



The Proverbs of Middle-earth

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Abstract:

In 2014, Oloris Publishing will be releasing David Rowe's *The Proverbs of Middle-earth*. David's Mythmoot presentation was a 15-minute preview of the book, including:

- An introduction to proverbs as part of oral tradition, and their role as vessels of transmission and embodiments of worldview.
- The unique status of Tolkien within English literature as a creator of 'fictional proverbs'.
- Tolkien's use of proverbs to elucidate the nature of, and contrasts between, the various wisdom traditions of Middle-earth.
- A case-study on a proverbial exchange between Elrond and Gimli on the nature of vows, showing how each of their wisdom traditions had led them to different conclusions, and had been embodied in proverbs.

For more information on David and *The Proverbs of Middle-earth*, follow him on Twitter @TolkienProverbs, or see:

<http://olorispublishing.mymiddleearth.com/2013/04/11/announcing-david-rowes-the-proverbs-of-middle-earth/#>

Having been a missionary (in Zimbabwe and New Zealand), a farmer (in France and Virginia), a teacher (in England), and a political speechwriter (in Scotland), **DAVID ROWE** turned thirty and decided to stop messing around and do something of IMPORTANCE. The result is *The Proverbs of Middle-earth*, a philosophical anthropology of Tolkien's peoples, as seen through the lens of their wisdom traditions. It is scheduled to be published by Oloris in 2014. In addition to writing, David is a church musician, an inveterate tea-drinker, and a connoisseur of good grammar. He is married to Maria and lives in Charleston, SC.