

## **Athodorian**

An ancient world that has seen many ages, all of which have left a mark upon on Athodorian.

### **First Age - Age of creation**

The world was created by the Gods as a playground to experiment with the weird and wonderful. In the first age, it was said that Athodorian was a paradise of immeasurable beauty.

### **Second Age - The war of gods and demons**

Some of the Gods rose in rebellion to try to change the order of the Pantheon. In their search for power, they brought many demons to the realm of Athodorian. In a war that lasted for millennia, the brutal fighting ripped apart the world that was paradise and turned parts into desert and swamps. When finally the war was ended the victorious Gods put down the rebellion and banished the defeated gods and their fell beasts to the underworld. From then on there were two types of God those of light and those of the dark, and ever it shall remain.

### **Third Age - The coming of the magical races**

The gods of the light in an attempt to rebuild the paradise before the war, created new magical inhabitants to tend Athodorian. These were the Elven races, which over time developed into separate races the high Elves, fair folk, Dwarves and Gnomes etc. Equally the Gods of the dark were by no means dormant they sent time creating the darker races of the Goblins, the Drow etc.

### **Fourth Age - The age of magic and technology**

With the ingenuity of the races of Athodorian, there were many technological developments and advancements helped by the use of magic. However, this age was only short-lived for then came the Dragons.

### **Fifth Age - The coming of the dragons**

Not even the Gods themselves know where the Dragons came from, or at least they are not inclined to let us mortals know. The coming of the Dragons wrought devastation to the world and set the world back millennia. After a great war the Dragons were defeated and have almost vanished from the world, but they remain in far of caves and places where they lay dormant, but before they retreated they spawned the race of the Dragonborn, no one knows how many of these exist, but they have been assimilated and accepted for the most part by the magical races of Athodorian.

### **Sixth Age - Of man and halflings**

A curious set of creatures were then created by the Gods of light, They created men who were neither generally magical or special in any way but were good at populating many regions of the world. The Gods of light then, some say as a bit of a joke, created a race of halfmen who became the cheerful Halflings who both were liked and annoyed in equal measures.

The sixth age is the current age and has lasted several millennia. Some say the Seventh Age is near, but most people believe that Athodorian will continue as is forevermore in the Sixth Age, for Six is the number of the high God's of Light, and six is the ruling council of the Pantheon of the Dark God's....

### **Magic**

As long as there are the magical creatures there will be magic in the world.

Magic is monitored by the six schools of magic, the Arch-Magician of each school sits on the Council of six.

Whilst magic is not uncommon much of it is lower level magic, very few know the secrets of the powerful magic of the past which has been lost in time. Even the Arch magicians are no more than 4th or 5th level Magic users.

Magic Items are available but don't expect to find any really powerful items these are exceedingly rare and very ancient.