

Before and After

The Urth list — 13 messages, 7 voices, 13 Aug 2010

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 13 Aug 2010, 19:02

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

Ryan Dunn — 13 Aug 2010, 19:12 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 13 Aug 2010, 19:22 · in reply to Ryan Dunn

On Fri, Aug 13, 2010 at 12:12 PM, Ryan Dunn <[ryan at liftingfaces.com](mailto:ryan@liftingfaces.com)> wrote:
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Questionable: there is more than a hint that some kind of progress is made from Universe to Universe. (On the other hand, there's the question of entropy...)

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Might could, but I don't recall any hint of that in the text.

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Heaven and Hell _relative to Biah_. But the inhabitants of Yesod are not gods, they're just ... beings higher than humans. Maybe angels, maybe something in between. But recall that Gabriel is still infinitely distant from the Increate...

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

James Wynn — 13 Aug 2010, 19:24 · in reply to Ryan Dunn

On 8/13/2010 2:12 PM, Ryan Dunn wrote:

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 13 Aug 2010, 19:30 · in reply to James Wynn

On Fri, Aug 13, 2010 at 12:24 PM, James Wynn <crushtv at gmail.com> wrote:

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Lee Berman — 13 Aug 2010, 19:43 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Or perhaps the perfection of Jesus requires that we are in the universe Briah (n+infinity)?

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António Pedro Marques — 13 Aug 2010, 19:49 · in reply to Lee Berman

Lee Berman wrote (13-08-2010 20:43):

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I think any Incarnation will be equivalent, no matter the Briah it appears in. It's the rest of the Briah that may live to a higher or lower standard.

I don't think you need worry about the heretical thing. For a professed non-believer, you are impeccable in discussion religious hypotheses.

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 13 Aug 2010, 19:51 · in reply to Lee Berman

On Fri, Aug 13, 2010 at 12:43 PM, Lee Berman <severiansola at hotmail.com> wrote:

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Lee Berman — 13 Aug 2010, 20:01 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 13 Aug 2010, 20:11 · in reply to Lee Berman

Sorry for the accidental send of a meaningless message. Here is what I intended...

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Let me clarify: I am not a Bible-crazy. However, I do believe that Wolfe's work is best understood in a Christian (sc. Catholic) perspective, and that includes the Bible.

Full disclosure: I'm an adult convert to Catholicism.

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

Jeff Wilson — 14 Aug 2010, 02:08 · in reply to Lee Berman

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The mathematical term for this would be Briah(aleph). But there can still be Briah(aleph+1).

I must second Adam Thornton's recommendation of Surreal Numbers, it is the best "pilot hole" I've seen for drilling your way into the intricacies of infinite numbers, and covers things my previous readings and math teachers hadn't. This is not just an egghead math thing, it has real and direct applications to liberal arts, like solving Zeno's paradox.

David Stockhoff — 15 Aug 2010, 20:21 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

Right. Even though Severian is in a far older universe.

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