

Ozflash Revised, Part 0

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The New Improved Wonderful Eyeflash of Oz
Oz References in "The Eyeflash Miracles" Part 0

Since there has been such a long hiatus in my postings on Oz references in Gene Wolfe's story "The Eyeflash Miracles" and since I have been continuing to read Oz books and have some new ideas about material I have already covered, I am going to post a whole new series of essays including somewhat revised versions of my original set of postings.

First I would like to thank everyone who responded to my question about Little Tib's prayer for a ride (on a cattle truck, garbage truck, etc.): Tony Ellis, John Bishop and anyone else I may have missed. I thought I was missing some obvious Biblical or Christian reference, but I guess not. I think now that the feeling of familiarity I had was due to a kind of deja vu I sometimes get when I study a story too closely; suddenly I think I've seen the passages I'm reading before (which is true--I've just read them for the umpteenth time) and somewhere else (which is false in these cases).

I have been working on Oz references in "The Eyeflash Miracles," on and off, ever since my first posting. Lately I have been reading more Oz books and have found another couple of references. I have also been finding Oz books to read; all of the Oz text I have been using for my research has been from "etext" version of the books posted various places on line. Many of the Oz books are now in the public domain and they can be so posted without any copyright violations.

I am still going to post my analysis of Oz references in "The Eyeflash Miracles" in parts, since it is so long, but I am going to finish it in its revised form before I post any of it, so all of you eagerly waiting for me to finish won't have to wait this time. 8-> (Well, I'm not quite done, but since a message referring to my Ozflash postings has just appeared, I think it's time to get the ball rolling.)

William Ansley