

Pretty impressive, Alex

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William Ansley — 23 Aug 2000, 23:54

Back on Mon, 18 Oct 1999, Alex David Groce
<Alex_Groce at gs246.sp.cs.cmu.edu> wrote:

[...]

vizcacha brings up the Moses analogy also, which suggests that Silk himself may not ever set foot on Blue. Moses, of course, died before he reached the Promised Land, but came back later at the transfiguration in the Gospels. Is Horn the means by which Silk is setting foot on Blue only after death?

I found the passage quoted above while I was looking through the archive for one of my own messages and was a bit startled. Is Alex a good guesser or what?

William Ansley

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John Clute — 24 Aug 2000, 13:26 · follows William Ansley

In-Reply-To: <200008240354.UAA02029 at lists1.best.com>

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james jordan — 28 Aug 2000, 08:52 · follows Alex David Groce

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Perhaps. And since Wolfe tosses lots of things together, I have no problem. But remember that at his transfiguration Jesus spoke of the "exodus" he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. Wolfe hears that passage read annually in mass on Transfig. Sunday, so it might be Jesus' situation that is all he intends. Remember that Jesus also does not "enter" the new church age, except via his spirit, and what we see in Wolfe is that not Silk but Oreb comes to the new planets. Also, I'm not seeing any way that Horn could be Joshua.

Patera Nutricious

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