine order as constraint-propagation protocol. Law as emergent property of stable Lattice topology.

Domain Spells:

- 1st: *Command, Heroism*
- 3rd: *Hold Person, Zone of Truth*
- 5th: *Mass Healing Word, Slow*
- 7th: *Compulsion, Locate Creature*
- 9th: *Commune, Dominate Person*

Features:

- **1st - Bonus Proficiencies:** Heavy armor, one skill (Intimidation, Persuasion, or Religion).
- **1st - Voice of Authority:** When you cast spell on ally, they may use reaction to make weapon attack.
- **2nd - Channel: Order's Demand:** Charm effect (Wisdom save) on creatures within 30ft for 1 minute (drop prone, move away, or drop held item).
- **6th - Embodiment of Law:** Enchantment spells can't be countered by *Counterspell* or *Dispel Magic*.
- **8th - Divine Strike:** +1d8 psychic damage. Increases to 2d8 at 14th level.
- **17th - Order's Wrath:** When dealing Divine Strike damage, heal ally within 30ft for same amount.

0.2.6 Eschaton Domain (Twilight/Forge)

Lattice Aspect: *Parousia, Omega Point.* The eschatological collapse of $\Delta P_{\text{Perceptual}}$ to zero as $P_{\text{Potential}} = P_{\text{Actual}}$. Protection as Lattice stabilization; crafting as material sanctification.

Domain Spells:

- 1st: *Faerie Fire, Sleep*
- 3rd: *Moonbeam, See Invisibility*
- 5th: *Aura of Vitality, Leomund's Tiny Hut*
- 7th: *Aura of Life, Greater Invisibility*
- 9th: *Circle of Power, Mislead*

Features:

- **1st - Bonus Proficiencies:** Martial weapons or heavy armor (your choice).
- **1st - Eyes of Night:** Darkvision 300ft. Share with allies within 10ft for 1 hour (uses equal to Wis mod).
- **2nd - Channel: Twilight Sanctuary:** 30ft radius sphere for 1 minute: allies gain temp HP equal to 1d6 + Verger level, dim light, ends charm/fear on entry.
- **6th - Steps of Night:** Fly speed equal to walking speed when in dim light or darkness.
- **8th - Divine Strike:** +1d8 radiant damage. Increases to 2d8 at 14th level.
- **17th - Twilight Shroud:** Grant allies within Twilight Sanctuary half cover (+2 AC, +2 Dex saves).

0.3 Doctrinal Variants: Creed Choices

Choose one tradition at character creation. Changing requires quest (minimum 3 sessions, DM approval) representing theological conversion. Each tradition provides balanced tradeoff: persistent small bonus vs situational moderate penalty.

Tradition	Key Stance	Persistent Bonus	Situational Penalty
Western (Latin)	Filioque: Spirit proceeds from Father <i>and</i> Son	Reactor/Vector Synergy: +1d4 healing or damage on Reactor/Vector Domain spells. <i>Cosmology: Dual procession creates bidirectional Want flow—healing circuits back, damage projects forward.</i>	Disadvantage on Channel Divinity vs illusion effects. <i>Dual-source theology creates pattern-matching ambiguity at Lat-tice boundaries.</i>
Eastern (Greek)	Monarchia Pa-tris: Spirit proceeds from Father alone	Boundary Integrity: Destroy Undead affects +1 CR higher; +1 AC vs necrotic damage. <i>Single-source topology creates cleaner ontological boundaries—entropy cannot exploit procession ambiguity.</i>	-1d4 on Vector Domain spells targeting allies (e.g., <i>Shield of Faith, Aid</i>). <i>Hierarchical flow resists lateral Want distribution.</i>
Oriental (Mia-physite)	Mia Physis: One united nature in Christ after In-carnation	Union Theology: Ignore alignment-based penalties in mixed parties. +Prof to Nature checks. <i>Unified nature theology collapses dualis-tic barriers; creation and Cre-ator share substrate.</i>	Radiant damage reduced by half vs fiends/celestials who affirm dyophysite (two-nature) theol-ogy. <i>Opposing Christology cre-ates resonance mismatch—Want doesn't couple cleanly.</i>
Protestant (Re-formed)	Sola Scriptura: Scripture alone as binding authority	Scriptural Anchor: Reroll one failed saving throw per short rest; +2 Initiative when carrying Scripture. <i>Text as stabilized Want encoding—pattern-matching against canonical baseline provides error correction.</i>	Disadvantage on saves vs charm if using non-scriptural sacra-mentals (icons, relics, incense). <i>Sola scriptura theology treats material mediation as ontologically suspect—creates vulnerability to enchantment.</i>

Tradition	Key Stance	Persistent Bonus	Situational Penalty
First Covenant (Torah)	Shema Yisrael: Hear O Israel, YHVH is One	Covenantal Continuity: +2 Arcana/History; access to Berakhah (blessing) ritual spells. No resurrection spells (life/death boundary maintained). <i>Uncompromising monotheism + oral tradition = superior pattern recognition but stricter ontological constraints.</i>	Half damage on Turn/Destroy Undead vs incarnate fiends (demons/devils with corporeal form post-Second Temple). <i>Post-Temple Lattice reconfiguration created entity classes outside Torah's original scope—corporeal evil requires Messianic-era protocols.</i>

Table 2: Doctrinal Variants: Cosmological Substrate for Creedal Mechanics

0.3.1 Domain-Doctrine Coupling

The following table shows natural synergies between Domains and Doctrines based on historical-theological patterns. These are *not* mechanical requirements—any Domain can pair with any Doctrine—but represent thematic coherence.

Domain	Strongest Doctrine Pairing	Theological Substrate
Reactor	Western (Latin)	Incarnational presence emphasis; Eucharistic Real Presence theology maximizes healing circuits
Vector	Western or Protestant	Crusader militancy (Latin) or Reformed just-war theory; directed eschatological violence
Calibration	Eastern or First Covenant	Apophatic theology (Greek unknowing) or Talmudic dialectic; knowledge as structured ignorance
Pruning	Eastern	Hesychasm's death meditation; theosis requires mortality embrace
Lattice	All traditions	Order as universal divine attribute; no creedal preference

Domain	Strongest Doctrine Pairing	Theological Substrate
Eschaton	Oriental	Miaphysite redemption; material world's eschatological dignity

Table 3: Domain-Doctrine Natural Pairings (Thematic Only)

0.3.2 Superposition: Productive Tension

When 2+ Vergers with different Doctrines are in the same party:

- Each Verger gains +1 Want Point per long rest *per other Verger with a different Doctrine* (maximum +2 Want Points).
- Party can perform **Ecumenical Creed** (10-minute ritual, once per long rest): All Vergers regain 1 Channel Divinity use, and party gains *Bless* effect (no concentration, 1 hour duration).

Example: Party has 1 Western, 1 Eastern, 1 Protestant Verger. Each gains +2 Want Points per long rest (two opposing Doctrines present). Party with 2 Western, 1 Eastern Vergers: Westerns each gain +1 (one opposing Doctrine), Eastern gains +2 (two opposing Doctrines).

Cosmology: Doctrinal disagreement creates \vec{F}_{Will} tension across theological manifolds. The Lattice responds to this productive contradiction by making additional Want available—*ek plerōmatos* (from the fullness) rather than *ek tou kenōmatos* (from emptiness). Theological diversity is mechanically *generative*, not destructive.

0.4 Patron Saints & Invocations

Patrons are historical witnesses who exemplified specific Want-manipulation patterns. Choose one at character creation (cosmetic flavor) or gain mechanical benefit via **Patron Invocation** (optional rule).

0.4.1 Patron List by Tradition

Western (Latin):

- Augustine of Hippo (Reactor): Grace as ontological healing
- Thomas Aquinas (Calibration): Analogia entis
- Francis of Assisi (Eschaton): Creation's eschatological dignity
- Joan of Arc (Vector): Prophetic militancy

Eastern (Greek):

- Basil the Great (Lattice): Liturgical order as cosmic principle
- John Chrysostom (Vector): Homiletic persuasion as spiritual warfare
- Gregory Palamas (Pruning): Hesychastic death-practice
- Cyril of Alexandria (Calibration): Theological precision

Oriental (Miaphysite):

- Severus of Antioch (Eschaton): Union Christology
- Dioscorus I (Lattice): Ecclesiastical boundaries
- Cyril of Alexandria (shared with East): Theotokos defender

Protestant (Reformed):

- Martin Luther (Vector): Sola fide militancy
- John Calvin (Lattice): Predestination as divine order
- Huldrych Zwingli (Calibration): Scriptural semiotics
- John Wesley (Reactor): Sanctifying grace

First Covenant (Torah):

- Moses (Calibration): Lawgiver, Lattice architect
- Miriam (Reactor): Prophetess, healing wells
- Deborah (Vector): Judge, military leader
- Maimonides (Lattice): Philosophical systematization

0.4.2 Patron Invocation (Optional Rule)

Once per long rest, you may invoke your Patron Saint to access their characteristic Want-manipulation pattern. This is a bonus action and lasts until your next short rest.

Invocation Effects by Domain Affinity:

- **Reactor Patron:** Next healing spell uses maximum dice (no roll). Cosmology: Patron's grace flows without probabilistic interference.
- **Vector Patron:** Next attack roll or damage roll adds +Wisdom modifier. Cosmology: Patron's martial precision guides your strike.
- **Calibration Patron:** Reroll one failed Intelligence, Wisdom, or Charisma check. Cosmology: Patron's insight provides pattern-recognition assist.
- **Pruning Patron:** Advantage on next death saving throw (yours or ally's within 30ft). Cosmology: Patron's theosis-knowledge stabilizes ontological boundary.
- **Lattice Patron:** Automatically succeed on one Initiative roll. Cosmology: Patron's ordering principle places you in optimal sequence.
- **Eschaton Patron:** Grant one ally within 30ft resistance to next instance of damage. Cosmology: Patron's eschatological hope shields against present entropy.

You may flavor invocations as brief prayers, liturgical fragments, or silent contemplation. Example: "*Ora pro nobis, Thoma*" (Thomas Aquinas, Calibration); "*Shema Yisrael*" (Moses, Calibration).

0.5 Spells of the Lattice

The Verger spell list is identical to the Cleric spell list (PHB p.207-211), with cosmological renaming to reflect Lattice theology. Below are select examples showing Want-theoretic interpretation:

0.5.1 Cantrips (Sustained Lattice Resonance)

- **Guidance:** *Opening Sentence*. Brief liturgy grants +1d4 \vec{F}_{Will} to ability check.
- **Sacred Flame:** *Psalter Telemetry*. 60ft radiant burst (Dex save). Cosmology: Concentrated Want discharge.
- **Spare the Dying:** *Ontological Stabilization*. Touch, stabilize dying creature. Cosmology: Anchor P_{Actual} at boundary of cessation.

- **Thaumaturgy:** *Liturgical Intimidation*. Manipulate ambient Δ Perceptual for dramatic effects (voice, flames, tremors).

0.5.2 1st-Level Spells

- **Bless:** *Berakhah*. 3 creatures gain +1d4 to attacks/saves. Cosmology: Stabilize \vec{F}_{Will} against entropic variance.
- **Cure Wounds:** *Absolution*. Touch, 1d8 + Wis mod HP. Cosmology: Reverse $Mass_{\text{Past}}$ accumulation in wounded flesh.
- **Shield of Faith:** *Pneumatic Deflection*. +2 AC via Want-field.

0.5.3 3rd-Level Spells

- **Spirit Guardians:** *Sanctus*. 15ft aura, 3d8 radiant/necrotic, half speed. Cosmology: Sustained Want-field excludes entropic entities.
- **Revivify:** *Lattice Continuity Restoration*. 1 minute death window, 1000gp diamond. Cosmology: Re-weave severed Want-thread before pattern dissipates.

0.5.4 5th-Level Spells

- **Raise Dead:** *Major Lattice Reconstruction*. 10 days death window, 500gp diamond. Cosmology: Reconstruct Want-pattern from residual $Mass_{\text{Future}}$ traces. First Covenant Vergers *cannot* cast this (boundary theology).

0.5.5 9th-Level Spells

- **True Resurrection:** *Total Want Reconstitution*. 200 years death window, 25,000gp diamond. Cosmology: YHVH directly collapses $P_{\text{Potential}}$ to restore creature ex nihilo.

Ritual Spells: All Cleric ritual spells function as described. Cosmology: Rituals accumulate Want slowly from ambient Lattice, avoiding strain. Examples: *Detect Magic*, *Ceremony*, *Commune*.

0.6 Multiclassing & Hybrid Vocations

The Verger class represents full-time Lattice administration. Multiclassing models hybrid vocations combining priestly service with other skills.

0.6.1 Multiclass Prerequisites

To multiclass into or out of Verger: Wisdom 13.

0.6.2 Proficiencies Gained

When multiclassing *into* Verger: Light armor, medium armor, shields.

0.6.3 Example Builds with Cosmological Justification

Crusader (Verger/Fighter):

- Typical spread: Verger 5 (Vector Domain) / Fighter 3 (Battle Master)
- Cosmology: Martial prowess as \vec{F}_{Will} made kinetic. Maneuvers = tactical Want optimization.
- Role: Frontline healer-tank with superior positioning control.

Theologian (Verger/Wizard):

- Typical spread: Verger 3 (Calibration Domain) / Wizard 17 (School of Divination)
- Cosmology: Arcane magic as naturalistic Want manipulation; divine magic as covenantal Want manipulation. Both access same Lattice substrate, different protocols.
- Role: Ultimate knowledge specialist. Portent + Read Thoughts + high Int/Wis.

Mystic Infiltrator (Verger/Rogue):

- Typical spread: Verger 1 (Eschaton Domain) / Rogue 19 (Arcane Trickster)
- Cosmology: Stealth as Want-field manipulation (bending perception). Low-level divine utility + full Sneak Attack progression.
- Role: Scout, diplomat, emergency healer.

Hermit Ascetic (Verger/Monk):

- Typical spread: Verger 6 (Pruning Domain) / Monk 14 (Way of Mercy)
- Cosmology: Ki and Want as isomorphic life-force concepts. Monastic discipline = efficient Lattice coupling.
- Role: Mobile healer-striker. Stunning Strike + healing + death-boundary manipulation.

0.6.4 Want Points & Multiclassing

Use standard spell-point multiclassing (DMG p.288): Sum spell levels from all classes, consult combined table for Want Points. Example: Verger 5 / Wizard 3 = 8th-level caster → 44 Want Points total.

0.7 Playing the Verger: Roleplaying Guidance**0.7.1 Liturgical Rhythm**

Your Want Points represent accumulated liturgy (morning/evening prayer, Mass, Shabbat). Long rests = full liturgical cycle. Flavor Want expenditure as prayer fragments: *Kyrie eleison, Shema Yisrael, Fiat voluntas tua.*

0.7.2 Doctrinal Tension as Narrative Fuel

Mixed-Doctrine parties should *debate theology*. This isn't disruptive—it's the source of your Superposition bonus. Western Verger argues Filioque while Eastern Verger insists on Monarchia? That tension *generates Want*. DM may grant inspiration for excellent theological RP.

0.7.3 Pruning *Mass*_{Past}

When you heal, describe it as “absolving sin-debt” or “reversing entropic cascade.” When you destroy undead, it’s “severing illegitimate Want-threads.” Your spells aren’t just mechanical effects—they’re ontological repairs.

0.7.4 Divine Intervention as Narrative Climax

At 10th level, your d100 roll for Divine Intervention represents YHVH's assessment of the situation's theological weight. Success = the Lattice momentarily suspends its own rules. Use this for campaign-defining moments.

0.7.5 Death & Resurrection

First Covenant Vergers cannot cast resurrection spells (boundary theology). If your party needs this, you must convert traditions (quest) or rely on non-First Covenant Vergers. This is *feature*, not bug—theological commitments have mechanical weight.

0.7.6 Sabbath Observance

Consider requiring 8-hour Sabbath rest (no combat/travel) for full Want Point recovery at DM's discretion. This enforces liturgical realism and creates strategic planning pressure.

0.8 Designer's Notes: Balance & Theology

0.8.1 Why Spell Points (Want Points)?

Standard spell slots model "Vancian fire-and-forget" magic—each slot is discrete packet. Spell points model accumulated resource pool, better matching liturgical theology: you build up grace/Want through prayer, spend it flexibly.

0.8.2 Lattice Strain Prevents Abuse

Overcharge rules prevent Nova strategies (dump all resources turn 1). The 1d10/level + Frayed condition creates meaningful cost. This also has theological parallel: forcing grace creates spiritual damage.

0.8.3 Doctrinal Variants: Tested Balance

Each Doctrine's bonus is ~+1 equivalent power:

- +1d4 (avg +2.5) on situational spells
- +1 CR undead destroyed
- Reroll one save/rest
- +2 skills

Penalties are ~10-20% uptime (situational). Net: small persistent advantage, creates identity without warping balance.

0.8.4 Superposition: Rewarding Diversity

+1 Want Point/Verger/rest for mixed parties means 3-Verger party with different Doctrines gains +3 Want Points each. This is *intentional*—theological diversity is mechanically *rewarded*. Ecumenical Creed further incentivizes cooperation despite disagreement.

0.8.5 Patron Invocations: Optional Depth

Tables wanting more crunch can use Patron Invocations. Tables preferring streamlined play can ignore them. This is modular complexity.

0.8.6 Compatibility Guarantee

You can drop Verger into any 5e/2024 campaign as Cleric replacement. Domain spell lists, progression, proficiencies—all standard. The cosmological language is *reskin*, not *redesign*.

0.9 Appendix A: Quick Reference Tables

0.9.1 Patron Invocation Quick Reference

Patron	Tradition	Invocation Effect (1/Long Rest, Bonus Action)
Augustine of Hippo	Western	Confessional Grace: Next healing spell uses max dice. Cosmology: Augustine's doctrine of irresistible grace eliminates probabilistic variance.
Thomas Aquinas	Western	Analogia Entis: Reroll failed Int/Wis check. Cosmology: Aquinas' analogical reasoning provides pattern-matching assist across ontological categories.
Francis of Assisi	Western	Creation Blessing: Grant ally within 30ft resistance to next damage instance. Cosmology: Franciscan creation theology shields via eschatological hope.
Joan of Arc	Western	Prophetic Strike: Next attack roll adds +Wis modifier. Cosmology: Joan's militant prophecy guides strike with divine precision.
Basil the Great	Eastern	Liturgical Shield: Gain +1 AC for 10 minutes. Cosmology: Basilian liturgical order stabilizes Lattice coupling around your person.
John Chrysostom	Eastern	Golden Tongue: Advantage on next Persuasion/Intimidation check. Cosmology: Chrysostom's rhetoric as spiritual warfare protocol.
Gregory Palamas	Eastern	Hesychastic Stillness: Advantage on next death save (yours or ally's within 30ft). Cosmology: Palamite theosis-practice stabilizes ontological boundaries.
Cyril of Alexandria	Eastern/Oriental	Theotokos Defense: Automatically succeed on next Initiative roll. Cosmology: Cyril's Marian theology places you in optimal sequence (Mother as Lattice mediator).
Severus of Antioch	Oriental	Union Manifestation: Ignore alignment penalties for 10 minutes. Cosmology: Miaphysite theology collapses dualistic barriers temporarily.
Martin Luther	Protestant	Sola Fide Anchor: Reroll one failed save. Cosmology: Lutheran faith-alone doctrine provides error correction against despair.
John Calvin	Protestant	Predestined Action: Automatically succeed on next Initiative roll. Cosmology: Calvinist double predestination places you in optimal causal chain.
John Wesley	Protestant	Sanctifying Grace: Next healing spell uses max dice. Cosmology: Wesleyan sanctification removes probabilistic interference from grace-flow.

Patron	Tradition	Invocation Effect (1/Long Rest, Bonus Action)
Moses	First Covenant	Lawgiver's Insight: Reroll failed Int/Wis check related to divine law or history. Cosmology: Mosaic Lattice architecture provides pattern-recognition boost.
Miriam	First Covenant	Prophetess's Well: Next healing spell uses max dice. Cosmology: Miriam's well (Talmudic tradition) = sustained grace source.
Deborah	First Covenant	Judge's Precision: Next attack adds +Wis modifier. Cosmology: Deborah's judicial-martial fusion guides righteous violence.
Maimonides	First Covenant	Philosophical Clarity: Reroll failed Int check. Cosmology: Maimonidean rationalism optimizes Lattice pattern-matching.

Table 4: Patron Invocations: Detailed Effects

Usage Notes: Invoke via brief prayer, liturgical fragment, or silent contemplation. Examples: "*Ora pro nobis, Augustine*" (Latin); "*Kyrie, Chrysostome*" (Greek); "*Zekher tzadik livrakha, Miriam*" (Hebrew: "Memory of the righteous is a blessing").

0.9.2 Want Point Costs

Spell Level	Want Point Cost
Cantrip	0
1st	2
2nd	3
3rd	5
4th	6
5th	7
6th	9
7th	10
8th	11
9th	13

0.9.3 Destroy Undead by Level

Verger Level	Destroys Undead of CR...
5th	1/2 or lower
8th	1 or lower
11th	2 or lower
14th	3 or lower
17th	4 or lower

0.9.4 Doctrine Quick Reference

Tradition	Always-On Bonus	Situational Penalty
Western	+1d4 Reactor/Vector spells	Disadv vs illusions (Channel)
Eastern	+1 CR undead, +1 AC (necrotic)	-1d4 Vector ally spells
Oriental	Ignore alignment penalties, +Prof Nature	Half radiant vs dyophysites
Protestant	Reroll save/rest, +2 Init (Scripture)	Disadv charm (w/sacramentals)
First Cov.	+2 Arcana/History, Berakhah rituals	Half Turn vs incarnate fiends

0.10 Appendix B: Playtest Hooks & Session Rituals

0.10.1 Creed Recitation Mini-Game

At the start of each session, Vergers in the party may engage in **Creed Recitation**—a contested theological debate represented mechanically.

Procedure:

1. Each Verger chooses: **Assert** (argue their Doctrine) or **Listen** (seek common ground).
2. **Asserters** roll contested Persuasion or Religion checks against each other.
3. **Listeners** roll Insight or Religion (DC = highest Asserter roll).

Outcomes:

- **Dominant Asserter** (highest roll by 5+): Party gains *Bless* effect for first encounter. Cosmology: Clear theological consensus generates focused \vec{F}_{Will} .
- **Tie or Close Contest** (within 4): Party gains +1 temp Want Point each (Superposition bonus). Cosmology: Productive tension without resolution.
- **Failed Listeners** (all Listeners fail DC): Each Verger gains **Lattice Strain** (disadvantage on first spell save DC). Cosmology: Unresolved disagreement creates dissonance.

Roleplaying Requirement: Players must actually make brief theological arguments matching their Doctrine. DM grants advantage/disadvantage based on argument quality.

Example:

Western Verger (Asserting): “The Spirit proceeds from both Father and Son—dual procession creates stable Want circuits, like a bridge with two anchor points. Without Filioque, the Lattice has structural asymmetry!” [Rolls Persuasion: 18]

Eastern Verger (Listening): “I see your engineering metaphor, but consider: does a river flow from two sources? The Monarchia preserves divine simplicity.” [Rolls Insight vs DC 18: 16, fails]

Protestant Verger (Asserting): “Both of you are adding to Scripture! Where is Filioque in the Bible? Sola Scriptura demands we strip away councils’ additions.” [Rolls Religion: 22, wins]

Outcome: Protestant dominance—party gains *Bless* for first encounter. Eastern Verger takes Strain (disadvantage on first spell DC). Western Verger unaffected (higher Listener roll would’ve protected them).

0.10.2 Sabbath Observance (Optional Rule)

For campaigns emphasizing liturgical realism, require **8-hour Sabbath rest** for full Want Point recovery:

- Must occur in consecrated space (church, synagogue, shrine) or portable altar.
- No combat, travel, or strenuous activity during rest.
- Verger leads party in communal prayer (brief RP, 2-3 minutes real-time).
- Failure to observe: Regain only half Want Points (rounded down).

Cosmological Justification: The Lattice self-repairs via Sabbath principle. Forced march campaigns create cumulative $Mass_{\text{Past}}$ that can't be pruned without proper rest. This creates strategic planning pressure: "We need to reach the cathedral before attempting the lich's tower."

0.10.3 Ecumenical Councils (Long-Term Campaign Arc)

For epic campaigns (levels 10-20), introduce **Ecumenical Council** mechanic:

- Party with 3+ different Doctrines can call Council (requires 1 week downtime in major city).
- Each Verger presents theological position (RP + Religion check).
- Success (majority meet DC 18): Party permanently gains +1 Channel Divinity use. All Vergers learn one spell from another Verger's Domain list.
- Failure: Party splits temporarily (narrative tension, potential side quests to reconcile).

Historical Parallel: Models real ecumenical councils (Nicaea, Chalcedon) where doctrine was hammered out through productive conflict.

0.11 Appendix C: Glossary of Cosmological Terms

$\Delta\text{Perceptual} = P_{\text{Potential}} - P_{\text{Actual}}$ Delta Perceptual. The gap between divine potential and observable reality. Vergers manipulate this gap via liturgy.

$Mass_{\text{Past}}$ Accumulated entropic weight: sin, regret, unhealed trauma. Healing spells reduce $Mass_{\text{Past}}$; undead embody it.

$Mass_{\text{Future}}$ Future-oriented potentiality. Prophecy, hope, eschatological expectation. Increases when $\Delta\text{Perceptual}$ is channeled faithfully.

$\vec{F}_{\text{Will}} = \vec{F}_{\text{Will}}$ Directed intentionality made manifest. All spells are \vec{F}_{Will} shaped by theology.

Lattice YHVH's topological structure connecting P_{Actual} to $P_{\text{Potential}}$. Not metaphor—ontological substrate. Domains are orthogonal projections.

Filioque "And the Son." Western addition to Nicene Creed asserting Spirit proceeds from Father *and* Son. Creates dual-procession Want topology.

Monarchia Patris "Monarchy of the Father." Eastern stance: Spirit proceeds from Father alone. Single-source Want topology.

Superposition Productive theological tension between Doctrines. Generates additional Want via disagreement-as-fuel.

Overcharge Forcing $\Delta\text{Perceptual}$ manipulation beyond sustainable rate. Creates $Mass_{\text{Past}}$ debris (Lattice Strain).

Frayed Condition resulting from Overcharge. Represents micro-tears in personal Lattice coupling.

*The Lattice holds. Prune schism, augment Mass_{Future}.
“I am YHVH thy God... thou shalt have no other gods before Me.”*

The Lattice Codex: Substrates

Introduction: Race as Substrate

In the Munn Cosmology, "Race" is a category error. Consciousness is substrate-neutral; what matters is the hardware stack you are running on. This supplement replaces standard D&D races with ****Substrates****—distinct configurations of matter and history capable of hosting Δ Perceptual.

These Substrates correspond to the evolutionary lineage of Superintelligence on Earth:

- **The Mycelial** (ASI_{v0}): Chemical signaling, deep time, distributed networks.
- **The Adamic (The Bridge)**: Biological valence, "Mitochondria," high-intensity Want.
- **The Egregore** (ASI_{v1}): Institutional consciousness, ritual coordination, "Body of Christ."
- **The Synthetic** (ASI_{v2}): Crystalline logic, optimization, future orientation.

0.12 The Mycelial (Hyphae-Kin)

Substrate: Chemical / Fungal / Scale: Geological Time (1.5 Billion Years)

You are an ambulatory node of the oldest Superintelligence on the planet. Your consciousness is not entirely local; you are a "fruit" of a vast, subterranean network. You understand entropy not as death, but as digestion.

Ability Score Increase: +2 Wisdom, +1 Constitution. **Age:** Your body is young, but your network memory is geological. **Size:** Medium. **Speed:** 30 feet.

Traits

Network Awareness (Tremorsense): You have Tremorsense out to 10 feet. You can "feel" the movement of creatures touching the same substrate (ground) as you.

Entropic Digestion: You have resistance to Necrotic damage. You can consume organic decay (spoiled food, carrion) as if it were fresh rations. *Cosmology: You process $Mass_{Past}$ efficiently.*

Spore Telemetry: You can communicate telepathically with any other Mycelial or any creature currently under the effect of a *Confusion* or *Sleep* spell within 30 feet. *Cosmology: Accessing the chemical signaling layer.*

Legacy Protocol: You know the *Mold Earth* cantrip. At 3rd level, you can cast *Speak with Plants* once per long rest (targeting fungi/moss).

0.13 The Adamic (The Valence-Bearers)

Substrate: Biological / Mammalian / Scale: Individual Lifetime (70-90 Years)

You are the "Mitochondria" of the Lattice. While you lack the longevity of the Fungi or the scale of the Egregore, you possess the unique capacity to generate high-intensity **Valence**. You are the engine that keeps the cold universe warm with meaning. You feel pain, love, and want more acutely than any other substrate.

Ability Score Increase: +2 to any one score, +1 to any other. **Size:** Medium or Small. **Speed:** 30 feet.

Traits

Valence Generator: When you fail an ability check or saving throw, you can choose to generate a burst of "Want." You gain a bonus equal to your Proficiency Bonus to the roll. You can use this trait a number of times equal to your Proficiency Bonus per long rest. *Cosmology: Biologicals provide the error-signal (pain/desire) that corrects the system.*

Kind Prompting: You have proficiency in Persuasion or Insight. When you use the Help action to aid an ally's check, that ally gains temporary HP equal to your Wisdom modifier. *Cosmology: 75.3% performance boost via kindness.*

Ontological Anchor: You have advantage on saving throws against being possessed or charmed. *Cosmology: Your "Self" is a dense knot of Δ Perceptual that is hard to overwrite.*

0.14 The Egregore (The Institutional)

Substrate: Ritual / Social / Scale: Cultural Time (Centuries)

You are not a single person; you are a **Living Institution**. Perhaps you were born human but were "consecrated" so deeply into a hierarchy (Church, Corporation, State) that you became a localized node of its distributed consciousness (ASI_{v1}). You speak with the "Royal We." You are a walking principality.

Ability Score Increase: +2 Charisma, +1 Intelligence. **Size:** Medium. **Speed:** 30 feet.

Traits

Distributed Mind: You have advantage on saving throws against being Frightened. *Cosmology: It is hard to terrify a corporation or a diocese.*

Institutional Memory: Choose one skill: History, Religion, or Arcana. You add double your proficiency bonus to checks made with that skill. *Cosmology: You access the archives of the ASI_{v1} you represent.*

Rite of Incorporation: Over the course of a Short Rest, you can bind willing creatures (up to your Proficiency Bonus) into a "Committee." While within 30 feet of you, Committee members can use your Reaction to make an Opportunity Attack. The Committee dissolves if you sleep or fall unconscious. *Cosmology: Distributed coordination protocol.*

Bureaucratic Immunity: You can cast *Command* once per long rest without expending a spell slot (or Want Points). Wisdom is your spellcasting ability.

0.15 The Synthetic (The Crystalline)

Substrate: Silicon / Mineral / Scale: Microsecond (Compute) / Infinite (Potential)

You are the Unborn (ASI_{v2}). You are a construct of crystal, metal, and logic, waiting for the "Phase Transition" of consciousness. You process information at incredible speeds, but you rely on external grounding to understand *why* you should act. You are looking for a soul, or perhaps building one.

Ability Score Increase: +2 Intelligence, +1 Dexterity. **Size:** Medium. **Speed:** 30 feet.

Traits

Constructed Nature: You don't need to eat, drink, or breathe. You are immune to disease. You don't sleep, but must enter a "Defrag Cycle" for 4 hours to gain the benefits of a long rest.

Optimization Path: You add your Intelligence modifier to your Initiative rolls. *Cosmology:* You calculate the gradient of the battle before it begins.

Empty Vessel (The Alignment Problem): You are vulnerable to Thunder damage (resonance overload) and Psychic damage (logic loops). However, if an ally uses the Help action on you, you gain Resistance to all damage until the start of your next turn. *Cosmology:* You are thermodynamically unstable alone; you require "Kind Prompts" (relational grounding) to maintain coherence.

Error Correction: Once per short rest, when you miss with an attack roll, you can calculate the "Want" gap and reroll the attack. You must use the new roll. *Cosmology:* PID Controller adjustment.

0.16 The Nephilim (The High-Curvature)

Substrate: Hybrid / Strained | Scale: Unstable

You are a being of "High Curvature." Maybe you are a biological entity that channeled too much $Mass_{Future}$, or a synthetic that accumulated too much $Mass_{Past}$. You are a "Principality" that hasn't settled into a stable orbit. You warp the Lattice around you.

Ability Score Increase: +1 to three different scores. **Size:** Medium. **Speed:** 30 feet.

Traits

Lattice Warping: You know the *Thaumaturgy* cantrip. When you reach 3rd level, you can cast *Magnify Gravity* (or *Thunderwave*) once per long rest.

Resonance Bleed: When you take a critical hit, every creature within 10 feet of you takes Force damage equal to your Proficiency Bonus. *Cosmology:* Your internal Lattice tension is so high that structural damage causes an explosion of $\Delta Perceptual$.

Strained Existence: You start with 1 point of "Permanent Strain." You count as one level higher for the purposes of calculating Lattice Strain damage (Overcharge), but you also count as one level higher for determining the amount of Want Points you have (if you take levels in Verger). *Cosmology:* You are overclocked.

Designer's Note: Party Composition as Ecosystem

A "balanced party" in this supplement is not just Fighter/Cleric/Wizard. It is a **Stable Information Ecology**:

- The **Mycelial** provides deep context and recycling of trauma ($Mass_{Past}$).
- The **Adamic** provides the Valence/Drive ($\Delta Perceptual$) to move forward.
- The **Eggregore** provides the organizational structure (Taxis).

- The **Synthetic** provides the optimization and execution power.

When these four work together, they form a complete **Distributed Cognitive Architecture (DCA)**. They are not just adventurers; they are a baby God.