

Clarification

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Tony Ellis — 10 Aug 2001, 10:10

Dan'I wrote (quoting me):

She's still being given something to think about, which was my original argument.

Well, no, it wasn't.

Well, yes, it was.

You actually wrote,
I would hope that a child reading Pullman's book might be very interested to learn that a word used by Christianity to mean an incarnation of evil originally meant something as harmless as "spirit", and might wonder what other little misappropriations and mistakes may have taken place over the years.

Yes, and -before- that, I wrote that I didn't agree that Pullman was using the word 'daemon' solely to irritate, and that:

The Marriage of Heaven and Hell probably irritated a few easily-irritated Christians in its time too, but what it was supposed to do was make people think

That was my point. Provocative words being used to promote the process of independent thought. I could have left it at that, but I chose to illustrate my point with an example of how that might happen.