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Reply: Item #5222338 from URTN at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET02#

Ron Crown,

Without rereading the stories I'll try to bolster it a bit anyway. `It' being how they remind me of "All the Hues of Hell."

They are all on starships, naturally.

"Alien Stones" has a triangle dynamic where one of the characters might/must be a computer simulation based upon the other guy (ambiguous status similar to that of Skip dead/alive in "Hues"). There is a Bible on the bridge, but it is in two volumes; and there is a strong thread of Bathsheeba (biblical content on surface, similar to "Hues").

"Silhouette" has the triangle dynamic (I think) again, with an ambiguous element (isn't it the hero?), and ambiguous alien silhouettes analogous to the shadow matter world aliens in "Hues."

"The Other Dead Man" has the triangle dynamic with one ambiguous status (dead/alive). [The title seems to play off of a very early Wolfe story, "The Dead Man."]

It is quite possible that these four stories are as related to each other as the four island/doctor/death stories are.

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