

Last night, more research. Today ... ugh!

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Today the work gets heavy. Along with 2000 words on the romance novel, I have to start in on revisions on **The Wreck of Heaven**. I've given myself a couple of days to figure out how I was going to do them – now I have to put the plan into action. It's probably going to entail adding an extra 15,000 words or so to the book. Whee.

Oh – since Diana didn't ask me to think up alternate titles, I did a search on **The Wreck of Heaven**, just to make sure it hadn't been used by anything huge.

In fact, to my surprise, it apparently hasn't been used as a title before at all. But I did find the phrase in a quote, and the quote is surprisingly fitting to the book. Here it is –

***Fiat Justitia, ruat coelum**, says another maxim, as full of extravagance as it is of harmony: Go heaven to wreck – so justice be but done: – and what is the ruin of kingdoms, in comparison of the wreck of heaven?*

Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation
(link to what he's written)
Jeremy Bentham – (1748-1832) (link to his biography – you gotta take a look, especially at the Auto-Icon part ::shudder::)

I found it interesting that I was running down some of the same philosophical paths as an 18th-19th century legislative writer, and that we hit on the same turn of phrase to describe a powerful but hard-to-explain concept. Weird, but interesting.

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