

Peace: non ho capito

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CRCulver — 23 Aug 1998, 05:37

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-Warren Defever

Jason Voegele — 23 Aug 1998, 08:29 · follows CRCulver

Whoa there! That's a BIG can of worms. We had quite a good discussion of PEACE early on in the list, so you should be able to get some good info from the archives.

For starters, it does appear the Weer is dead from the outset of the book--many have noted that the falling tree disturbs his grave. On other theme in the book that I'm fond of (though I've had little luck convincing anyone of this) is solipsism. Weer's universe seems to exist solely in his thoughts, but his relating of the stories of the dead breathes new life into those old bones. Also note the "Rest in PEACE" theme, in that by telling the stories of the dead, their souls may finally R.I.P.

See Clute for a good discussion of this work. Also, someone on this list (was that you, Damien?) has written an excellent essay on PEACE, which can be located in the archives.

Jason Voegele

-----Original Message-----

From: CRCulver at aol.com <CRCulver at aol.com>
To: urth at lists.best.com <urth at lists.best.com>
Date: Sunday, August 23, 1998 1:45 AM
Subject: (urth) Peace: non ho capito

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William H. Ansley — 24 Aug 1998, 00:15 · follows Jason Voegele

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and 11.

Here is a long interview with Wolfe that includes info on _Peace_ :
<<http://world.std.com/~pduggan/gwjbj.html>>. I got the URL from this Wolfe page (check it out
for many other good Wolfe links including more interviews)
<<http://world.std.com/~pduggan/wolfe.html>> which I got from the Whorl web page
<<http://www.moonmilk.com/whorl/>>.

William Ansley

Jason Voegele — 24 Aug 1998, 01:35 · follows William H. Ansley

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Yes, this is the one to which I was referring. OK, maybe "good" was overstating it some, since we barely scratched the surface, but there were multiple posts covering multiple subjects, so at least a good start to a good discussion has been set in place.

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