

Insect Gods (Lore from the Devonian Genesis) The Arthropod Deuteronomy

Tutelage

1. What *Scolopendra heros* taught those under his tutelage was simple, “I am a myriapod, none among all the creatures of the world possesses as many legs as I!”
2. *Loxosceles reclusa*'s esoteric instructions on the tutelage and stewardship of lower life forms are simplified thusly, “Hold a requiem for no life form save thyself; in life cast wide thy net; make strong thy web.”

Vacillate

1. *Chinoea valga* would not vacillate in his stolid refusal, “Do not ask after the nematode; you know full well the manner of its life.”
2. “Do not vacillate in the completion of the works natural selection has prepared you to perform,” Hive-Queen *Dufourea echinocacti* counseled, “for the pollination of the multitudes of angiosperm species is the greatest of callings, and honey the sweetest of rewards.”

Covert

1. *Asterocampa clyton*, regal monarch of the continuous metamorphosis, expounded upon the timeless virtues of evolution and dynamic existence, “The conversion from larva into the transcendent and mature winged body is a covert process, experienced only by the blessed among insects.”
2. *Centruroides sculpturatus*, the toxic, the covert receptacle of nameless poisons made it known, “Fools gamble with vice claws, and venom barbs.”

Portend

1. *Cotinis mutabilis*, opalescent arthropod, in his unfathomable and irrational wisdom taught, “I portend Nirmanakaya, the unsurpassed fertility of nature, upon whose grace you will be sustained until the end of your days.”
2. *Parabacillus hesperus*, kin to the ferns and conifers and flower-bearing flora spoke thus to her disciples, “Thou shalt offer up thy labor to sustain thy race, lest thy laziness and lackadaisical behavior portend the end of thy glory.”

Foible

1. *Pogonomyrmex subnitidus* proclaimed, “Among humans, realization of higher consciousness is a barrier, a sin, a foible, and a vice which prevents them from fulfilling their proper role in nature and living dharma; this callous triumph of cognition and emotion condemns them to a hapless cycle of poorly coordinated procreation and self-destruction.”
2. *Cryptocercus garciai* too did not spare the foibles of the nascent human race his unbridled condemnation, “For the duration of countless solar revolutions, we have endured nobly upon the earth, and then comes your dirt hating race, who at once kills us with vicious chemical cocktails, and propagates us with the grime and detritus of civilization, what heinous hypocrisy!”

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