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The Urth list — 16 messages, 8 voices, 26 Sep 2017

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David Duffy — 27 Sep 2017, 04:12 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

Nah, just ordinary imperialism.

From: Urth [urth-bounces at lists.urth.net] on behalf of Gerry Quinn [gerry at bindweed.com]
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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 29 Sep 2017, 17:22 · in reply to Ab de Vos

Yes, Urth is one of the three Norns - as are the names given to the future Mars and Venus in tBotNS (Verthandi and ... duh, something else...).

And there is, I think, some evidence that the cacogens are telling the Old Autarch what to do...at least, it looks that way to me in Book Two.

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The spatula is the natural enemy of the hypothalamus.

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Charles Gillingham — 30 Sep 2017, 03:32 · in reply to Charles Gillingham

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