

Green <spoiler for _Long Sun_>

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Kevin J. Maroney — 25 Feb 1999, 10:54

At 09:49 AM 2/25/99 -0000, Kieran wrote:

And links to the BotNS

(Pas=Typhon, so what?) would be slightly arbitrary if that's all there was to it.

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Knowing of the evil behind Pas tells us a great deal about the world against which Silk is striving.

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Jack Lyons — 25 Feb 1999, 11:38 · follows Kevin J. Maroney

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Kevin J. Maroney — 25 Feb 1999, 12:03 · follows Jack Lyons

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This should be moved over to Whorl probably...

In _The Book of the New Sun_, Severian's meeting with Typhon deliberately echos Christ's temptation in the desert (from Luke and Matthew), complete with the three temptations. Severian, being more hands-on than Jesus, does more than order Typhon to get behind him, but it's clear what Typhon is.

In _The Book of the Long Sun_, the builder of the _Whorl_ is very much like the Demiurge, the false God of This World who tries to distract us from worshipping the true God. The Demiurge isn't *exactly* Satan, but he's very close.

None of what you say is false: Typhon the man is very much like Stalin or any other despot, moved to the ultimate degree--remaking mountains in his image, building his own universe of worshippers. But remember that Satan is the Lord of Pride, which Typhon has in abundance.

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