

PETER

Greek = Petros Latin = Petrus

Doncha' just love Prankster Pete? Although he hid in the shadows of Ret and Fran during the first two books, he's now taking center stage... Hand-picked, by Ret to play a lead role.

What do you find to be some of Pete's likeable qualities?

What do you see as some of Pete's weaknesses?

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

¹⁷ *Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

Matthew 16:15-18 NKJV

Fun fact: Just like our Prankster Pete, in real life Simon (who Jesus renamed Peter) was chosen by Jesus to be the very foundation of Jesus' church here on earth. The name that Jesus gave him translates to *rock* in Greek. And, just as Pete wasn't perfect in our story, Simon Peter also had a few shortcomings. However, the Lord gave him strength and built him up to be a key Apostle.

Below are a few piece of scripture that show us Simon Peter's character. Look up the verses and sum up Pete's character in one word. (E.g. Matthew 15:15: *Curious*)

Matthew 14:28: _____

Matthew 14:29 _____

Matthew 16:16 _____

Matthew 26:33 _____

What does the above tell you about Peter, the one who Jesus said he would build His church upon?

Monde...

In French, translates to, "world"

Fran, Ted, Nissa, Ian and Ruth... the Monde family.

Although they each have some endearing qualities, because of their name, you can be assured that the part they play in the Ascension Series allegory is... *the world* A/K/A, US.

You and me.

Think about each character of the Monde family. What characteristic do you think they might represent in a worldly sense?

FRAN:

TED:

IAN:

RUTH:

NISSA:

And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

John 8:23 NKJV

The above passage, taken from the book of John is what Jesus speaks to the Jews about where he is from (and how he differs from them.) If you have a bible, read John 8: 21-26. If you don't have a bible, you can follow this link to the scripture: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8%3A21-26&version=NKJV>

In your own words, sum up what being "of the world" means.

LIEBEN

TRANSLATES, "TO LOVE" IN GERMAN

The Lieben family is made up of Benjamin (Doc), Retter and Ema. Believe me, it's no coincidence their last name means "to love". In this story Doc, the creator of Impervious has many likeness to our own creator.

Name a few likenesses that you might see between Doc and God the father.

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Although both the character of Doc and God the Father share similarities, be assured, that there are also differences between Doc and God the Father. For one, Doc was a created being... a mere mortal, unlike God who is, always was, and is yet to come!

God is....

Omnipotent!

Omnipresent!

Omniscient!

All+potent...He's all powerful.

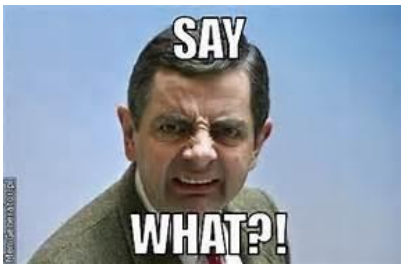
All+ present...He's everywhere.

All + scient...He knows everything!!! AND

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

~ 1 John 4:8 NKJV

What does it mean to you that an all-powerful, all-knowing God who is everywhere is also a being of love?



ASCENSION

The act of rising to an important position or a higher level



Thematic comparisons:

The Ascension Series

Real Life on Planet Earth

The Open Air is real, not just a fairytale!

Heaven is real!

Everyone born inside the city of Impervious remains captive to the Council

The fallen world we live in on planet earth is our captivity. Our captor is Satan.

Retter drinks in the tainted Impervious water.

Jesus drank in the sins of the world.

In *The Imparting*, the final installment of The Ascension Series, we also see:

The Ascension Series

Real Life

Because Retter is the only one in the open air whose blood is pure, he can produce the needed antibodies to free the residents.

Because our Savior, Jesus, is also pure, holy and untainted by the sins of this world, He can free us from certain death.

Is it difficult for you to believe a pure and holy being from heaven would choose to enter our world and become tainted with our sin? Spend some time in reflection and write down your thoughts.

Retter...

Is the German word for Savior!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
John 3:16-17 NKJV

Have you ever read or heard the above scripture? These were words spoken by Jesus to Nicodemus, a Pharisee or religious leader, of the Jewish faith.

The main points of John 3:16-17 are:

- ✚ *God love us all.*
- ✚ *A great sacrifice was made for us all.*
- ✚ *We must believe in the one whom God sent (his son) in order to be given the privilege of eternal life.*

✚ *He didn't send Jesus to condemn us, but rather to save us!*

EXTRA CREDIT!!

Read all of John 3 which you can find here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+3&version=NKJV>

NKJV

Why do you think so many people choose to turn away from the one thing that might bring them life?

Give yourself some space to contemplate that question. Feel free to journal or doodle your thoughts below.

Revelation

Divine or supernatural disclosure to humans of something relating to human existence or the world.

As the tension ramps up in the Agora towards the end of the Imparting, We find Pete handing out the antidote. For free!

Under the excruciating circumstance inside of the Agora it would seem like a no-brainer to accept the antidote made by Retter's pure blood. Can you think of any reasons why a person inside the Agora would choose to forgo the antidote??

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

Revelation 16:10-11

The above scripture is from the final book of the bible called Revelation, and was my inspiration for the final battle scene inside the Agora. In the bible, the book of Revelation, written by the Apostle John, is a telling of what is to come in the final days here on earth. Although we don't know when this time will come, we do know is that many will suffer and many will curse God rather than choose life from God.

What will you choose?

Thinking
of you!
- God