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You are cordially invited to the Theological place of Eternal Punishment.
Your friend, Screwkape

From C.S. Kilby, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, 60187

...I...hope the Mythopoeic Society will be a great success. Myth is one of the most discussed topics in our time, and you have chosen three excellent examples of it in Tolkien, Lewis and Williams.... Wheaton College... is in process of preparing bibliographies of all three of your writers and a few others as well, e.g., Dorothy Sayers, George MacDonald, etc. These include not only the writing done by these people but writing about them, the latter of course increasing the size of the bibliography tremendously.

...The great bulk of Tolkien's manuscripts are at Marquette University in Milwaukee, including the small ms. called "Mr. Bliss" which is still unpublished. We have Lewis and Williams mss. at Wheaton and are seeking more. As to the "Silmarillion,"...Yes, I worked with Prof. Tolkien on it and read the whole of it. It is still incomplete and Prof. Tolkien is so beset by feature writers and fans that he has moved out of Oxford and left no address behind. Maybe he will now be able to get back to his writing. My impression is that if the "Silmarillion" is published it may come out in several small 'sections' rather than large volumes such as the RINGS.

From Robin Lauin, Alhambra California

My original desire was to tell you how happy I am with my experience with the Society. It's truly opened a new door for me and is encouraging me to explore the world of fantasy, mythlore, and science fiction. My interest in myth and fantasy was rather neglected and dormant until my boyfriend gave me The Lord of The Rings to read. Later I discovered the Society and decided membership might keep me going. It has indeed.