

Vocabulary for Chapters 23-26 of To Your Scattered Bodies Go

Lazarus: Person in the Gospel of John who is raised from the dead by Jesus. Farmer uses variants of this name for those who are resurrected in this book, especially those resurrected again when they die in Riverworld.

Myriad: Large number, many

Cairo: The current capital of Egypt, with the Sphinx and Great Pyramids on its outskirts

Early Bronze Age: Beginning about (or in some places before) 3000 B.C. and going down to about 2000 B.C.

Copulation: The act of sex.

Anthropology: The study of human culture, including art, mythology, customs, religion and lots more

Ennui: boredom

Spew: emit, in this case vomit

Norse, Odin, Valhalla: Norse refers to the culture of northern Europe, especially the Vikings, during and up to the time of the Middle Ages. Odin was their chief (one-eyed) god, and Valhalla was the place soldiers who died in battle went to be served beer forever by very attractive Valkyries. You can see how this belief would make Viking soldiers somewhat fearless in battle.

Martyr: one who dies for one's beliefs, like the Christians who refused to convert in the early Roman Empire and were executed by Nero and other emperors.

Grace: in Christian theology, God's *gift* of the chance of forgiveness of humans. Humans don't earn this chance (grace): Jesus did it for them.

"Plus ca change . . . meme chose": the more things change, the more they stay the same

Sanctum: safe, secure place

Extricate: Remove

Ecliptic: the great circle showing the Sun's apparent path during a year.

Luminaries: stars

Zenith: Highest Point

Celibacy: the choice to abstain from (avoid) sex

Chastity: Like celibacy, it refers to avoiding sex.

Valkyrie: As mentioned above under Norse, the very attractive mythical winged warrior women who serve beer in Valhalla. More seriously, they're sort of battle Fates who decide who will live and die in battle.

Pandora: mythical Greek girl who opens a box given to her that she's not supposed to open and thereby unleashes all of the sorrows of life like illness, death and homework.

Sentients: Thinking creatures/people

Aura: a theoretical field or emanation around a person that in spiritualism is considered a part of that person and that might be seen by mediums (spiritually attuned people).

Post-resurrection: After resurrection

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Answer these questions with details to make future essays easier. If you include page numbers, that will help you find quotes when writing essays. Due by Oct. 16 with essay rev. due to holiday on 14th.

Ch. 23

1. What surprises Burton when he's resurrected again? What does he do to avoid detection?
2. How has human society developed at this point in Riverworld? What organization is working against this? What does this group believe?
3. Who are the "resurrected dead," and what is Collup's theory about them? What other source of information backed up much of what Collup thought?
4. What is Burton's plan going forward? What does he hope to achieve?

Ch. 24 1. What more do we learn about Collup's beliefs in this chapter?

2. What does Goring do, and what happens to him in this chapter?

Ch. 25 1. With whom is Burton talking in this chapter? What is this person's situation?

2. What does he tell Burton about the other Ethicals' purposes? What do they think of humans?

3. How does the person talking to Burton feel about humans? Why?

4. What does this person reveal about steps he has taken already? What does he want Burton to do?

5. What important rule does this person say the Ethicals have about humans?