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Andy Robertson — 17 Jan 2003, 19:09

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In the same way that you can, just about, be a Catholic and not be Christian. :)

OK, not literally.

But what I mean is that it is a matter of cultural background not religious belief.

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

To: <urth at urth.net>

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2003 6:52 PM

Subject: RE: (urth) DOORS: The Hero, The Otherworld, The Ending

OK. Do you have a better term than "Catholic fabulation?"

It seems that would resolve our remaining differences.

. (H'mmm ... would you include

A CASE OF CONSCIENCE, or HYPERION?) It seems to me that the word "fabulation" does that fairly effectively. Or perhaps "Christian Mythopoieic Fantasy," which would be accurate but ugly ...

Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 17 Jan 2003, 22:40 · follows Andy Robertson

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By that logic, it shouldn't be Catholic either, in that you can write it and not be a Catholic. (Besides, I don't think anyone can really _be_ a Christian ... it's an ideal to attain to. Which is sufficient answer to the question of why some "Christians" behave so badly.)

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A somewhat overblown story, but point taken ... Certainly Catholicism is very deeply connected etc. Someone once told me that you can't be a Catholic and not believe in the literal seven-day creation; I said, "Oh, then I guess the last half-dozen Popes haven't been Catholics..."

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H'mmm. BE/DAJ don't disguise the demons behind stfnal conceits. If you allow such things, then the word "mythopoeic" sounds better and better to me.

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I believe he converted to the C of E late in life.

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No! I went looking for Lewis' grave also, and got there too late - the gates were locked, and I was leaving England next day so couldn't come back. I didn't know Blish was buried there also; now I _must_ go back.