

Posthumous corn

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Nicholas Gevers — 08 Feb 2000, 10:24

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Jim Jordan — 10 Feb 2000, 13:13 · follows Nicholas Gevers

At 10:24 AM 2/8/00 -0800, you wrote:

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A thought: The traffic jam is purgatory. This would link with *Peace,* where the character is also in purgatory. Remember that in RC thinking, purgatory is just the anteroom to heaven, and is not like hell at all. Purgatory is the place where a heavenbound person makes peace with his past and his sins. Just a thought....

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