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Written in the dark hours just before and during World War II, C. S. Lewis's Space Trio, of which Perelandra is the second episode, stands alongside works such as Albert Camus's The Plague and George Orwell's timely allegory that has become timeless , loved by the next generation as much as possible for the sheer magic of storytelling about the meaning of ethical concerns. For the central character of the trio, C. S. Lewis created perhaps the most memorable character of his career, the brilliant, clear and fiercely brave philosopher Dr. Elwin Ransom. Appropriately, Lewis models Dr. Ransom after his close friend J. R. R. Tolkien, given the scope of its imaginable achievements and the whole of its vision of not just one but two fantasy worlds, the Space Trio is rivaled this century only by the Tolkien trio of Lords of the Rings. Readers love Lewis's fantasy series The Chronicles of Narnia when children don't appreciate their Space Trilogy as adults; It, too, brings to life the strange and magical realm in which the battle is fought between the forces of light and those of darkness. But in the many layers of its fable, and the piercing sophistication and brilliance of its insights into the human condition, it occupies a place among the most extraordinary works of the English language for all ages, and for all ages. In Perelandra, Dr. Ransom is recruited by the inhabitants of Malacandra, be friends in Out of the Silent Planet, to rescue the planet perelandra edenic and its peace-loving population from a terrible threat: a wicked creature from another world who strives to create a new world order , and those who must destroy an old and beautiful civilization to do so. For other uses, see Perelandra (orientation). This article needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to trusted sources. Non-native material can be challenged and removed. Source: Perelandra - news · press · books · scholar · JSTOR (September 2015) (Learn how and when to delete this template announcement) The first cover of PerelandraAuthorC. S. LewisCountryUnited KingdomLanguageEnglishSeriesThe Space TrilogyGenreScience fictionPublisherThe Bodley HeadPublication date1943Media typePrint (Hardback & Paper)Pages243 (hardcover)Previously published byOut of the Silent Planet Followed byThat Hideous Strength Perelandra (also driven by Voyage to Venus in a later edition published by Pan Books) is the second book in space trilogy of C. S. Lewis , on the planet Perelandra, or Venus. It was first published in 1943. Plot summary The story begins with the philosopher Elwin Ransom, several years after he returns from Mars at the end of Out of the Silent Planet, receiving a new mission from Oyarsa (the angel ruler) of Mars. Ransom summons story teller-Lewis to his arrival Home. Ransom explains to Lewis that he (Ransom) will go to Perelandra (Venus), where he resists some kind of attack launched by earth's Black Archon (Satan). Ransom is transported in a coffin-like vase that appears to be made of ice, containing only himself. He gets Lewis to blindfold him so that sunlight won't blind him once he travels beyond the earth's atmosphere. He didn't wear any clothes on the journey because Oyarsa told him the clothes were unnecessary on Venus. He returned to Earth more than a year later and was met by Lewis and another friend. The rest of the story is told from Ransom's perspective, with Lewis acting as the occasional dialogue and commentator. Ransom arrives at Venus after a journey in which he is surrounded by bright colors; Dissolved boxes leave Ransom on what appears to be an ocean paradise. A day is about 23 Earth hours, as opposed to (about) 24 and 25 hours a day of Earth and Mars. The sky is golden but opaque. Therefore the sun is not visible, daylight is somewhat dimmer on Earth, and the night is a black courtyard with no visible star. The planet is covered, so far as Ransom can first see, by a freshwater ocean, which is dotted with floating rafts of vegetation. These rafts were like islands, to the point where there was plant and animal life for them, including a dragon-like creature that Ransom encountered at the beginning of his visit. However, since the rafts do not have a geological background, they are in a state of constant movement. The planet's only observed geological feature is a mountain known as fixed earth. Ransom soon met the Queen of the planet, later revealed to be Tinidril; she was a carefree person who soon accepted him as a friend. Unlike the inhabitants of Mars in Out of the Silent Planet, she is like a human in appearance except for the color of the skin, green; this is believed to be the preferred form assumed by sent organisms as a result of the incarnation of Maleldil, God's second person, in human form. She and the King of the planet, who are largely uns visible until the end, are the only inhabitants of man and are the Eve and Adam of their world. They live on floating raft islands and are forbidden to sleep on fixed land. Floating rafts or islands are actually Paradise, not only in the sense that they provide a pleasant and carefree life, but also in the sense of Ransom for weeks and months naked in the presence of a beautiful without once coveting her or being tempted to seduce her. This paradise changed when Professor Weston arrived in a spacecraft and landed in a part of the ocean quite close to the fixed land. He initially informed with Ransom that he was a reformed man, but still seemed to be seeking power. Instead of the materialist serious attitude he displayed when he first met Ransom, he insisted he had become aware of being The existence of spiritual creatures and a commitment to loyalty to what he calls the Living Force. Ransom, however, warns against Weston's position that not all spirituality is inherently good, and Weston, after matching pride, succumbs to full demon possession. In this state, the possessed Weston finds the Queen and tries to tempt her to defy Maleldil's laws by spending a night on the Fixed Land. Ransom tries to fight this. Well versed in Biblical and Christian theology, Ransom realized that if the pristine Queen, who had never heard of Evil, succumbs to the tempter's argument, the Fall of the Man would be re-enacted on Perelandra. He struggles through day in and day out of the long argument tempting the Queen to spiritual pride, as Weston demonic shows brilliant super-humans in debate (albeit when on-duty he displays moronic, asinine behaviour and minor cruelty) and moreover never seems to need sleep. With Weston the devil on the verge of victory, Ransom desperate feeling in the night what he gradually realized was a God command to fight the physical tempter, hand to hand. The bookish Ransom is fearful, and debates for hours with voices inside the sacred. A curious twist is introduced here; although Ransom knew that his name originated from the Son of Ranolf, God reminded him that Jesus' passion was a ransom for mankind, and that Ransom's name was actually arranged to foreshadow his current role. Inspired, Ransom decided to confront Tempter altogether. Unsupplied to hand, Ransom attacked his opponent with cymed punches and kicks. Weston's body is defeated despite Tempter's superior cunning, and he runs away. Ransom eventually chases Weston across the ocean on the back of the giant friendly fish. In a pretend truce, Weston actually temporarily reappears to recount his experience of Hell, the horror of being digested into the Devil, losing all independent existence. The moment Ransom is distracted by horror and pity, the demon surprises Ransom and nearly engulfs him. The chase continues into a cave where Ransom appears to kill Weston's body and, claims his mission on, searches the surface. Weston's body, horrifically injured but still animated by Tempter, follows him. When they last met in another cave, Ransom defeated a psychological attack with a terrible app outing, and eventually threw Weston into the volcanic volcano. Back on the surface, Ransom recovered from the injury, except that a bite on his heel continued to bleed for the rest of his life. Ransom insc engraved with a memorial inscription to Weston, to commemorate his scientific achievements and to travel to space first although also recorded his surrender to the Devil. Ransom met the king and queen along with Oyéresu of Mars and Venus, who later transferred the planet's sovereignty to the king and queen. All of these celebrate the prevention of a Fall in the Second Bible and the beginning of a uimaginable paradise in this new world. The story culminates with Ransom's vision of The Great Dance: higher and lower exchanges, as when an adviser gives power to a royal child. This is an allegory of life, and may be the essence of God, and alludes to Dante's journey in Divine Comedy. His mission ended, Ransom reluctantly returned to Earth; His new mission is to continue fighting against evil on its home territory: Earth. 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