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BIRTHDAY LETTERS

J.R.R. Tolkien is one of those few true creators whose work has added to the dimensions of our humanity, and I wish him the happiest of birthdays, along with my gratitude and deepest appreciation.

— Lloyd Alexander

Much will be written here about how deeply readers are in Professor Tolkien's debt for his splendid works; and this will all be true, of course. But I would like to point out an additional cause for gratitude. The deserved success of these books has encouraged publishers to embark on a rather large-scale revival of the entire genre of heroic fantasy. Granted, not all of the resulting stories, or even a majority, are in any way worthy of that example. However, enough are — at least to the extent of offering entertainment of a kind unobtainable elsewhere — that readers who enjoy them, and writers who enjoy the writing of them, owe special thanks to this great artist.

---- Poul Anderson

Professor Tolkien has written some absorbing books with an even more absorbing background. However, he's done more than just that. At the same time he has forged a Ring of Power that functions independently of its creator, and which has had considerable effect on Beryl's and my lives. Without going into details, a chain of events can be traced from my original acceptance of the British agency for the TSA to our move to Cornwall — a chain which is presumably still continuing. —— Archie Mercer

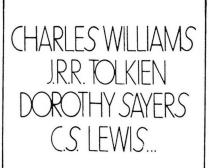
1972 is proclaimed a year of Octogennial Celebration in the Mythopoeic Society. We call upon all admirers of the Professor to write letters of appreciation to <u>Mythprint</u>, sharing passages from his works that express the quality of 'joy' to them personally.

----- Glen GoodKnight

Heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Tolkien on the occasion of the year of his 80th birthday.

----- The New York C.S. Lewis Society

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