Subject: Re: Firefly and Serenity
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Wayne, I've become a Browncoat as well. I have not watched tv for 10 years or so, the series was recommended to me and Imanaged to see it in the dvd collection. There's alsoa book about it which I read called "Finding Serenity"which fills in some of the things that the series is made of... like real Chinese curses and phrases. The book has a pronunciation key so you can speak the Chinese correctly. Other articles and essays come fromsome of the writers, actors and even one on the musicare contained in "Finding Serenity." I'll prob'ly wait til the dvd comes out or it hits the budgets. I have one trusted source for film reviews. That source is Susan Granger. She began writing for Usenetwhen the internet was new and is a professional New york Critic.Her internet pieces are brief, unlike some of the otherfilms buffs writing about movies. Susan said that Serenity was highon fan service but was not the caliber of the big franchises.This is too bad. I expected more from Joss Whedon. The book Finding Serenity gives the definition of Joss which isChinese for "luck". Whedon changed his name when he becamea Hollywood joe I guess. Even the IMDb has to be taken with a grain of salt seeing thatSerenity garnered 9 out of 10 stars (meaning "near perfect.") At first I didn't know what to make of Firefly. My first impression was that it was just another cutesy "conceptscience fiction" production with the sort of clever dialogall those Harvard grads that get hired by Hollywood are fondof. That still pretty much holds true. What I expected from the film may not have been portrayedsuch as what The Rievers are all about. And I took some offense at the prereleases going on for months in enclaves of fandom like the LA and New York tryouts for the movie to buildword of mouth on it. Trekkies and Browncoats share the desire for a betterfuture and better science fiction and I would add"more of it." I'm on my second time through watching Stargate SG1 dvds.Somehow I accept the campiness in SG1 and willingly suspenddisbelief. In Firefly there aren't enough big ideas tosuspend anything. Well maybe one. But that's areply for another day.