

Kirk = church

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m.driussi — 04 Apr 1997, 17:35

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Dr. Gouvea,

(That Cap'n Kirk quote makes me smile!)

Yep, Silk is remembering the Writings, so the Outsider possessing and enlightening the fortunate man in order to rambo the moneymen is all Chrasmologically orthodox. (Long ago someone around here whose name I should remember was saying that the Writings smacked of Marcus Aurelius. Time has come to follow up on that . . . <reaching back into auxiliary brain> . . . so how 'bout it, Charles Dye? Could you give us some links between the Writings and the Meditations?)

To heap more upon this nugget in a vain attempt to make Mount Typhon out of a molehill: since we know that this is one of the few bits in the Writings that deal with the Outsider, we can make the leap and figure that this is the groundwork from which Silk builds his own personal interpretation of the Outsider--that is, the Writings provide the initial palette of colors with which Silk paints his eye-witness portrait of the Outsider.

Nutria,

Thanks for spelling out the Chrasmos thing! (Some people who are not at all stupid tried selling me on the Krasis angle, fwiw.)

vizcacha,

It is currently in vogue to disbelieve that map in LEXICON URTHUS--I myself disbelieve it more than when I published it! <g> But you know me--hopelessly lax, muddled, and dreamy--I say the more maps, the better! Looking at all those maps of the New World, how they diverge . . . California is an island! (Well, it =is=, I'm sure you'll all agree!) Even more fantastic are medieval maps of Eurasia--on the one hand a miracle that Marco could find his way to Acre, nevermind Cathay; on the other hand a sobering reminder that we ultramoderns put far too much faith in ridiculously detailed data representations.

To be fair, that map has its strengths and weaknesses.

Anyway, my next-to-be-drawn map, codename NAZCA, ditches all historicity to portray a fresh new continent raised by (you guessed it!) terraforming techniques which tie into the nameless entity at the bottom of the mine at Saltus. That is to say: much more like Zothique than ever before!

(Maybe for AE&3? Yikes, looks like I've already got enough to fill one up, and we haven't even opened the floodgates of Urth! Good thing I've got the cover already done . . .)

Re: scourging the moneylenders, yes, we are all in agreement that this is a clear link between the Outsider and Jesus Christ of the New Testament. It just has an odd twist to it, that's all. There are several founders of major religions who started out as ordinary mortal men and in adulthood suddenly were touched by something from beyond (right off the bat we have Gautama the Buddha and Mohammed the Prophet), but that is not the story of Jesus.

Next up: is the Outsider Son (Jesus), Father (God), Holy Ghost, all of the above, or none of the above? Because if Outsider = Son, then enlightenment/possession is as I wrote before; but if Outsider = Father and/or Holy Ghost, then =maybe= enlightenment/possession of the fortunate rambo falls under the category of communing with God, receiving inspiration (or "marching orders" as the chem soldiers would have it).

Not that I want to get tangled up in theological matters, just that I'm trying to envision Silk, the Outsider, and the Whorl within the Christian context. And as we all know, that Gene is a puzzle master!

alga,

Not to badger you or anything, but have you finished your urthography essay yet? (What, you haven't even =started=?! <g>)

=mantis=

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