

Starbirth

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Alice Turner — 04 Dec 1998, 18:55

From: Derek Bell <dbell at maths.tcd.ie>

Just to be contra-contradictory :-), there is also the oft-quoted passage "I tell you: one must have chaos in one, to give birth to a dancing star." Well, Severian doesn't create or *give birth* to the New Sun, but he is full of chaos - all those autarchial personas inside!

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-alga

m.driussi — 05 Dec 1998, 02:42 · follows Alice Turner

As alga says.

Apheta. The star of a nativity: the nativity of a star.

Scarey, circular, yet somehow . . . it makes sense.

Back to the "Terminus Est" Latin tangle, obviously I'm on the side that says, "Write the essay anyway, even if your initial impulse wasn't immediately validated by the Vulgate."

In other news: got a snail letter the other day from our old Wolfe list friend Adam Stephanides. He has some things to say. I'll tell all later.

=mantis=

Derek Bell — 14 Dec 1998, 19:49 · follows m.driussi

In message <199812050000.QAA14264 at lists1.best.com>, Alice Turner writes:

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Good point! Guess it shows how long it is since I've read that book!

Which makes me wonder how much non-solar stellar imagery I've missed.

Derek