

# Lilith

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Roy C. Lackey — 22 May 2001, 12:24

The search engine was working last night, and I found the post by alga (vol.19, 10-22-98) I remembered, where she mentioned Lilith's disinclination for the missionary position. Better yet, I actually have the book she cited as a reference, HEBREW MYTHS, by Robert Graves and Raphael Patai. In it, the authors relate:

"Adam and Lilith never found peace together; for when he wished to lie with her, she took offence at the recumbent posture he demanded. 'Why must I lie beneath you?' she asked 'I also was made from dust, and am therefore your equal.' Because Adam tried to compel her obedience by force, Lilith, in a rage, uttered the magic name of God, rose into the air and left him."

We know that Wolfe is familiar with Graves, and I think that Jane Doe's "Vhas a goose." and "Aw zay, 'ou vhill nawt neffer grawnt offer mee agan." almost certainly refers to Adam in this Lilith myth.

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-Roy

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matthew.malthouse — 23 May 2001, 14:22 · follows Roy C. Lackey

On 22/05/2001 18:24:16 Roy C. Lackey wrote:

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The blowing of rams horns brought down the walls of Jherico.

So I read that as calamity ensues. And seeing as how the ram's blowing his own the next universe along is a right hum dinger...

But being as this \*is\* Wolfe that's probably too simple.

Matthew