

## QUOTES from chapters 15-22

"They were astonished at what he had to tell them of human history – of war, slavery, and prostitution.

"It is because they have no Oyarsa" said one of the pupils.

"It is because everyone them wants to be a little Oyarsa himself.' Said Augray.

"They cannot help it," said the old sorn. "There must be rule, yet how can creatures rule themselves?...They are like one trying to lift himself by his own hair..." – p 102.

{Oyarsa said} "If you were my own people I would kill then now, Ransom, and you soon; for they are bent beyond hope, and you when you have grown a little braver, will be ready to go to Maleldil. But my own authority is over my own world. It is a terrible thing to kill someone else's hnau. It will not be necessary...

{turning to Weston Oyarsa says} "though your mind is feebler, your will is less bent than I thought. It is not for yourself that you would do all this... "{but The Bent One} has left you this one law {love of humanity} because a bent hanu can do more evil than a broken one. He has only bent you; but this Thin One who sits on the ground he has broken, for he has left him nothing but greed. He is now only a talking animal and in my world he could do no more evil than an animal. If he were mine I would unmake his body for the hanu in it is already dead. But if you were mine I would try to cure you ..." p. 123, p.139

"Bent creatures are full of fears"

"Yes, said Oyarsa "but one thing we left behind us on the harandra: fear. And with fear, murder and rebellion. The weakest of my people does not fear death. It is the Bent One – the lord of your world, who wastes your lives and befouls them with flying from what you know will overtake you in the end. If you were subjects of Maleldil you would have peace. – p 140.

"You are guilty of no evil, Ransom of Thulcandra, except a little fearfulness. For that, the journey you go on is your pain, and perhaps your cure: for you must be either mad or brave before it is ended."

"Weston did not know the Malacandrian word for laugh: indeed, it was not a word he understood very well in any language."

{the Pfiltrigg said} "Everyone has learned the speech of the horossa"

"Why is that?" asked Ransom, still thinking in terms of terrestrial history. "Did the hrossa once rule the others?"

"I do not understand. They are our great speakers and singers. They have more words and better. No one learns the speech of my people, for what we have to say is said in stone and suns' blood and stars' milk and all can see them. No one learns the sorn's speech,, for you can change their knowledge into any words and it is still the same. You cannot do that with the songs of the hrossa."

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"How do you rule yourselves? asked Ransom. "those who are digging in the mines - do they like it as much as those who paint the walls?"

"All keep the mines open; it is a work to be shared..."

"It is not so with us."

"Then you must make very bent work. How would a maker understand working in suns' blood unless he went into the home of the sun's blood himself..."

"With us [the minerals] lie very deep and are hard to get and those who dig it must spend their whole lives on the skill."

"And they love it?"

"I think not, I do not know. They are kept at it because they are given no food if they stop."

"Then there is not food in plenty on your world?"

"I do not know" said Ransom. "I have often wished to know the answer to that question but no one can tell me..."

## Scripture

Proverbs 1:7

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Matthew 10:28

28 "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Psalms 23

1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalms 31

5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit; **You have ransomed me**, O LORD, God of truth.

15 My times are in Your hand

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, All you who hope in the LORD.

Oyarsa said to Ransom "You have shown me more wonders than are known in the whole of heaven..."

**Hebrews 2:9-18**

9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

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14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, **that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,**

**15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.**

16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

