

Part 2: Chapter V  
*Jack Tier; or, The Florida Reef*

The narrator tells us that, "Ignorance and superstition ever bear a close, and even a mathematical relation to each other. The degrees of the one, are regulated by the degrees of the other. He who knows the least believes the most; while he who has seen the most, without the intelligence to comprehend that which he has seen, feels, perhaps, the strongest inclination to refer those things which to him are mysteries, to the supernatural and marvellous."

Do you agree with this assessment? Why or why not? According to this analysis, what can we learn about the characters' reactions to these events?