

Call for Papers: Second Unquendor Tolkien Seminar Good and Evil in the Works of J.R.R. Tolkien

On 9 June, 1941, J.R.R. Tolkien wrote to his son Michael: "You have to understand the good in things, to detect the real evil". This pronouncement is as complex and enigmatic as the relationship between good and evil in Tolkien's fiction, where situations and people may not be what they seem at first glance. Tolkien's religion, experiences in World War I, and scholarly interest in Nordic heroism are just a few of the manifold factors that combined to shape Tolkien's perceptions of good and evil. It is the aim of this seminar to bring together scholars from various backgrounds and to explore the narrative as well as the theoretical aspects of this dichotomy in the works of J.R.R. Tolkien.

Join us!

- The Seminar will be held on **17-18 April 2020** at **Utrecht University**, the Netherlands
- Abstracts of no more than 100 words must be sent to UnquendorSeminar@unquendor.nl before 1 December 2019
- Submissions must be for 25-minute papers, however, we also have a few 45-minute slots you can apply for, should you need more time
- Inquiries should be directed to the organisers at UnquendorSeminar@unquendor.nl

The organisers

- **Berber Bossenbroek** is a medievalist at Leiden University with an interest in Tolkien studies
- **Frank Brandsma** is an associate professor of comparative literature at Utrecht University
- **Jan van Breda** is the chairman of the Dutch Tolkien Society Unquendor
- **Renée Vink** is the Dutch translator of many of Tolkien's works and published a monograph on Tolkien and Wagner

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