

What are the Dark Elfae?

The Dark Elfae and the Unseelie are often confused for each other, as we have explained in the last section, and while it is surely possible for Dark Elfae to be Unseelie, they are not always or even mostly so. Even the Unseelie sometimes waver in their own being, just as an alcoholic doesn't always drink or criminals don't always break the law and never do anything good. It is an overall tendency, the preponderance of behavior that tends to define one.

It is important to remember that we Silver Elves view reality mostly from a spiritual, by which we mean energetic, point of view. Many folks, taking the common perspective of the materialistic orientation of this Kali Yuga or Dark Age, might think that being Unseelie or Seelie is a matter of birth or blood or genetics. Somewhat like caste systems where one is born into a caste and can never change that fact. But we Silver Elves and other Elfae who view the world from an energetic standpoint see being Unseelie, or Dark Elfae, or Seelie, not primarily a matter of birth but of the actions/magic one does through one's life. Our actions/magics are a reflection of our choices and we choose to be Unseelie or Seelie through the spells and enchantments we create and in that sense the world we help create for ours'elves.

This is also true of the Dark Elfae, but what is meant by the Dark Elfae can vary rather significantly from person-to-person and in legend, tale, and lore. Some people when they hear of Dark Elves or Dark Fae, thus Dark Elfae, as we call ours'elves, associate the Dark Elven with being evil in some way, and thus generally think of them as being rather like the Unseelie. And, as we said, Dark Elfae can be Unseelie folk but most, in our experience are not.

Other folk see the Dark Elfae as being goth-like, loving the dark, the Satanic, having skulls around, and generally being vampiric but not necessarily in a predatory or parasitic fashion but in a more symbiotic way. They love the Dark Elfae for the wild natures and in contrast to most of Tolkien's elves who appear often to be quite serene and ethereal, the Dark Elfae are pixie-like and party lovers and really downhome earthy types, enjoying life to its fullest. Less meditative, we might say, and more dance-y.

We noted a discussion in one of our Facebook groups in which a number of different people were discussing the Dark Elfae and one group saw the Dark Elfae from the first point of view and warned the other group, who saw things from the second perspective, about the dangers of getting involved in the dark. When we suggested that they might be seeing the Dark Elfae from two different points of view and that perhaps it might be beneficial for them to each define what they actually meant by Dark Elfae, we were ignored and they went right on arguing from two different perspectives as though they were talking about the same thing. It was like listening to two sets of people argue about whether apples are red or green with one declaring they are always red and the other forever green.

Well, apples can also be yellow and we should note that the term Dark Elfae can also indicate those fae who have dark eyes, dark hair, and darker skin tones rather than the tall, blond, blue or green-eyed image of the elven.

The ancient Norse looked at the Dark Elfae as being the svartalifar, which means black elves or swarthy elves. They also referred to them as the myrkalfar dark elves or dusky elves and even murky elves, and related these Elfae to the dwarven folk. Note the fact that the character Drizzt Do'Urden created by R. A. Salvatore is described as a drow or dark elf, whose people are essentially Unseelie folk living in caves (like dwarves) in the Underdark.

While Drizzt's people are clearly Unseelie and Dark Elfae, he has renounced their Unseelie ways and is clearly striving as a Seelie Elf and yet, he is still a Dark Elf or svartalifar or myrkalfar as well. Perhaps because of their similarity to dwarves in as much as they tend to live in caverns beneath the Earth we could, as well, call them Chthonic Elfae.

Our point here really is that Unseelie, Dark Elfae, and Seelie are not all the same even among them'selves and note that while we Silver Elves are Seelie (for the most part) and some of us are clearly Dark Elves, we know that the Unseelie are our kin and while we think that they might be treading a path that will ultimately bring about their ruin, as well as a great deal of suffering and pain, we love them still. They are our kindred and while they may say outrageous, prejudiced, hateful, and many times in and out crazy things at Thanksgiving supper, we still invite

them, at least, those of them who closely relate to us by blood. For though we look at evolution from an energetic and spiritual perspective, we are not unaware of nor heedless of the ties of kinship and upbringing.

Another point is that we suggest it may be beneficial if we made some attempt, as a people, to define what we mean when we use certain terms. When we speak of Dark Elfae, what sort of folk are we actually speaking about? Here we have simply offered our own point of view and suggestions, but those individuals who are ever wishing us to define things exactly as though we are espousing some truth, will be disappointed. What we offer here and elsewhere are our own observations and, like the elven scientists we are, we are ever observing and continually updating our opinions as new and pertinent information comes to us. Do you have a better or different, hopefully improved, opinion about what defines the Unseelie or the Dark Elfae? We'd love to hear it.

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