

Silk's perception of time

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Don Doggett — 16 Nov 2002, 05:05

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Charles Reed — 18 Nov 2002, 14:08 · follows Don Doggett

Hello all.

I hate to rain on everyone's parade who seems to think that Silk's enlightenment occurred at the point where the Whorl dropped out of FTL travel (if in fact the Whorl was capable of FTL travel, which I tend to disbelieve), but I'm going to.

At the time Silk was enlightened, the whorl had been in orbit around the "short sun" for about thirty years, and therefore could not have been going faster than light at any time during Silk's life which, at the beginning of NIGHTSIDE, was 23 years long.

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 18 Nov 2002, 17:59 · follows Charles Reed

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With this I completely concur -- God/the Outsider makes those moments "present" to Silk which Silk "needs" to perceive.

Josh Geller — 18 Nov 2002, 19:18 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

I greet the Rider of the Mouse!

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Here's one (somewhat simplified) way of looking at it:

Human people are creatures which exist in three dimensions. and are in involuntary motion in a fourth dimension. This motion is what we call time. The plenum of parallel Worlds can be conceived as a plane perpendicular to this fourth dimension.

According to this system, the angels (or small-g gods, however you prefer) exist in four dimensions, are free to move in two others, and are in involuntary motion in a seventh. The two dimensions that they are free to move in correspond to the dimensions of the time-plane mentioned above.

Maybe (probably) there are levels beyond this.

Big-G God is always NOW (as Dan'I puts it) to all of this. The angels don't really know all that much more about it than human people do. The angel's angels (assuming there are such) don't know any more about it either and so on.

All of these conceptions are not-God. God is beyond conception.

This is, of course, all my own opinions based mostly on personal research.

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Don Doggett — 19 Nov 2002, 07:13 · follows Josh Geller

----- Original Message -----

From: "Dan'I Danehy-Oakes" <ddanehy at siebel.com>

To: <urth at urth.net>

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2002 9:59 AM

Subject: RE: (urth) Silk's perception of time

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Thank you, that's what I meant but I was trying (unsuccessfully) for economy.

Don

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SMERSH, short for "Smyert shpionam" ["death to all spies"] -- the Soviet spy agency which stood in counterpart to the US's CIA, and against which James Bond fought in the original books and early movies. Yes, it was a real agency, unlike SPECTRE.