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Andy Robertson — 02 Jan 2002, 13:49

Look, I think you are being too literal.

The Blue Planet/ Green Planet dichotomy surely goes back to THE FIFTH HEAD OF CERBERUS

In that story also travel to the Green planet from the Blue planet is associated with loss of self, and a plunge into a Dreamspace which has an ambiguous relationship with reality.

In that story also, time and history are warped. The "abos" seem to be genetically human, but are they? Really? If so how did they get there?

This is not explained in TFHOC, and this not-explanation is a signal, a shove, that pushes the abos from the status of science-fictional creatures to creatures of myth.

In that story, also, the Green world is inhabited by "apes of humanity" (in the sense that the devil is the Ape of God) who become convinced that they are human.

What this tells us is that Wolfe is plugging an old theme here. This is mythogenesis, not science fiction. The Green World represents something which is to be understood on the level of myth, not reality.

Green and Blue are not Urth and Lune, nor are they St Croix and St Anne. The Green World is a place of physical horror and destruction, but also a place of visions.

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experiences? At first, I was sure that Blue and Green were Ushas and Lune (albeit a Lune that had been somehow cast from its orbit into a heliocentric orbit and in which the green terraforming had gotten out of control, but it is still close enough to effect the tides of Blue), but I find that stance untenable in light of the accurate passage of time between the Nessus that Rigoglio remembers and the actual progress of the city.