

Generational Starship?

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Ashley Crill — 16 Aug 2003, 08:46

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Jeff Veyera — 16 Aug 2003, 16:55 · follows Ashley Crill

I don't believe Tzadkiel travels via a solar sail, but through a principle similar to Father Inire's mirrors (which, not incidentally, Severian compares the "sails" to during his walk outside the ship). This is also consistent with the theory offered as to where the apports come from, and of Briah and Yesod as different universes.

In short, is it not reasonable to view Tzadkiel as a hyperspace ship traveling between universes, and Whorl as a spaceship traveling within one universe?

Teflon

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

From: Ashley Crill [mailto:ashley.crill at student.oc.edu] Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2003 1:47 AM To: urth at urth.net Subject: (urth) Generational Starship?

teflon wrote:

I think we're missing something here. Tzadkiel wasn't a simple spaceship. It crossed the gap between

universes, between Briah and Yesod.

Whorl never left Briah, as I understand it. It simply traversed normal space between stars. If it had been capable of >hyperspace, it no doubt not have been a generational starship.

Tzadkiel's ship didn't have some mystical means of transportation. It simply sailed. The references to it the Ship swimming in and out of the streams of time simply means that it travels faster than the speed of light. In Urth page 186 Gunny says: "The ship's leaving eternity now, slowing down so the tender can find her. Until she slows down, she isn't really a ship at all, did you know? We're like a wave, or a shout going through the universe." This is a clear description of faster-than-light travel.

Also note that the two universes Yesod and Briah are made of the same stuff. Energy pours from Yesod to Briah through white fountains, but its the same energy. For a ship to sail between the two doesn't necessarily require something other than "a simple spaceship". Who says the Whorl is "a simple spaceship" anyway?

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matthew.malthouse — 18 Aug 2003, 09:04 · follows Jeff Veyera

On 16/08/2003 17:55:04 "Jeff Veyera" wrote:

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The opposite. The apports are brought as an unintended and often unfortunate side effect of the sails being mirrors - which they are to most effectively reflect light: solar sails.

Matthew