

Floating Islands: Urth Isn't Magnetic

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Mitchell A. Bailey — 01 Oct 1999, 15:32

Greene, Carlton wrote:

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One final note: Cuzco (which I believe is the stone town of Apu Punchau) lies to the north of Lake Titicaca. Since Severian recounts travelling northward from the stone town to the lake, could it be, as others have suggested, that the magnetic poles are reversed in Sev's time?

Relevance? Severian doesn't use a magnetic compass. Nor does anyone else.

As I pointed out previously, Urth probably has little or no magnetic field because her core is said to have solidified or nearly solidified. And lack of any mention of magnetic compass use in the text is (admittedly weak) empirical support for that proposition.