On Stapledon's Star Maker.


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Abstract:  Stapledon’s Star Maker is a monumental work of cosmogonic SF, at once defining the boundaries of SF and attempting a theodicy. I attempts to depict the ‘universal history of the cosmos’ through the mental journey of the narrator, from the discovery of other life-forms in a panpsychozoic universe, all the way to a glimpse of the universe’s creator, the Star Maker. Despite the unprecedented expasiveness of Stapledon’s vision, the book is a great failure—for the author depicts a universe of ambiguous ontology. Either the Star Maker created the universe freely, or it acted as a medium according to rules higher than Star Maker itself. In the former case, Star Maker’s behavior toward its creatures reveals that it is governed by aesthetic-ludic criteria and not by an ethical interest in their happiness. In the latter case, it remains a mystery why the cosmos developed in the Sisyphusian, indirect ways in Star Maker’s actions.

Stapledon’s theodicy breaks apart on a profound contradiction: that the glory of Star Maker’s act of creation is somehow related to the willingness of its creatures to resign themselves to their own deaths, their inevitable destruction. Despite Stapledon’s wish to create a fantastic explanatory myth, why the universe had to evolve in the Sisyphusian, indirect ways in Star Maker remains unexplained.

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