

THE CLAIM OF GANDALF - 2

The **secret fire is a euphemism for the Third Elf Ring, Narya. The Balrog had buried itself beneath the mountains of Moria at the end of the First Age, about 6000 years earlier. The reference would have been lost on it but the surge of power coming from the small figure was real and a serious threat to it.**

THE CLAIM OF GANDALF - 3

Anor is the elf word for the Sun. The *flame of Anor* would have alluded to the light of the Sun, which had originated in the fruit of Laurelin, one of the Two Trees of Valinor. These trees were the source of light for the three Silmarils. Olorin, as a Maia, was exposed to this light in his youth.

THE VALINOR TREES OF LIGHT: LAURELIN & TELPERION



THE LOSS OF GANDALF & NARYA -1

The loss of Gandalf was acutely felt by the members of the Fellowship because the subtle power of Narya was no longer present to instill hope and courage.

After the battle at the bridge and their escape from Moria, Aragorn reflected this by lamenting:

THE LOSS OF GANDALF & NARYA -2



**“What hope have we without you?
We must do without hope. At least we
may yet be avenged.”**

GANDALF THE WIZARD - 1

Gandalf was NOT an Elf. He was a Maia, a servant of the Valar who were the guardians of Middle-Earth and the Undying Lands across the Sundering Sea. His personal power, strength and abilities were much stronger and more vital than any of the Elf Kind. The Elf Ring could not dominate or possess him.

GANDALF THE WIZARD - 2

Then, why, at the end of the tale, does Gandalf board the White Ship and sail to the Undying Lands? His task which was the destruction of the Ring and the banishment of Sauron was successfully completed. His quest, given to him by the leader of the Valar, Manwe, was fulfilled. It was time to go home.

THE END

OF THE STORY

OF THE

THREE ELVEN RINGS

THE GREY HAVENS - 1

“Then Elrond and Galadriel rode on; for the Third Age was over, and the Days of the Rings were passed, and an end was come of the story and song of those times.”

THE GREY HAVENS - 2

“..upon the quay beside a great grey horse stood a figure robed all in white awaiting them...Gandalf also would take ship with them.”



THE GREY HAVENS - 3

Before boarding the ship, Gandalf spoke to Sam, Merry and Pippin:

“Well, here at last, dear friends, on the shores of the Sea comes the end of our fellowship in Middle-Earth. Go in peace! I will not say: do not weep; for not all tears are an evil.”

THE UNDYING LANDS

And then it seemed to (Frodo) that as in his dream in the House of Bombadil, the grey rain-curtain turned all to silver glass and was rolled back, and he beheld white shores and beyond them a far green country under a swift sunrise. The Elven Rings have come home.

THE UNDYING LANDS



**Sauron forging
the One Ring
in secret within
Mount Doom.**

