

Conjunction Rules Out Green=Lune?

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Mitchell A. Bailey — 31 Mar 1999, 12:30

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This post obliquely refers to events at the end of EXODUS FROM THE LONG SUN.... ...what is the status of the "Green = Luna" hypothesis? >>

Well, here's my take, worth what you paid for it. I've just completed _Exodus_, with the thought in mind of gathering what data I could re this question.

BTW: Fellow Urthlings, where else in Wolfe do you find a system which includes a "Blue" world and a "Green" world inhabited by shape- changers, hmmm? (This looks like Mr. Borski's territory here!?)

Urth-Lune and St.Croix-St. Anne are both double-planet systems mutually co-orbiting each other as they revolve around their primary sun. That much is clear.

However, SPOILER SPOILER the closing chapters of _Exodus_ state that the inhumi migrate between the worlds when they are in conjunction. That word "conjunction" in the astronomical sense refers to a point in the orbital motions of two planets at which they reach a minimum apparent separation or even appear to meet, generally as observed from a third planet. Two or more independently revolving planets approach each other most closely, having reached the same azimuth in the ecliptic relative to the primary (sun) in their orbits, at which time the observed conjunction occurs. The point is, I don't think the word "conjunction" has any meaning for a double planet system.

If the point of closest approach of the two components of a double-planet system was intended, I think the appropriate word would not be "conjunction", but rather "perigee".

Therefore, I believe that Blue and Green are planets which independently orbit their primary sun, and cannot be Urth-Lune, or St. Croix- St. Anne, for that matter.

BTW, wasn't the Whorl dispatched FROM Earth anyway? I'll stop here before I have to go WHORL!

Kieran Cleary — 01 Apr 1998, 10:09 · follows Mitchell A. Bailey

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well, <grasping at straws here> maybe the cataclysmic arrival of the New Sun shifts Lune into an elliptic orbit of Urth? Baldanders speaks of the waves of gravitation which cause the earthquakes at the close of UotNS....

All in all though, given the current lack of evidence it seems ever more the reasonable attitude that Green is not Lune. Nice thought though: megalomaniacal Typhon, in a Rex quondam Rexque Futurus gambit, sends his downloaded persona, a standing army and loyal subjects trained to believe that Typhon is a god, in a relativistic time machine to the future (timed to arrive after the coming of the New Sun, when Typhon will claim Ushas). ok ok, but it was a nice thought.

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