

## Reading Log #3

"They stood atop a cliff watching the surf pound the rocks below with such force that the earth shuddered under their feet. It was the most awesome thing Eli had ever seen, and at the same time one of the most terrifying. It was like standing at the end of the planet and looking off into the rest of the galaxy."

The Droughtland is supposed to be a desolate, depressing wasteland, ridden with filth and disease. However, this quote in particular talks about the Droughtland in a different manner. A beautiful, majestic and almost surreal place. This also reflects on Eli's character, astonished at how any area in the land could be that amazing. I love the descriptive language the author uses, portraying the sea as a wild animal, graceful, but also frightening, ready to pounce. She almost puts this in to provide us with a contrast. I compared both sides of the Droughtland, and decided that even in ugliness, there is beauty. A rose with thorns, an old jeep with brand-new tires. In a way, the Droughtland is much like the Key. In all of the Key's beauty—the houses and gardens—there are hideous laws and personalities of the people with the most power.

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### The Chrysalids:

"I'm telling you," he went on, "that a lot of people saying that a thing is so, doesn't prove it is so. I'm telling you that nobody, nobody really knows what is the true image."

Insightful.

I find it a little funny how the characters in the book are uncertain what the true image of God truly is and how the debate on whether certain things are deviations of the "true image". If God brought tribulation down upon the "old people" wouldn't that have been his will that the aftermath resulted in mutations and such? How could they know that the other variations of humans that believe they are the true image are not correct and they are the image? But at the same time the reader knows that "tribulation" was actually the result of a nuclear war that caused radiation and mutation which of course are man made deviations from God's creations. So technically they have it right, but how could they know? In our world we accept things that are different maybe with some hesitation, but in theirs, there is no toleration. If they had a bit of acceptance the world they live in would probably be more peaceful.