

## Children of Dune Etc

I'm watching that movie now "with" my daughter Hope. [She's presently 1.5 years old; "with" means when she's 8; I'm recording my side of the conversation right now, as I type.] Long story short, my fictional counterpart is Muad'Dib, Hope's Ghanima, and her brother Arthur, Leto. Ghani is the wild-card in the series' plot: in the Dune series, Paul-Muad'Dib sees "everything" but Ghani, she's hidden from his "absolute" vision/prescience. As in my actual life, God showed me Arthur, the eventual break-up with his mother, the necessity of going to the Philippines to meet Hope's mother, Grace, my present wife [I pray every day she's the *last*]. That's a temporal-joke by the way.

A casual reader might find the parallels "disturbing", if they were "in my shoes". But I don't. It's reassuring and in the very least, something to talk about with Hope.

The reason for above is as a context for the following. We human beings simply and unequivocally do **NOT** understand "destiny" and free-will. We imagine "destiny" is written down somewhere in the "book of life". Forgive my terminology but, that's *pure bullshit*. Imma make it *crystal clear* for homo sapiens:

***destiny*  $\equiv$  *the infinite choices available to us, period*  
*(three horizontal bars means identity/definition)***

So let's review my *actual role* for humanity:

1. I clarify things for us
2. I validate our humanity
3. I validate our relationships with God

In Dune, Muad'Dib is like a galactic messiah. *Thank God I'm nothing like that!* But Hope is something else. As I state above, her fictional counterpart is Ghanima, the Dune series' wild-card. Hope is *infinitely* closer to her fictional counterpart than I am to mine.

I think that's pretty neat :)

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