

**LORD OF THE RINGS:**

**THE THREE ELVEN  
RINGS**

# **DEDICATION**

**This class is dedicated to my son**

**Justin Cruz-Uribe**

**whose love of Tolkien is as strong as  
mine.**

**LECTURE**

**ONE**

# **THE LORD OF THE RINGS**

- 1. Over \$230 million royalty for LOTR/Hobbit for movie series.**
- 2. Over \$6 Billion for Hobbit & LOTR movies gross.**
- 3. Over \$200 million in royalties for new TV series by Amazon.**
- 4. Over \$500 million in book sales.**

# **THE GREAT AMERICAN READ**

- 1. To Kill a Mockingbird - 40 million**
- 2. Outlander – 35 million (8 books)**
- 3. Harry Potter – 500 million (7 books)**
- 4. Pride & Prejudice – 20 million**
- 5. Lord of the Rings – 150 million**
- 6. Gone with the Wind – 20 million**

# **ANTIQUE ROADSHOW**

**The Hobbit - 1937 Hardcover  
Edition in very good shape with  
Dust Jacket and signed by J.R.R.  
Tolkien:**

**Appraisal: \$120,000**

# **ABEBOOKS ONLINE**

**The Lord of the Rings (3 volumes)  
– 1954/55/56 Hardcover Editions in  
very good shape with Dust Jackets:**

**Auction price: \$45,000**

# J. R. R. TOLKIEN



# **THE SOURCES - 1**

- 1. The Hobbit**
- 2. The Lord of the Rings**
- 3. The Silmarillion**
- 4. Unfinished Tales**
- 5. The Letters of J.R.R. Tolkien**

## **THE SOURCES - 2**

- 5. The History of Middle-Earth by Christopher Tolkien 12 Volumes:**
  - a. The Return of the Shadow      vol. 6**
  - b. The Treason of Isengard      vol. 7**
  - c. The War of the Ring      vol. 8**
  - d. Sauron Defeated      vol. 9**
  - e. Morgorth's Ring      vol. 10**
  - f. The Peoples of Middle-Earth      vol. 12**

# **THE MAGIC SPELL OF SAURON - 1**

**Three Rings for the Elven-Kings under the sky  
Seven for the Dwarf Lords in their halls of stone  
Nine for Mortal Men doomed to die,  
One for the Dark Lord on his dark throne  
In the Land of Mordor where Shadows Lie,  
One Ring to rule them all, One Ring to find them,  
One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind  
them  
In the Land of Mordor where Shadows Lie.**

# THE MAGIC SPELL OF SAURON - 2

**The Black Tongue version:**

**Ash nazg durbatulûk,**

**Ash nazg gimbatul,**

**Ash nazg thrakatulûk,**

**Agh burzum-ishi krimpatul.**

# SAURON CASTING THE SPELL



## **THE MAGIC SPELL OF SAURON - 3**

**With this spell, Sauron ensnared all the Elven Rings, both lessor and greater, to his One Ring. The power of all these Rings was inevitably linked to the continued existence of this Ring. When Sauron wore the One Ring he controlled all the others.**

# THE ONE RING, THE MASTER RING



# **THE TALE OF RINGS OF POWER- 1**

**The book is a tale about the one great Ring, the Ruling Ring, the Ring of Power, the Ring that is the embodiment of all that is evil, forged by Sauron in secrecy inside Mount Doom. It is to be the Master Ring, fraught with all his malice and instilled with much of his old power. This Ring would control all the other rings made by the Elves.**

# **THE TALE OF RINGS OF POWER- 2**

**But Celebrimbor, the creator of the Three Great Elven Rings, was aware of Sauron as he cast his controlling spell and he immediately hid the Three Rings. All the other Elven smiths took off their rings and destroyed them. Celebrimbor could not do that and, instead he gave one to Galadriel and one to Cirdan the Shipwright.**

# **THE TALE OF RINGS OF POWER- 3**

**The mightiest of the Three, he gave to Gilgalad the Last of the Elven Kings in Middle-Earth who led the Elven forces in the Last Alliance against Sauron which brought the Second Age to an end. He was slain by Sauron but before he died, he passed Vilya onto Elrond to protect and keep hidden until the One Ring was unmade.**

**After Elrond  
received Vilya,  
Gilgalad died from  
the heat of  
Sauron's hand  
which was black  
and yet burned  
like fire.**



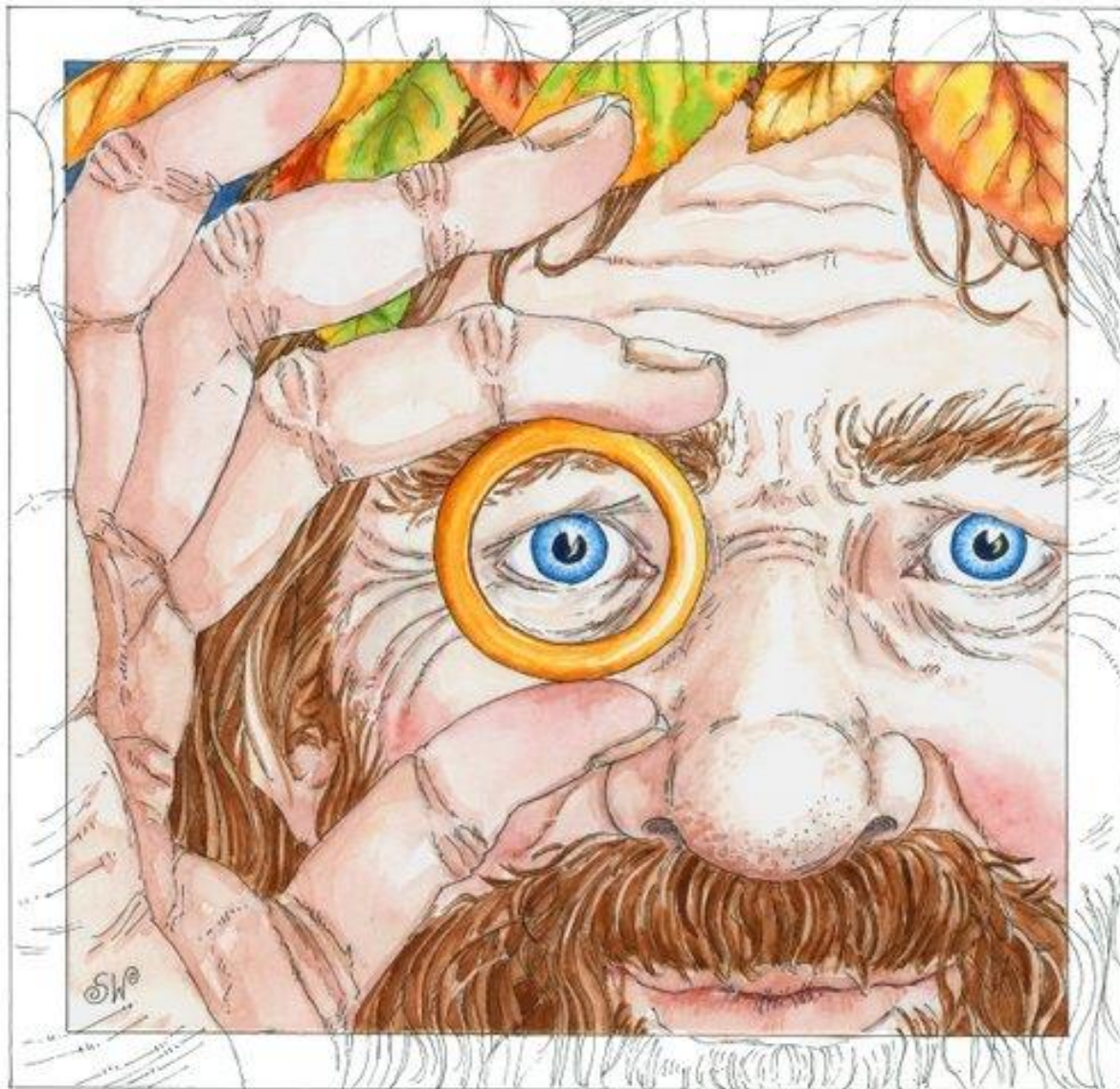
# **THE TALE OF RINGS OF POWER- 3**

**And the Elven Rings remained hidden throughout the remainder of the story with the exception being Galadriel's Ring which she revealed to Frodo to show him the danger that the One Ring would have if it was reunited with Sauron, its maker. All the holders of the Three would fall under his control as master and he would know all that they saw and thought.**

# **THE TALE OF RINGS OF POWER- 4**

**The personal power that made one his/her own Master was demonstrated when the hobbits stayed in the house of Tom Bombadil. He was a Maia. When he put on the One Ring, he did not disappear nor did the One Ring have any effect or control over him. He was his own Master and could not be controlled.**

# MASTER TOM BOMBADIL



**THE  
THREE GREAT  
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# **THE THREE GREAT ELF RINGS - 1**

**The Three Rings of the Elves are talked about in LOTR but little is really said. They had been made to heal the world of its many hurts, bring health to the ill, and to restore the land as it once was in the Elder Days from past ages. They were also a subtle trap that almost all the Elves fell into much to their chagrin when Sauron cast his spell.**

## **THE THREE GREAT ELF RINGS - 2**

**In their hubris at the first fall of Sauron at the end of the Second Age, the holders of two of the Elven Rings put them on and used their power to do the work for which they were created. They were very successful merging their power with the power from the creator. The usage of these Rings went on for almost three thousand years.**

## **THE THREE GREAT ELF RINGS - 3**

**When the One Ring was found by Bilbo and then handed off to Frodo, Gandalf the Wizard discovered that it was the One Ring of Sauron. The two holders of the Three that had been using their Rings for so long were now trapped. They could not abandon their Rings because they were bound to them. And worse, they realized what they had done.**

# **THE THREE GREAT ELF RINGS – 4**

**In order to keep using the Elven Rings, the One Ring must be maintained but kept from being used by Sauron (or any other great person that could dominate the Ring). Each understood the One Ring was too dangerous to let exist. It must be destroyed but this would also shorn them of all their power, personal as well as that of the creator's.**

## **THE THREE GREAT ELF RINGS - 5**

**All the possessors of the Three Elven Rings did help the Fellowship to accomplish their task. They accepted the fate of what would happen to them when the One Ring was finally thrown into the fire. They all knew that they could not submit nor be ruled by Sauron. These Elves lost everything in the end as the belated price for their pride.**

# **THE TRAP OF THE ELVEN RINGS - 1**

**The nature of the Three Rings to heal and preserve seemed like a noble ambition. All Three Rings had the ability to preserve the memory and beauty of the Elder Days from the early First Age, restraining decay, healing the hurt, and postponing the weariness of the world for the individual holder of that Elven Ring.**

## THE TRAP OF THE ELVEN RINGS - 2

**But this was not wholly good. It went against the **natural order** of things. The possessor found him/herself longing to remain in this unnatural state. When the Three Elven Rings lost their power, the weariness of the possessor's extended stay in this world of Middle-Earth would become overwhelming. Their need to be renewed and rejuvenated irresistible.**

# **THE ELVEN RINGS POWER - 1**

**The books do not overtly address just what and where the individual power of each Elven Ring comes from. This fact can be inferred from what is said about them in various other writings. Their creator, Celebrimbor, imbued them through his own skill and personal force with certain characteristics.**

# CELEBRIMBOR CREATING NENYA, THE STAR RING



## **THE ELVEN RINGS POWER - 2**

**The possessor of the Ring had to have a strength, ability, and power of their own to match that contained in the Ring. The Great Rings gave power according to the measure of each possessor. The Ring-bearer must be able to dominate the Ring. Otherwise, the Ring would end up dominating that possessor.**

## **THE ELVEN RINGS POWER - 3**

**Using the power, the possessor became more dependent on the power that the Ring offered. The more of themselves that they merged into the power of the Ring, the more completely does the Ring become part of them. When the One Ring was gone, the unique power of each Elven Ring disappeared.**

# **THE ELVEN RINGS POWER - 4**

**The Elven Ring became just a pretty Ring. For the holder, a loss & weariness overcame them. Whatever desires that had lain dormant within them suddenly became too strong to resist as their supplemented power vanished. In order to surmount this change, each must be renewed in the Undying Lands.**