

Fundamental Issues In Hedonism

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Indeed. We just watched the extended version of the Rings trilogy again. Tolkien was amazing in framing the themes, characters, and interplay of that story. Certainly it reigns as my favorite fiction of all time. How brilliant that the only one who could be the ring-bearer was someone who didn't care about power or gold, and could give it away. Yet, Tolkien recognized that enough exposure to "the power" could corrode even Frodo. One of my favorite scenes (relevant to the exploits of this lofty group) is the one at the end, in the pub where the hobbits were just part of the crowd, accorded no recognition for saving the world. Leave it to Tolkien to ensure that scene was written and recognized.