

PLANESWALKERS & THE MULTIVERSE

This is a guide put together in order to help add the concept of the multiverse from the Iconic Magic, The Gathering to the world of Dungeons and Dragons.

This system is meant to be ran in addition to D&D 5e rulings to help enhance the player experience to that of a Planeswalker.

THE SPARK

Creatures around the Multiverse awaken from a latent power that dwells within them. A burning power fills the creature with the core essence of the leylines and the mana surging within them. A planeswalker comes into its existence through a massive trauma that has pushed their physical or mental capacity to it's ultimate breaking point. This has not known to be a genetic trait passed through lineage but something from within the very soul and essence of the being. Some with the gift may never become awoken to their abilities if they live their lives within peace and prosperity.

The origin of the spark is unknown as well as why only certain individuals carry the power. It is thought that the purpose of a planeswalker may relate to the their awakening, as a Planeswalker comes to a life of power and integrity these would be one of few who may be able to balance the scales across the multiverse.

GAINING PLANESWALKING

You gain a new skill called Planeswalking. This skill directly relates to your Constitution Ability score granting a skill check when attempting to perform a planeswalker specific ability. Some Unique abilities of a planeswalker may require a Planeswalker DC saving throw. This DC is determined by **8 + your Constitution modifier**.

You gain proficiency with this skill when you reach 10th level. Add your proficiency to your Planeswalker DC which is calculated by **8 + your Constitution modifier + your proficiency bonus**.

LEARNING TO PLANESWALK

The ability to traverse the blind eternities between the planes can be very taxing on a walker but is one of the few things that sets them separate than others among the multiverse.

As **an action** you can initiate a planeswalk, forming a bridge through the blind eternities. The travel becomes instantaneous fully transition into the Aether of the blind eternities. You are able to take objects you are wearing or carrying with you while you planeswalk, but not other people.

Once having traveled through the blind eternities a Planeswalker **must complete a short or long rest** before being able to do so again. Attempting to do so before, finishing a short or long rest automatically fails.

PLANESWALKER LEYLINE CONNECTION

The connection to the leylines is what feeds a Planeswalker's abilities and magics. While planeswalking the blind eternities drains you of any mana accumulated unless granted by a planeswalker item and your attunement to any leyline is severed. Once within the new plane a planeswalker must attune to a new leyline in order to fill any mana charge available.

PLANESWALKING ACCURACY

A planeswalker can use the knowledge of their own travels to travel to an approximate point within **a place they have already trekked**. Gaining the ability to planeswalk accurately takes time and effort to complete accurately if a guide is not present. A new walker may end up within a 20 mile radius of the targeted location where as a veteran walker may be able to exit the walk within inches of the targeted location.

A GUIDED PLANESWALK

The walk between planes leaves a slowly fading aura of the walker that can be followed. For the **next minute** if a planeswalker travels between [or within] the planes you can follow that creature to a spot it has once traveled.

TRAVELING WITHIN THE PLANES

Planeswalking is like riding the rapids of a heavy flowing river, the travel across is taxing but achievable. The ability to cross and land on the same spot on the other side can be dangerous and normally improbable such as attempting to planeswalk within the same plane is usually avoided by most walkers.

If travel is attempted within the same plane the planeswalker must make a **Planeswalking Skill Check**. On a success the planeswalker arrives within a 5 mile radius of the targeted area it has trekked before and **gains 1d4 +1 Exhaustion levels** [Stage Three Walker Sickness].

INSTINCT OF A PLANESWALKER

A planeswalker gains the knowledge that it can use this to help get them to a safe place in a pinch. If a planeswalker is killed instantly, [*please see rulings on "Instant Death" - PHB pg. 197*] this planeswalker ability triggers instinctively. This trigger **automatically planeswalks you to the last external plane you completed a long rest, where you arrive unconscious at 0 HP and stable**. Roll 1d4 and you remain asleep for that many hours before regaining 1 HP and awakening. This time does not count toward a short or long rest. Once this ability has triggered it **can not be triggered again for another 10 days**.

THE WALKER SICKNESS

Through the hardships of travel a planeswalker can push themselves to a point of breaking if they attempt to cross the Blind Eternities too often. Should a planeswalker travel between the *Prime Material Planes* they can do so **twice within one solar cycle** [24 hours]. This number **increases to three** when you become *proficient in your planeswalking skill at 10th level*. Should you travel beyond the number of uses available, you gain an effect from the *Walker Sickness Chart below*. You regain all uses of your planeswalker ability after completing a **long rest**.

Traveling between the Prime Material Planes takes is taxing but to travel beyond them takes skill and focus beyond that of a newborn walker.

In an attempt to travel through to the *Outer Realms* such as the Feywild or the *Astral Realms* such as the Elysium fields and *do not* have proficiency with the planeswalker skill you gain the effects from the *Walker Sickness Chart below*. When you gain proficiency with the planeswalker skill you gain one use of the

WALKER SICKNESS

Stage Effect

Stage ???

1

Stage ???

2

Stage Gain Exhaustion levels equal to 1d4 +1, Plus the 3 effects of the previous stages.

LEYLINES & MANA

Leyline Color Attunement

• Planeswalkers take **one minute** to attune to a Leyline color. Each color represents different abilities associated with its alignment. This attunement does not count toward your total magical item attunement slots.

Mana Charges

• Each planeswalker gains a mana charge at 4th level then again at 8th, 12th, 16th and 19th level. Once a planeswalker has attuned with a leyline they may use **an action** to pull mana from the leyline in order to fill a Mana Charge of the attuned color.

When a planeswalker takes a rest or is **unconscious for more than one hour** such as a long rest [*including elven trance or Warforge inert states*], a planeswalker loses their attunement or any mana charges stored and must re-attune to a leyline to restore the attunement or charges lost.

NATURAL MANA ABILITIES

• You may spend a **free action** to grant a +1 to *any one weapon attack* for each mana charge imbuing the hit. This attack becomes magical if it is not already.

• You may spend a **free action** to add your *Character level* to any damage roll for each mana charge spent.

• Using your **reaction** you may add a +1 to your AC *against one attack* for each mana charge spent.

• Using your **reaction** you may add a +1 to any Saving Throw for each mana charge spent.

• Using a **free action** and one mana charge you may deal magical damage aligned with your attuned leyline's primary damage type instead of the normal weapon or spell damage *until the end of the turn*. If you spend two or more mana charges you may change the damage type of your attuned leyline's secondary damage type.

• If your *Hit Point total* is less than *four times your character level*, you can use **an action** to spend one mana charge to roll up to your total hit dice. This counts towards your current hit dice total and adheres to the hit dice ruling otherwise. [*please see ruling on "Resting" - PHB pg. 186*]

LEYLINE DAMAGE ASSOCIATION

Leyline Color	Damage Type 1	Damage Type 2
White	Cold	Radiant
Blue	Lightning	Psychic
Black	Acid	Necrotic
Red	Fire	Force
Green	Poison	Thunder

PLANESWALKER TRAINING

Being a Planeswalker isn't all about the power over the multiverse but learning how to manipulate its Aether and Mana.

Each Planeswalker is different in their own way, giving each Planeswalker a unique innate ability that sets them apart from all others. Becoming a planeswalker at 3rd level [or before depending on backstory] you will obtain an innate ability in which you can use at will as though a cantrip [using an action where appropriate]. This ability will need to be discussed between the player and DM for the DM to determine if the ability is custom built or something of a cantrip already available.

Through the rigorous training of a planeswalker you can work with your DM to take the mana charges for altering spells and abilities of your planeswalker. Granting the ability to enhance current abilities using the mana charges or altering them to fit a specific purpose.

A Planeswalker will obtain additional abilities as they grow in power at 5th, 9th, 13th, 17th levels.

PLANESWALKER UNIQUE ABILITIES

Planeswalker each have their own special abilities that make them different from other planeswalkers.

These abilities can be as simple as an innate ability such as the iconic Chandra Nalaar. Such as the ability to ignite her hair, hands and eyes on fire. This innate ability may grant an ability to have the spell 'Continual Flame'. Yet may have the potential of turning into flame by using mana and dealing damage within an area or upon a strike.

Other abilities can be found through rigorous training and enhanced through the mana network. If a planeswalker has the ability to case a ' Flame Breath' ability such as a natural red dragonborn they might be able to have it as an ability gained at 5th level but allows for an increase of damage when used to add an additional 1d8 to its damage.

Planeswalker abilities should show the increased knowledge of the primary attuned leyline and their ability to manipulate the effect it may have granting increases to the ability as the walker progresses through its levels.

A DUNGEON MASTER NEVER SLEEPS

Throughout this creation I have been playing with a group to help me better understand the concept of letting my players play as planeswalkers. At times some seemed too over powered and at others under powered. Over the last year I have strived to build a system and environment that will help accommodate both the roleplay loving players (and Dungeon Masters) along with the battle enthusiasts. I hoping to have found a nice balance of all here within.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments on this build please contact me at [/u/techie624](https://www.reddit.com/user/techie624)

CREDITING

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