

Blish's CASE OF CONSCIENCE and Urth

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 01 Jun 1999, 15:17

In the past on this list there have been periodic reference to Blish's book, by three or four people hereabouts.

Well I just read it, myself, and I liked it a lot more than the BLACK EASTER books, with which it shares obvious similarities (including, IMHO, a weak ending--but now I'm getting ahead of myself).

So I would like people to take this opportunity to chat about COC, compare and contrast with the Urth Cycle. I know that at least a few of you have read it, and most likely many more have, since it is an award winning (Hugo, I believe?) classic.

SPOILER ALERT<<

Because here is a clear and obvious case of Roman Catholic sf; there is a certain similarity between the Jesuit hero and Severian, in that both must destroy a world; etc.

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