

SAM119

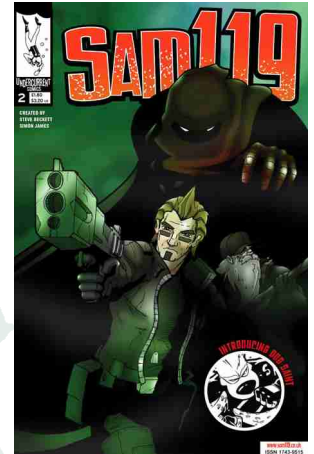
ISSUE 2 STUDY NOTES

This is really the cyberpunk issue, immediately we see semi human creatures, and Mole's friends are obviously not fully human either.

Have you heard of the concept of posthumanism? (It ponders a future where people are less and less 'natural' and more artificial.)

At what point would a person cease to be human?

What is the implication for the human soul when we look at things like cloning or perhaps the artificial resurrection of the human body (as in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein)?



Eli tells SAM that he was born for a purpose.

How many of us actually really believe that about ourselves?

What do we think God has in plan for us?

Have any of us been prophesied over?

What do we think about that?

What would you do if Christianity was outlawed?

This is reality in some parts of the world - what do you think that has done to the Church?

What do you know about the Church in China/Back to Jerusalem/Brother Yun?

The world of Bridge city is supposed to reflect a little of the atmosphere that must have existed amongst the persecuted early Church. How do you think you would have fared if you had been around in those times?

Whilst we are not expressly oppressed in this society - there are things that could be seen as oppressive - what do you think they are?



Do we think there should be religious freedom for all?

Or should we curb the attempts of Muslims and others to establish their religions here?

Did anyone guess before hand that SAM119 was code for Psalm 119?

Who has read the full Psalm?

What do you make of it?

Any bits that stand out in particular?

How about Verses 9 and 10?

Should SAM119 have stayed and fought alongside his friends?

Wasn't he betraying their trust and sacrifice to go off with Eli?

Is there such a thing as legitimate violence for Christians?

Can there be a justification for joining the army?

How would you feel about being responsible for taking another person's life?