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Lee Berman — 26 Nov 2012, 15:20

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Marc Aramini — 26 Nov 2012, 15:34 · in reply to Lee Berman

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For all intents and purposes, they are humans, and their little mating ritual where they pretend to be man and woman is just ontogeny recapitulating phylogeny.

--- On Mon, 11/26/12, Lee Berman <severiansola at hotmail.com> wrote:

From: Lee Berman <severiansola at hotmail.com>

Subject: (urth) (no subject)

To: "urth at urth.net" <urth at urth.net>

Date: Monday, November 26, 2012, 7:20 AM

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Daniel Petersen — 26 Nov 2012, 16:21 · in reply to Lee Berman

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Forgive me for being pedantic and patronising, but I just want to make sure everyone understands I was talking about the concept of libertarian freewill in analytic philosophy. I was not at all referencing the political position known as Libertarian (as distinct from Republican, Democrat, etc.). Wolfe happens to be self-professedly the latter, but that's not immediately relevant to a philosophical discussion about freewill vs. determinism. (Is it?)

-DOJP

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DAVID STOCKHOFF — 27 Nov 2012, 20:31 · in reply to Marc Aramini

Sergei SOLOVIEV — 27 Nov 2012, 20:35 · in reply to DAVID STOCKHOFF

The ritual occurs in the discussion with Juganu, in "Return to the Whorl" -

Sergei

DAVID STOCKHOFF wrote:

From: Marc Aramini <marcaramini at yahoo.com>
To: The Urth Mailing List <urth at lists.urth.net>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 10:34 AM
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Marc

Where does this ritual occur in the text?

Do you think Quetzal's remark about A-man and Wo-man going up the tree
and not coming down again is related to this ritual (aside from the
possibility that Urth is literally Green and that all inhumani are
descended from humans)?

