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In general, Judaism is much warier about the temptation of dualism than is Christianity, and undercuts the power and significance of any rivals to God, whether Leviathan, angel, or, especially for our purposes, devil.

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But we will have to wait some time, if not forever, for a genuinely Jewish fantasy work to appear. What craftsmen wove the innards of the clockwork mechanisms that were so ubiquitous in Fillory? The novel is serious, too, and its goal is to ask the question of whether fantasy and adulthood are mutually exclusive, as the process of becoming an adult means accepting the reality principle rather than looking for the next secret door that is going to lead you to your real life, as one character puts it. Bava Batra 75a To subject the primal abyss to the forces of commerce is to demythologize with a vengeance—and to do it wholesale at that.

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This is of course the plot, in a nutshell, of *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and much of Lewis's Space Trilogy to which, for that matter, concludes with the forces of good being led not by a Christian but by the pre-Christian Merlin. Shimon Adaf was born in Sderot, Israel, in 1972 to parents of Moroccan origin and now lives in Jaffa. Even Sauron knows them not.

Authors : Adaf, Shim'on : SFE : Science Fiction Encyclopedia

In fact, when one of her two sons from a previous marriage became increasingly observant, Lewis turned to the great Jewish historian Cecil Roth for advice on finding kosher food and shabbat hospitality for his stepson. The novel is a remarkable treatment of the theme of Wonderland, and was Adaf's most popular book in Israel.

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