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Lee Berman — 16 Dec 2010, 18:20

Matthew Weber: Using the word "rood" to signify a cross or crucifix is a way of distancing the phenomenon;
if he merely said "cross" or "crucifix" it would seem very cozily Christian to us. But the BotNS is set in a far future in which Christianity may be only a distant, mythic memory--or perhaps it's a distant past in which Christianity has not yet appeared. So calling it a rood rather than a crucifix or cross renders it intelligible and retains a slight whiff of Christianity (as a survival of long ago?) without suggesting that the denizens of Urth practice what we understand to be the Christian faith.

My view exactly. Although I must admit, Wolfe's interview quotes, his choice of archaic verbiage, archaic saint names and the word Urth (past) all conspire to push my interpretation to "past universe" rather than future of Earth.