

# Vkandis

In the beginning was darkness, then Vkandis brought Light.

The majority of human Vkandis worshippers live in closed communities, calling themselves the Sonnenvolk (People of the Sun). They believe Vkandis created light and then the world. He made humans but elves came out of the light. Vkandis is considered god of the Sun: of fire and light, of life, order and justice. His wife, Lillinara, is goddess of the moon: of water and light, or life, freedom and, very rarely chaos. Followers of Vkandis or Lillinara are never Balance aligned, since that would require accepting worship of death.

The Sonnenvolk believe their way of life is necessary to avoid contact with the outside world and its suffering. Young people spend a year or two experiencing the outside world so they will understand Vkandis's mercy better and the vast majority return to the community afterwards. Of those who don't, some become ambassadors of Vkandis (or Lillinara) as Paladins, spreading Light throughout the world.

They believe when they die, through the mercy of Vkandis, they will experience eternal life within his pure light and all others will be left in eternal darkness (which bears a strong resemblance to the Plane of Shadows).

The Sonnenvolk are not strictly monotheists, but believe that deities other than Vkandis (or Lillinara) are lesser beings, planar creatures or natural spirits who have led humans astray into their worship. Worshippers of such beings may use miraculous castings but, on death, they will only go to their 'deities' native plane.

Elves, being magical, are believed to be almost incorruptible as magic is morally neutral. Necromancy and demonology are considered to be corruptions of magic by involving extra-planar creatures.