

Andrew Explains It

Q: Isn't this just like a Q&A?

Andrew: No. The Q&As have Ryan, too.

Q: What happened to Ryan?

Andrew: Why should I care?

Q: Why do Star Trek fans think the Federation would defeat the Empire?

Andrew: Because they are masters of the devastating debate technique known as the Wall of Ignorance. For example, they claim that the EU and Incredible Cross Sections books aren't canon, and instead are in a parallel, non-canon universe. This is because the concept of "canon tiers" is too complicated for their technobabble-addled minds, and instead they twist George Lucas' statements on the relation between different canon tiers.

Interestingly, they never bring up Gene Roddenberry's statement that "It's not Star Trek until I say it is." This is probably because it would invalidate everything after The Next Generation, though most people would like to forget all that crap anyway.

One of their more amusingly frustrating arguments is the assertion that the Death Star did not actually blow up Alderaan, and instead initiated a chain reaction. I don't know what version of A New Hope they're watching, but all I see is the Death Star shooting a frickin' huge laser at Alderaan, which then blows up. Logically, the Death Star blew up Alderaan by putting a huge amount of energy into the planet with said frickin' huge laser beam. I don't think George Lucas was thinking about "hyperspace shunting," whatever that's supposed to mean, while working on that scene. Instead, I think he was working within the context of a planet getting the crap blown out of it by a frickin' huge laser beam.

Also, a lot of Trek fans apparently think that Star Wars ships run on nuclear fusion. This is retarded on so many levels, it makes Jar Jar look like some kind of genius.

Q: You're going to write a Star Wars vs. Star Trek fanfic, aren't you?

Andrew: Versus fics are to Star Wars fans what sex tapes are to celebrities – everyone makes one at some point.

Q: What's Q-Canon?

Andrew: Whatever I say it is!

Q: Why the vendetta against Karen Traviss?

Andrew: She ruins everything she puts her Limey hands on! Do I really have to explain myself here?

Q: Who shot first?

Andrew: You're asking the wrong question. You see, Han shot Greedo, who then died. At no point did Greedo fire at Han. Therefore, Han shot first **and** last.

Q: Isn't "Yuuzhan Vong" the name of some sort of Vietnamese food?

Andrew: The inspiration for the Vong isn't important. What is is the fact that they suck.

Q: If you're so smart, why aren't you a Star Wars author?

Andrew: If you're so snarky, why don't you have your own parody site?

Q: You're not really explaining stuff.

Andrew: Webster's defines "explanation" as "Shut up and pay attention to what I'm saying."

Q: Why don't you like the New Jedi Order?

Andrew: I don't like a lot of the EU. I do like most anything that's not Del Rey or Marvel, was written by Stover, Zahn, or Allston, and the videogames. That doesn't mean that everything else is bad, even though a lot of it is. I think the EU on the whole is good, but has just built up way too much fan-wank over the years. I even liked Legacy of the Force... mostly.

Q: OK... why didn't you like Legacy of the Force?

Andrew: No reason. Aside from the massive character derailment, Mando worship, ham-handed political messages (“War on chaos?” “Hand of history on my shoulder?” Why not have Jacen declare the Confederation the Axis of Evil and pass a tax cut while you’re at it?), non-conclusion, inevitable problems stemming from having three people write the series, Daala returning from the dead and becoming Chief of State, flow walking, and Kyle Katarn surviving getting stabbed through the heart, it was OK.

Q: Well, what would you have written?

Andrew: I don’t know... something good?

Q: What makes you an expert on any of this?

Andrew: I know stuff, OK? I have the **internet**.

Q: You really shouldn’t throw stones. You’re a fanfic writer and aspiring author, aren’t you?

Andrew: I’m fully aware that every word of criticism I’ve said is going to return to bite me in the butt someday.

Q: Is a turbolaser actually a laser? It doesn’t look like one.

Andrew: Is a blaster rifle actually a rifle? I bet it doesn’t have a rifled barrel.

Q: What’s the Executor’s real length?

Andrew: Just a minute... Well, according to Curtis Sax- I mean, me – the Executor was between 17.4 and 17.8 kilometers long. According to my calculations, that is equal to fifty miles in the English measurement system, the only measurement system that counts.

Q: What’s with the different canon tiers?

Andrew: Well, you see, if two things contradict, the one in the higher tier takes precedence. That way, continuity errors virtually correct themselves, preventing the Star Wars universe from turning into a mess similar to that **other** franchise.

Q: What if the conflicting material is from the same tier?

Andrew: That's why I have my own personal canon. I refer you to "Q-canon," above.

Q: Why the lack of updates?

Andrew: Come on, one update every six weeks isn't so bad.

Q: Dooku and Pals: the Movie... why? **Why!**?

Andrew: You really should have used a "?". We must conserve our natural resources, including punctuation marks.

Q: Do you have an answer for everything?

Andrew: Let me consult the Star Wars Technical Commentaries and Star Destroyer dot Net... I mean, my brain.

Ryan: Hey, sorry I'm late.

Andrew: You couldn't let me have my own random doc, could you?

Ryan: The last time I left you unsupervised, you destroyed the internet.

Andrew: It was **one time!**

Q: OK, seriously, why have there been so few updates?

Andrew: I blame Neon Genesis Evangelion!

Ryan: Wait, when did you start watching anime?

Andrew: Kawaii!

Ryan: Aww, great, you've started speaking Japanese, too?

Andrew: Zankoku na Tenshi no te-ze!

Ryan: Andrew, snap out of it!

Andrew: Ranma no baka!