

Silk is Calde!

The Urth list — 28 messages, 14 voices, 05 Nov 2008

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Paul B — 05 Nov 2008, 08:13

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Dave Tallman — 05 Nov 2008, 11:57 · in reply to Paul B

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Indeed. Things didn't work out quite as well as the Vironese hoped in the case of Silk, however:

- 1) People expected miracles and the favor of the gods when Silk himself had lost faith.
- 2) It was soon business as usual for the corrupt Ayuntamiento.
- 2) Silk reached out for allies in a neighboring country, only to find they had a hostile agenda of their own.
- 3) Many who followed his lead went to a greener world and found the environment quite hostile.
- 4) Silk was far less popular on leaving office than when he started.

I hope things work out better for this Calde...

John Watkins — 05 Nov 2008, 14:34 · in reply to Paul B

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Gwern Branwen — 05 Nov 2008, 15:12 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

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Lane Haygood — 05 Nov 2008, 16:02 · in reply to John Watkins

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Stuart Hamm — 05 Nov 2008, 16:02 · in reply to Paul B

Looks like my writing "Silk for Calde" on the walls of venues around the world and in bathroom stalls in truck stops worked!!!

Well, maybe not, but I hope one of you see's one someday..

A great day!!

Stuart

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Matthew Keeley — 05 Nov 2008, 17:11 · in reply to John Watkins

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I was rooting for McCain too, but there are quite a few things to look forward to in an Obama presidency. Still, it was no fun being a conservative on this campus last night. No fun at all.

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Gwern Branwen — 05 Nov 2008, 18:41 · in reply to Lane Haygood

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No. He's quite serious about it.

"JJ: That is an interesting perspective on it, I hadn't thought of at all. My wife had one of her professors that taught in a Moslem country for a while and said he woke up one day and saw the children had a bunch of kittens they were throwing up in the air and hitting them with a baseball bat against the wall and the mothers just sat by and watched. He said "I am not a Christian, I am an atheist, but I am a Christian in that I could not tolerate that." There has been an influence in our society that has made us different from pagans.

GW: We vastly underestimate the importance of Jesus. We think we don't. We have all these churches and we say how can we be underestimating Jesus? We don't until we start trying to figure out what it would be like if he had never lived. When you really start trying to figure out what it would be like if He never lived you realize that He is a much more pivotal figure than we give him credit for. All of these people, everybody at this convention is in that sense a Christian although most of them would tell you that they are not and some of them would tell them quite truthfully that they were Jews who practice Judaism in one of its various forms and so on and so forth. Nevertheless they have been influenced by Christ much more than they realized. We are very lucky to have had Him. We are very fortunate. A friend of mine learned to read Turkish.

And he got hold of a Turkish joke book and read it. And I said, "What were the jokes like?" He said it was horrible. They were all about ugly tricks that were being played on blind people and things like that. This is what we have escaped from and we don't realize that it is there and we came very close to falling into it. We very easily could have and we still may."

<http://members.bellatlantic.net/~vze2tmhh/wolfebj.html>

Yes, that's right folks. Jesus saves [us from being cruel to animals and the blind].

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Son of Witz — 05 Nov 2008, 18:43 · follows Gvern Branwen

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Gvern Branwen — 05 Nov 2008, 19:00 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Bruce Hayles — 05 Nov 2008, 19:11 · in reply to Gwern Branwen

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 05 Nov 2008, 19:32 · in reply to Bruce Hayles

One thing about this election that I think GW would appreciate.

A nation lives by its myths about itself. One of America's myths about itself is that "anybody can grow up to be President."

This year, we made that a little bit truer. Not just with the election of Obama, but with the taking-seriously of the candidacies of Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin, we eliminated the hidden truth: "...as long as they're a white male."

There are still barriers. An openly gay, Muslim, or atheistic person still probably can't be President. But today our myth about ourselves is just a little bit truer than it was yesterday.

Every nation has myths about itself, but America actually seems to lurch, a little backwards, a little forwards, towards making its myths about itself true.

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes, writer, trainer, bon vivant

<http://www.livejournal.com/users/sturgeonslawyer>

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I once absend-mindedly ordered Three Mile Island dressing in a restaurant and, with great presence of mind, they brought Thousand Island Dressing and a bottle of chili sauce. -- T. Pratchett

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No. Some are, but many aren't. For example, I just tried googling some quotes from an interview by Nick Gevers and by Melissa Mia Hall, and no dice.

It's a pity, because some of the material is really good. For example, Gene's essay "Books in The Book of the New Sun" has a lot of interesting material on the Ultan scene. I quote the end:

"...In writing the legends, I have supposed facts and old stories to have become confused with others, a rascally technique which has earned me at least one vehement accusation of plagiarism.* Thus, for example, the custom of an academic thesis is confounded with the legend of Theseus in "The Tale of the Student and His Son." The fourth book, as the astute reader will have guessed long ago, is

The Book of the New Sun itself. And now we are come again to the notion of recurrence, of the library folded in upon itself like the Klein bottle. This notion of recurrence seems to me to circle our Earth (you may spell it as you like) like the Midgard serpent which clasps its tail in its mouth and is brother to the wolf Fenris. For the library of Master Ultan is in _The Book of the New Sun_, and _The Book of the New Sun_ is in his library. And you are the readers of that book."

Some of his essays like "Nor the Summers as Golden: Writing Multivolume Works" are just intrinsically interesting. I would quote the ending from that as well, since it was an very eloquent one, but it appears I forgot to make a copy. :(

* This is a reference to *another* interview, in which Wolfe mentions a person who wrote to him about TBotNS's 'Frog' story, saying that 'no one else saw it, but I saw how you stole from Kipling there'. Wolfe replies, I'm glad you liked it and could appreciate it. The fellow responds, 'Don't do it again.'

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Agreed. There's a lot to be happy about even if your candidate lost (mine did). Anyone else see
this story? <http://www.sacbee.com/latest/story/1370390.html>

It brought a tear to my conservative eye.

-Matt

Son of Witz — 05 Nov 2008, 19:42 · follows Matthew Keeley

I like that post about the myth being truer today. A very nice antidote for my cynicism. I voted
for Obama, but I don't really believe the hype, even though I would like to.

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Matthew Keeley — 05 Nov 2008, 19:59 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Daniel Slatkin — 05 Nov 2008, 20:50 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

What really irks me is when people vote one way or another simply because they belong to the party. I saw somebody passing around a flyer from the California Republican Party. It was a "voting guide" for Republicans to the propositions, what to vote yes on, what to vote no on, and with no reason as to why.

Daniel

On Wed, Nov 5, 2008 at 11:59 AM, Matthew Keeley
<matthew.keeley.1 at gmail.com> wrote:

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Stuart Hamm — 05 Nov 2008, 23:42 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Paul B — 06 Nov 2008, 02:43 · in reply to Stuart Hamm

Incidentally, if you're interested, a while ago I'd hacked together my own "Silk for Calde" bumper sticker in photoshop. I've been driving around with it for some time, but not with nearly as much pleasure as today. http://www.stwing.org/~pborochi/lmg/Silk_bumper.jpg Just print it out on 8.5x11, attach and cover it with clear packing tape, and it comes out nice and weatherproof.

Paul

On Wed, Nov 5, 2008 at 6:42 PM, Stuart Hamm <hammstu at sbcglobal.net> wrote:
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James Wynn — 06 Nov 2008, 02:58 · in reply to Stuart Hamm

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Robert Borski had some theories related to Hyacinth's umbrella. That's the only metion I
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Kurt Schwind — 15 Jan 2010, 15:06 · in reply to Paul B

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Paul B — 15 Jan 2010, 18:10 · in reply to Stuart Hamm

Haha, same in my case. I suppose to the uninitiated it might seem like my bumper sticker proposes a shipment of fabric to some place or person named Calde, which is hard to get excited about.

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