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Andrew Mason — 19 Feb 2011, 22:12

:Gerry Quinn wrote:

I read that too. ?My first thought was that it was not English, because English is clearly referenced by Thea in her speech about "when the damn men went to Verthandi". ?In the ancient language of the dawn men, "Present" means both "Now" and "The Gift". ?She is baffled as to how anyone could use a language so confusing.

Actually it's not really surprising; the meanings are linked. A gift is something that is presented to you; and 'now' is the present moment, the moment that is presented to me as I speak.