

Oracle

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m.driussi — 27 Feb 1997, 15:22

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"Piaton"

Oxford Dictionary/Saints: none.

OED: "piation," expiation, atonement (from Latin "piation-em") Latin: just like OED sez. Greek: still and currently unavailable. CASTLE OF DAYS: "Piaton has a human name" (p. 254).

Mythologies, etc.: nothing here.

Gene Wolfe's lure (plea?) for Oracular Reading (that is, a reading more mantic than mantic):

"It seems to me that we can reasonably make two assumptions about these four books. The first is that they are books Thecla might reasonably ask to borrow, and the second is that they all must have something to do with Severian. Note, for example, that the pictures in the book of devotions are enameled and that Severian will soon encounter Dorcas; Dorcas comes from a family once engaged in the manufacture of cloisonne, and she once lived in a shop where it was sold. Cloisonne is a colored decoration of enamels. In the rest of this essay, however, I will concentrate on the first assumption, not wishing to deprive you of the legitimate pleasure of deducting the connections" (Gene Wolfe, PLAN[E]T ENGINEERING, NESFA Press, p. 9).

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