

Ushas and Typhon

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James Jordan — 08 Jan 2002, 21:44

At 12:17 PM 1/8/2002 +0000, you wrote:

On 08/01/2002 03:54:43 maa32 wrote:

The biggest problem is the doubling of limbs,
that Andy so cogently brings up. That bugs me, too.

Methinks a chat with Richard of Occam would be good for you. :-)

Matthew

I tend to think so also. Of course, Marc is digging up some interesting things along the way, but the overall hypothesis seems very tenuous when there are easier explanations. One thing that the Blue=Ushas hypothesis has to account for is why there are no humans on Blue/Ushas. If Neighbors are SuperTrees (shades of Tolkein!), or Dryads, then they aren't Green Men. If we've moved a million years into the future, then the chronology is problematic. In other words, the conventional Whorl-list explanation does account for the data, without introducing a whole new range of problems for which there seems no hint of a solution.

And after all, worlds suitable for human habitation are going to look either blue or green. They aren't going to look orange or purple. Thus, whether or not Wolfe wanted to create a parallel, or suggest an identity, between Ushas/Blue and Lune/Green, he did not have a lot of choice about what colors to use.

Peacock's notion that the Whorl is an Ark, built because Typhon knew the Flood was coming, is an interesting hypothesis. I don't think Typhon had been enlightened, however; he certainly does not seem to be anyone who would be receptive to the Outsider's oracle, whoever that might have been. Typhon might just as well have built his Ark to preserve himself and the world somewhere else, because he believed that the red sun was going out, and had no faith in any New Sun.

But let the hypotheses continue!

Nutria