

Time Spans

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m.driussi — 16 Dec 1998, 20:54

Vizcacha,

Re: Agia's off-the-cuff time span, my favorite answer so far is that this is a number she heard from Hethor--not necessarily the time of the Conciliator, but the time of Hethor (and Jonas, but I've mounted this hobby-horse before, so I'll be quiet about it <g>).

It could be the correct date for the time of Jesus. That is certainly easier to imagine as a specific coordinate than whatever we are supposed to make of Gabriel's line re: "50 million years too late for that creation" (in the play). (Aside from the fun of having Bible figures quoting big round evolutionary time scales!)

Re: lessons learned in Thecla's cell. Well, as you say, there is no guarantee that Canog's BOTNS had a nifty timeline in it--plus, while Severian is said to be an excellent student, it is plain that the subject of his study in Thecla's cell was, er, more carnal than spiritual. He wasn't paying attention to =that= when he had =this=. And yet, perhaps it crept in anyway, just not at the conscious level.

In another example, he glanced at the papers the old man handed to him, papers which told info about "Cas"; he glanced without reading and perhaps without "mind photoing" for later reading (but he still
=can= count the soldiers marching by at Saltus).

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