

Thoughts on Newhome

“ [Visions1](#) wrote: 2025-07-27T05:49:56+00:00 What happened with Newhome's terraforming in the end? Were they able to accomplish much there? Do they have any working environment?

(I do imagine it a bit more feasible than with humans. I'm reading dune, and apparently (spoiler) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] If it would take that long for them, only half a Yinrih lifetime, then theoretically Newhome could be done within the span of thousands of years.)

“ [lurker](#) wrote: 2025-07-26T16:05:10+00:00 The thagomizer likely started out as a farming tool used to clear brush.

What about flails and clubs, whether pawheld or tailheld?

Newhome ends up a clone of Yih without the ring. The Neoshamanists bred an anaerobic chemosynthetic microbe that feeds on abundant elements of Newhome's crust while pumping out lots of oxygen as waste. Since the microbe is anaerobic, oxygen is lethal to it, so it dies off once the atmosphere is breathable. It takes a few thousand years to go from lifeless rock to normal-looking life-bearing world, but you can get up to a breathable (though very cold) atmosphere in a few hundred years.

The denomination of Neoshamanism that perfected terraforming is known as the Lifebearers or Lifebringers. Like the Mindseekers, they sought to create sophonts rather than seek them out among the stars. Whereas the mindseekers pursued artificial intelligence, the Lifebearers wanted to create sapient life through artificial selection. While they did not achieve their goal, they did advance the studies of biology, planetology, and ecology a great deal.

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