

Apollo and Pan

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James Jordan — 22 Jan 2003, 22:33

The recent mention of Apollo in reference to Severian reminded me of something I meant to share earlier. In Ovid, and in Bach's cantata **The Contest of Phoebus and Pan,** we have a story of a musical battle between Pan (Pas) and Phoebus (Apollo). Pan's music is earthly; Apollo's heavenly. Pan challenges Apollo, seeking to usurp the god's position. He loses, of course.

Sort of interesting grist for the old Lupine mill, isn't it? I doubt if Wolfe knows the Bach, but I'll bet he knows the Ovid.

Nutria

Andrew Bollen — 22 Jan 2003, 22:48 · follows James Jordan

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 23 Jan 2003, 00:33 · follows Andrew Bollen

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Andrew Bollen — 23 Jan 2003, 00:40 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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James Wynn — 23 Jan 2003, 18:01 · follows Andrew Bollen

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Also, different from the resurrected Zeus whose grave(s?) was displayed to pilgrims at Crete. I believe **this** comes into to play in "The Long Sun" with Pas' reputed death.

The report of Pan's death comes from Plutarch. See the final note on "Pan His Nature and

Deeds" in Graves' "The Greek Myths" for details on this.

-- Crush