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Lee Berman — 18 Jan 2011, 02:50

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I guess I can't exactly hate racism..how can I hate what is an integral part of my own species? Or perhaps it is the broader human reflex of xenophobia which is the integral part. Either way, I think we will forever be..cursed?...with the tendency to divide into groups and fight. Heh, when I used to work in prison, the inmates managed to divide themselves not by race, not by gang affiliation but by home telephone area code and fight over that. Heck I've even known people to fight over fictional interpretations ;-).

Mo Holkar — 18 Jan 2011, 09:44 · in reply to Lee Berman

At 02:50 18/01/2011, Lee wrote:

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Mo

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WolfeWiki -- a wiki about Gene Wolfe

<http://www.wolfewiki.com/pmwiki/>

Jeff Wilson — 18 Jan 2011, 14:20 · in reply to Mo Holkar

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QFT; the instinctive tribalism in the human animal is not an excuse for the practice of racism, any more than instinctive elimination is an excuse for peeing on the wall when nature calls.

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Gerry Quinn — 18 Jan 2011, 21:14 · in reply to Lee Berman

From: "Lee Berman" <severiansola at hotmail.com>

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Jeff Wilson — 19 Jan 2011, 05:32 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

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Doesn't have a diminutive or familiar suffix.

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