

John C. Wright on Borges & Wolfe

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Connects 3 Borges story to TBOTNS. I don't think the connections will be much controversial.

(I do disagree with his theory of Borges as a parodist of non-theistic philosophy; that he sees Borges that way says more about Wright than Borges. Borges can't believe in the Christian God because, as he says in the introduction to *_Book of Imaginary Beings_*, the Trinity is more fantastic an imagining than any he could devise. To know theology is not to believe: "He [Omar Khayyam] is an atheist, but knows how to interpret in orthodox style the most difficult passages of the Koran; for every educated man is a theologian and faith is not a requisite.")

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