

The Whorl and Operation ARES

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gac — 09 Dec 1996, 13:11

Has anyone noticed a striking similarity between Wolfe's first work, Operation ARES and his most recent, Exodus from the Long Sun? (Or, really, the last two books of the Long Sun series).

In both books, the main character is a teacher who is unwillingly drawn into a rebellion against the tyrannical government. He is identified by the government as the leader of the rebellion, despite his denials.

In both books, outside invaders (the Chinese, the Trivigauntis) assist the rebels, but in the process, end up ruling.

The similarity struck me when Silk delivers his Second Amendment speech to one of the Councilors (Loris? Potto?); John from Operation ARES had delivered almost the identical sentiment.

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Geoff

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Jim Jordan — 09 Dec 1996, 13:49 · follows gac

At 01:11 PM 12/9/96 -0500, you wrote:

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Geoff

Yes, you can. Wolfe told me that he used to be a Buckley-type conservative, but has become broader in his thinking over the years. He said, "I'm big on freedom, and we have lost a lot in recent years." See also Free, Life, Free.

I also asked him if he were going to re-write Operation ARES. He said no, but I think you are right that he has incorporated much of it in Long Sun.

My whole interview with Wolfe is on Paul Duggan's Wolfe Page.

JBJordan

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