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**ORDINATION** is the first title in a completed trilogy. It will be followed by **STILLBRIGHT** (2017) and **CRUSADE** (2018).

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