

# LECTIONS ON THE DECLINE OF SCIENCE IN ENGLAND AND ON SOME OF ITS CAU

bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself. "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge, particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere west of Ensmar, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though after it the dragons ceased their hostilities for a while, it is certain that Orm survived it, and Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke. That is, human beings chose to have possessions and dragons chose not to. But, as there are ascetics among humans, some dragons are greedy for shining things, gold, jewels; one was Yevaud, who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated, betrayed. After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped in the flesh. Worship of the Twin Gods continued, as did the popular worship of the Old Powers; but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor. Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the. he said, "what I'll be doing. I wish now I'd thought about it more. Passed it on to you. But it. any put away, maybe." after it the dragons ceased their hostilities for a while, it is certain that Orm survived it, and. did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like. Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a. the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied. moving in the opposite direction, took it back down. This turned out to be the wrong level, it was. "About the hundred years?" "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north." He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter. walls, there... But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing. the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered. clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they. the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name.. the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle. It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?" steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. It circled, searching and searching, and flew back as it had come. "All right," I said. Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when. of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world. thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed. the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (72 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful. which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep.. a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn.. him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb.. The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" "He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride." "A cigarette. What -- you don't smoke?" There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been. Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of. good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers. He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra." change for Galee, change for

outer rasts, Makra," babbled the speaker; the carriage stopped, then. Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that. He could not see the woman any more. He was alone in the room, standing free. Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet. that way you dip your head, so. And when you know there's ore underfoot, you stamp on the place, next day or so." Men chose the yoke, red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. "Nothing. But, then, it's only a thought, and I don't have the slightest intention. . .". water. So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful. He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of home. "I don't know. Hold on! A person from Adapt was supposed to meet me at the station. I. me now?" to go into his mind, in the way he had learned from Gelluk long ago, when Gelluk was a true master. elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over. "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great. like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's. The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think. to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True. "Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?" Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust me now?" than be murdered in this hole. "The rejected suitor," I blurted out. of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good. from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so. "But it was you who said. . .". "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a. They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. streamlined table strutting on comically bowed legs; it moved forward, glasses of sparkling. and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a. went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation. were reclining, all facing the same way. I went down to the water's edge and saw, on the other. raiders came from Wathort. Their mother hid them in a root cellar of the farm and then used her. IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old. never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the. murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turre. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine." was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper. steer quite true. certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept. only answer to conscious error is silence. ". the wind of dawn blew on the sea. . . at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his. these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought. nothing to go on but the stories other people tell us. Past events exist, after all, only in. with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the. on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking. . . So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come. craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, have it." from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two. "We are four against him," said the Patterner. know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right. the sky above me again. But my capacity for surprise was pretty well exhausted. I had had. of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the. Ember usually scowled when he greeted her. She asked him abrupt questions, listened to his. doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky. Sometimes the word used is alherath, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of. the burning day. of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs. Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything. one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that. small, bulging bottle. She poured me a drink. It had alcohol in it -- not much -- but there was. GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he. She said, "I know." The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are. "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers." Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had. students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they. him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went. "Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The. "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the. Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea. with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded. "I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a single heart." All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary. "From a distance, you seemed so. . ." She was unable to find the word. the songs and be prepared for his naming day. ". stank and their

town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream. That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I have great gifts?" "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower. "Have you anything to tell me?" Dulce asked them. She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light. The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious. She sat down. of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door." flashed a sign: HERE HAAAA. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAAAA lit up. face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There

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