

Political philosophies

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Lee Berman — 02 Aug 2010, 16:07

Ryan Dunn- However, the idea of a kingdom living on through successors by way of corpse eating is pretty cool, and maybe it was the seed of the idea for Wolfe when he constructed it in his world.

I think somewhere it is contrasted that the Ascians hope to eventually copy one individual over and over in the millions in their populatce. The Commonwealth hopes to eventually capture the minds of all members of its populace within one mind (The Autarch's).

Is one of these clearly better than the other?

I'll note that Severian's musings on the mountain and in regard to the green man suggest a sympathy with vegetarianism.

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But I now take this passage Biblically, in view of Adam and Eve and mating with demons and fallen angels and nephilim and lamia etc. Perhaps Wolfe is suggesting we would all treat each other with respect if we were all fully human (i.e. without evil alien corruption in our genes).

Lane Haygood — 02 Aug 2010, 16:18 · in reply to Lee Berman

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I got the opposite impression, that racism and xenophobia are senseless, given the assumption that we are all children of Adam and Eve, and therefore that we owe filial respect and duty to all regardless of clan, nation or ethnicity.

Gerry Quinn — 02 Aug 2010, 16:23 · in reply to Lee Berman

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It seems more like speciesism.

- Gerry Quinn