

Ectoverse Terms and Concepts

- **The Crossover**—On November 9, 1965, a convergence of events occurred: the conclusion of The Second Vatican Council and the Great World Blackout. This convergence caused all of the souls of the dead to appear in the world, seeking to possess humans and live again. Two-thirds of the world's population died until the world governments took control.
- **Ecto, Ectohom, Ectohominid, Soul**—an immortal human soul that can leave the body to float around in the...
- **Ectoverse**—Every available visible space is filled with all of the souls of the dead, since time immemorial.
- **Possession**—when an ectohom inhabits another living soul, entering the body through the person's...
- **Aura**—where a human soul, ecto, ectohom, is housed, inside the human body; wherein the Chakras exist; detectable by an Aware or an Adept.
- **Chakras**—seven centers of spiritual power in the human body. Each chakra has a corresponding color; the brighter the particular chakra denotes the person's character. Usually, two chakras are brighter than the rest.
- **Shell**—a living human body without a soul; appears comatose.
- **Ectopuppet**—an anonymous human shell used for other purposes: court witnesses, ecto-prostitution, and/or surrogate spouses, along with others; newer ones are manufactured. They are called puppets for short.
- **Ectodwelling**—the act of allowing a foreign soul to remain in one's aura for an extended period, usually lovers, couples, and family members partake in this practice.
- **Planing**—The practice of willingly allowing one's soul to leave their body; only Awares and Adepts can do so.
- **Soulplay**—the intimate act of allowing one's soul to leave one's body during sexual intercourse only to enter a lover's, usually through the Sacral Chakra. This can co-occur with lovers' souls during a shared climax.
- **Wards**—Humans can protect themselves from the ecto-threat by warding/protecting their chakras. Wards can also protect buildings, outside areas, and entire cities.
- - ◆ **Unaware**—most people cannot commune with the dead without magical or technological help.
 - ◆ **Aware**—a small percentage of the living human population can commune with the dead.
 - ◆ **Adept**—a much smaller percentage of the living human population who allegedly can control the dead.
- **Soul Box**—analog or digital, vessels that can house ectohoms indefinitely.
- **The Dreams**—nightmares preteens suffer as a precursor to developing their Aware abilities. Not all teens become Awares.
- **The Amaranthine**—Millennia-old beings of pure spirit who inhabit immortal human shells and influence humanity. They began as multiple camps delineated by geography, then amalgamated into two opposing factions 2,000 years ago. In their current form, they are likened to angels and devils.

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- **Ascension**—When an Adept is transformed into an Amaranthine, an Amaranthine must offer this status.
- **Sectarians**—people who do not believe in the use of soul boxes, analog or digital. They think that when they die, their soul should go to the ectoverse. Pejorative: Sects, or dirty sects
- **Consentia**—A pharmaceutical drug that allows Unawares to temporarily gain Aware abilities; it also eases the transition period, the Dreams, of new Awares, but there are side effects like depression.
- **Body Ectodysmorphia**—when an ectohom is within someone else's body and looks into a mirror but only sees the home shell's reflection.
- **Unified Alliance of World Religions**—After the Crossover, the religions of the world convened and united to protect humanity against the ectohominid threat.
- **Broken**—Alliance named Sacred Vessels, Templars, or Holy Warriors; everyone else eventually called them Broken. Delinquents, soulplay addicts, and gang-bangers were recruited for a special program that was supposed to turn Unawares into Awares.
- **Chakra Therapist/Profiler**—an Aware who profiles others by reading and interpreting the color intensities of their Major and Minor Chakras.
- **Ward Armor (Digital/Technical)**—Partial Kevlar body armor that wards five chakras digitally: throat, heart, solar plexus, root, and sacral. Wards have activation buttons to strengthen them
 - ◆ Policemen and beat clergymen wear them, standard issue
- **The Advanced Awareness Coalition**—a quasi-religious organization of mostly Unaware members that welcomes ectological possession, sometimes to a fatal degree