

secular interpretations

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Marc Aramini — 26 Nov 2008, 02:29

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Jordon Flato — 26 Nov 2008, 04:53 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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Is this a commonly accepted interpretation? I've only read through Long Sun twice, but I can't at all see how this is the case! It would certainly change a lot of how I think about that book. The Outsider seems to me to be the genuine article. Can you point me to some evidence of this?

Past that, I think the idea put forth that even the bad guys end up working for the increate is a sound one.

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Roy C. Lackey — 26 Nov 2008, 05:08 · in reply to Jordon Flato

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Jordon Flato — 26 Nov 2008, 05:28 · in reply to Roy C. Lackey

Whew!

I mean, I don't think I would have accepted this even if it were 'common' wisdom, as it seems so far off the mark to me in so many ways. But, I'm glad to know I'm not alone in that one!

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