

Mordor were deliberately built as a fence around the land of Sauron so their geology, and that of Ithilien is probably rather confused.

There are three main groups of rocks. Oldest are those of the Brown lands-Emyn Muil and Bree Hill-Weathertop group; these had probably been subjected to some folding and weathering before the rocks of the Misty Mountains began to form. The mountains which were levelled to form them perhaps had their roots where the Plains of Rohan lie in this age. After long geological ages, the Misty Mountains were built, and a sea lapped about their feet, eastward and westward, in which the chalk of the Wold and the Downs formed. After the land rose or the sea fell, more earth movements occurred in which the fault east of the Barrow-Downs and Possibly the Emyn Muil fault, among others, became as they were when the hobbits found them. Grass grew, beasts ran, men and hobbits came into the world.

As I said at the beginning, the geology of Middle-Earth is not quite complete. The main structures are here; there are other hints and notes, other descriptions. This study may give an idea of how to put them together to give a picture of the bones of the country Frodo walked in.

# THE LEGEND OF SAINT ACRILIA.

Young ascetic  
Peripatetic  
Enthusiastic  
Hair-shirt drastic ---  
Nylon plastic.

Rite ecstatic --  
Silk dalmatic....  
Too much static !

Scintillation --  
Admiration !  
Levitation --  
Acclamation !  
Aerostation ---  
Jubilation !  
Percipitation....  
Consternation....

Canonisation.

by Belladonna.