

Lexicon Urthus

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mary whalen — 20 Jul 1998, 03:51

This is Sean Whalen (prion).

Concerning the geography discussion, Michael Andre-Driussi's (mantis')
Lexicon Urthus has an excellent map illustrating my points in the previous post.

Seeing those carved mountains has reminded me of the question of how all of them could have been carved in the one to two thousand years Wolfe said had passed between Typhon and Severian's time. Well, since the time of the Conciliator to the narration of the books is like the time of Jesus to the present (between 1000 and 2000 describes the present) maybe he was being metaphoric when he said that he had always thought of it as being like between those times, comparing it to what we have experienced. Or he may have been confused at the time when thinking about how he intended the metaphorical correlation.

In the books, the time period is given as "thirty thousand years" by Agia, and "many chiliads" by Severian. They could be wrong, but this would be plenty of time for the mountains to be carved, and be in tune with the action in the book and mantis' timeline.

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