

The hieros family

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Can we make this clear : who is who...

The Hieros are the long-gone final evolutionary stage of a cognate of humanity. The hierogrammates are their creations The hierodules are the servants of the hierogrammates.

The purpose of the new sun is to kick start humanity's evolution to become the Hieros and thus create the hierogrammates.

In Peter Wright's reading the Christian allusions and resonances are red herrings - the hierogrammates are self-serving beings who exploit humanity's use of narratives to structure reality by using our mythology to further their own ends. Thus in this very mechanistic reading Tzadkiel appears to be an angel because that will push Severian's buttons.

And furthermore Severian's memory allows him to be the ultimate repository of these myths, and thus the ultimate tool.

Sorry, I just reread Wright's 'God-Games' essay last night, and was very impressed. I can't agree with everything he says - he discounts any spiritual link between the hieros family and God.

I'm with Nick Gevers on this - the Increate still works through his flawed creation. The Archangel in Melito's story knows no more than the farmyard animals. And Patera Silk has not been promised help, he is the help.

Rambling again,

Jonathan

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