

Bozo Bus Tribune

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"We're all bozos on this bus!"

Oshiro's [TBA what] coming [TBA when]!

Fan GoH **Mark Oshiro** is utterly excited about his upcoming novel, which for contractual reasons he can't tell us the name of, or the publisher for, or the release date of, or the format of publication for. But it is YA and concerns protests (and painful overreactions thereto) in a college setting. He can tell us that this book is a first for his publisher, which quite reasonably wants the drama of the announcement for itself. The editorial letter giving him the go-ahead will be arriving any time, and when the book does drop, Mark promises to "tag Minicon's Twitter and say, 'See, *this* is why I couldn't tell you!'" And it will all make sense.

From "Jim Hines Reads":

Birthday cupcakes were served at **Jim Hines'** reading, attended by about thirty. "Yesterday was my last day of being 42," said a bittersweet Hines. "You only get one shot at that year. On the bright side, cupcakes?" He then treated us to a work in progress about aliens visiting Earth and trying to communicate with seabirds by catapulting feces, among other things. The humans they meet are, at first... less than communicative. And maybe a titch undead.

Paraphrased excerpts from the Brother Guy interview...

Q: Could hypothetical extraterrestrial beings that might cause a Big Crunch (or by implication those that might have caused the Big Bang) be considered gods?

A: No. Okay, a flaky definition of God. Gods like those in the Greek or Norse pantheons are part of nature while making things happen in nature,

but Christianity posits a God that is supernatural and thus fundamentally different.

Q: Can we really believe in the resurrection of Christ?

A: There used to be a theory about certain meteorites that precluded the possibility they came from Mars, but when they were split open, Martian gases were found within, and we needed a new theory. If you believe that Christ wasn't resurrected because you don't believe resurrection is possible, then you're shaping the data to fit your theory.

Q: Could science someday shed light on the question of life after death?

A: I don't believe that at this point science can add anything to the conversation. If I had a colleague who wanted to investigate that, I would advise them to pick another topic.

Q (on matters of faith): Is there a test for that?

A: Unfortunately, most of the tests are 'Wait fifty years and see what happens'—at which point it's too late."

Bonus fact: His dad wanted to be a zeppelin pilot!

Personals

Lost a camera or car keys? They are at the hotel desk.

Team Mystic! Who wants to help take down that red gym in the parking lot? Talk to Sharon in the Green Room.

Thanks again to E.S. From SUJAM!

Those of us who are dependent on closed captions are unable to squee: They are unavailable on BBC America in this hotel, and therefore not available for the Doctor Who premiere.
