

Constellations

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m.driussi — 25 Mar 1999, 21:23

Mitchell A. Bailey,

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Mitchell A. Bailey — 30 Mar 1999, 20:40 · follows m.driussi

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I notice there's a Bull, but no minotaur. hmmm.

Is your book available retail anywhere? I don't trust the Internet with my credit card just yet.

m.driussi at genie.com wrote:

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Matthew Malthouse — 31 Mar 1999, 13:05 · follows Mitchell A. Bailey

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Peter Westlake — 31 Mar 1999, 13:33 · follows Matthew Malthouse

At 13:05 1999-03-31 +0000, Matthew Malthouse wrote:

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I've wondered about this too. The problem is that the constellations, fauna, and (arguably) the geography are quite like those of our time. The people even drink matte still. The only answer I can think of, which is that this is a different cycle of the universe to our own and that the similarities are only repetitions and not identities, so that they don't have to occur at the same time or even at all, is hardly satisfying.

On the subject of geography: I've seen references to a passage where Vodalus says that the Earth (or its magnetic field) has flipped over, but I can't find it anywhere. Does anyone have a chapter reference? It would help bolster my theory about where Gyll is, how events in the north-east are visible from Typhon's right eye, and why Severian keeps getting lost all the time.

SBear.