

Welcome Melkor!

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At least we're all Epicurean, [Martin](#) 😊

To try and bring the Tolkien thread in line with our forum's purpose, I found these two links that might swerve us back in that direction - pun intended. Tolkien was **by no means** an Epicurean, he was a devout Catholic according to himself. But he definitely incorporated interesting ideas into his works that I'm not sure always conformed exactly with Catholic doctrine. In any case...

[Beyond the Circles of the World: Death and the West in Tolkien's Middle-earth Legendarium](#) by Rebekah Hunt gives an interesting take on death as it's portrayed in Middle-earth. It also includes a quote from the Letter to Menoikos. In thinking about it, I find an echo (NOT deliberate!) of the [Epicurean gods](#) in Tolkien's elves: immortal, generally not concerned with the wider world outside their realms. The conversation about death and immortality between Finrod (and elf) and Andreth (a human) referred to in the paper is available here: [Athrabeth Finrod ah Andreth](#).

Enjoy.