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Michael Straight — 07 Oct 1999, 18:22

On Thu, 7 Oct 1999, Paul C Duggan wrote:

What about the detail (IIRC) in the Long Sun that the religion of the Whorl "parodied" that of the state religion at the time of Typhon? Does that indicate a kind of connection to christianity ("sign of addition", minimally)?

Oooo! A tricky question. How much do details from the Long Sun "count" in interpreting the New Sun books? Somehow I feel that's cheating.

On the other hand, I don't feel that way at all about the Short Sun & Long Sun books, I guess because it feels like it's going to really be all one story.

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-Rostrum

Peter Westlake — 08 Oct 1999, 09:17 · follows Michael Straight

At 18:22 1999-10-07 -0400, Michael Straight wrote:

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There's also the problem that by the end of Urth Severian has acquired god-like magical powers, and such heroes are famously difficult to deal with in fiction. Everything's too easy.

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