

Chrasmo Writings

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James Jordan — 03 Jul 2001, 10:29

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Patera Nutria

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 03 Jul 2001, 08:42 · follows James Jordan

Nutria wrote:

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Or, (c), the pattern of the Messiah-story is deeply ingrained in the "collective unconsciousness" or the nature of the human soul or, uh, whatever.

But in support of (b),

- i. The (fairly few) quotes from the Chrasmo Writings actually offered to us are, I believe, either quotes from real Scripture (though not necessary the Hebrew-Christian Scriptures) or variants thereon. I believe the bit about daubing the raven comes from Jeremiah, for example.
- ii. Silk actually talks (or maybe thinks) about a man back on the Short Sun Whorl who was both enlightened and possessed by the Outsider and was crucified. Presumably this would come either from the CWs or -- uh, where else?

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Jerry Friedman — 03 Jul 2001, 09:46 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Or the Outsider has been taking a hand--when he
enlightened Silk, or just in general, the way he makes
sure that auguries and Gaonese astrologers provide
correct prophecies or that Chrasmmological
bibliomancies provide good advice. (Unless you
believe all that stuff was put in by Horn
retroactively.)

The Outsider may also have been at work influencing
the "Chrasmmologists", incidentally. Dare I say
"inspiring"?

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James Jordan — 03 Jul 2001, 13:12 · follows Jerry Friedman

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Jerry Friedman

Well, I've taken it that time-travelling Severian was the Conciliator. We also have reference in
the Memoirs of Severian to the "theoanthropos," and I think He predated the Conciliator by
many thousands of years. FWIW.

Nutria

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 03 Jul 2001, 12:09 · follows James Jordan

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 03 Jul 2001, 16:49 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

I wrote

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And as I sent it, I said "Doh!"

No, not Rostrum--it was Charles Dye (aka raster) who nicely showed the links.

My apologies for the mistake!

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