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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 Mythprint, 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
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