

Devils -> Gods; No Theophany Switch?

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David_Lebling — 20 Feb 1997, 09:22

A key to the uncharacteristically benevolent nature of Pas and some of the other gods is in Kypris's explanation of possession. I can't quote it exactly, but she says that after being possessed there's a bit of Kypris in Chenille, and that if that bit were brought back to Kypris there would be a bit of Chenille in Kypris. (This is paraphrased, as I'm typing this without the books handy).

After three hundred years of this sort of thing, perhaps the gods have become humanized. This ties in well with the remarks from the Brown Book in _New Sun_ about the nature of rulership. The commons mold their gods into something like themselves but still superior to themselves. Of course this doesn't explain Echidna or Sphigx; bad to the bone, I guess.

I'm intrigued by alga's reference to the "technicians who shut down the theophanies." I don't think that's what happened. I think what happened is that Q forbade human sacrifice, which greatly reduced the likelihood of a sacrifice causing a theophany. Patera Jerboa, who was apparently the last person in Viron to have a theophany, had obviously sacrificed a child to achieve it: read the passage where they talk about sacrificing monkeys in _Exodus_. Remora is about to say so explicitly, in his usual elliptical way, when he is interrupted.

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ps: The "ultan" address is a great idea.

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