

Wolfe, Religion, and You

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Jacob Corbin — 26 Feb 2001, 20:00

Obnoxious, no, but I think we need a little more participation that focuses on the (often explicit) religious side of Mr Wolfe's writing. I often wonder what non-Christians see in him

Well, I'm wholly secular, but why should that make me any less receptive to Wolfe's writing? As SF&F, his writing does a wonderful job of deconstructing and brilliantly rethinking dozens of genre tropes. The moral and ethical messages are delivered with almost overwhelmingly large amounts of compassion, empathy, and intelligence. And the prose itself is mad and beautiful and sexy and deliciously treacherous. For all of that, I can grin through the occasional kludgy metaphor ("Look, everyone! It's THE EUCHARIST! WOO!").

Jacob G Corbin

*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.