

TO THE MOST HIGH AND MIGHTY PRINCE
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The Translator of this book wishes Grace, Mercy
and Peace, through Armour Tech.*

THE BOOK OF ALMUS PATER

CHAPTER I.

AND it came to pass, many years after the flood, there was given to the world Almus Pater, and he did wax fat and grow strong.

2 And he did beget many sons who were loyal to him.

3 And when, in the evening of one night he was called by the spirit, he did rise up and offer his praises to the Lord for such as was given him, saying,

4 And it was the pleasure of the Lord to give me many sons who are but a short time with me in the flesh, but unto the end of their days are with me in the spirit, and for such do I offer Thee my praises and entrust to Thee all the sons of Almus Pater.

5 And the Lord was pleased and did shower many blessings upon Almus Pater.

6 Houses He gave him and all the things that goeth therein. And He gave to him care of all the books and knowledge of the earth, saying,

7 In the full enjoyment of thy prosperity, thou hast turned to Me and it pleaseth the Lord to give thee custody over knowledge; thee and thy sons. And they shall multiply and become powerful, but shall ever turn to thee.

8 And this is thy reward.

CHAPTER II.

AND it shall come to pass that after there shall be light, yea, nineteen hundred years and one more, there shall be born unto Armour Tech, one of thy families, a mighty son who shall be known as the class of Nought Five.

2 And he shall be powerful and even as a giant to his brother classes.

3 This son of Armour Tech shall have many children, and of these two score and eleven shall survive and prove themselves worthy of thee.

4 And they shall be scattered over the earth and shall be monuments to thy name, spreading knowledge and wisdom to thy people.

5 And of all the sons of Armour Tech none shall be as powerful.

6 ¶ And it shall come to pass that Nought Five shall triumph in thy name over his fellow classes, and shall be as a mountain, while the others are as the hills; both above the common level of all else on earth.

7 And this shall be on account of thy goodness.

8 And so spake the Lord.

9 And it was even so. Almus Pater did become master of books, and his sons did beget knowledge.

10 And he wondered of the powerful son of Armour Tech.

CHAPTER III.

AT the meeting of the night and day, there happened a time when Almus Pater was weary and fell asleep over his books.

2 Then did the spirit come to him and call him by name, saying,

3 Almus Pater, thy wish is granted. Thou shalt see Nought Five in all his glory and even as he will be many years from now. Look!

4 And Almus Pater saw the Heavens open and in the opening were many men, and it was given him to know them and their deeds.

5 ¶ He recognized Jimmye, who was singing his praise to Almus Pater and it was pleasant to hear.

6 And three were apart and did play beautiful music.

7 When suddenly there did arise a terrible noise, like unto a thousand thousand serpents and then did the thunder roar loudly. And from the throats of the