

DEAR EMILY,

MY GIRL, THE OTHER DAY YOU SAID TO ME “DADDY, WHY SHOULD WE PAY ANY ATTENTION TO A 2000 YEAR OLD BOOK?”

WELL, I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR QUESTION A LOT. THE BEST REASON, OF COURSE, IS SO THAT WE CAN GET TO KNOW THE LORD...

BUT THERE IS ALSO A “HISTORICAL” ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION. AND, AFTER A LOT OF CONSIDERATION, I THINK THAT THE BEST WAY I CAN PRESENT THIS “HISTORICAL” ANSWER TO YOU IS (SINCE WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING “THE LORD OF THE RINGS”) TO PRESENT IT IN “LORD OF THE RINGS LANGUAGE”...

I HOPE THAT THIS METHOD OF STORYTELLING CAN HELP. (AND EVEN IF IT DOESN'T, IT'S BEEN A LOTA FUN TO WRITE ON THIS BLUSTERY DAY...)

AND YES, I KNOW, YOU HAVE A WEIRD FATHER...

SO, ON WITH THE TALE! 😊

IT BEGINS LIKE THIS...(IMAGINE GALADRIEL'S VOICE..)

...AT THE DAWNING OF CREATION,
A PERFECT MAN WAS BORN.
HIS NAME A-DAHM,
THE WORD FOR MAN.
GOD'S IMAGE WAS HIS FORM...

BUT ADAM FELL,
SEEMS 'T WAS HIS FATE.
AND THIS HAS CAST HIS FOLD,
-US, HIS HEIRS-
OUTSIDE THE GATE,
“HIS-STORY” TO BE TOLD.

BUT WAIT...

DOWN THROUGH THE MURKY MISTS OF TIME,
FROM DARKEST DAYS OF OLD,
“THE TEACHINGS” CAME, TO US REFINED
MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN GOLD.

THOUGH MANY'LL BE THE TRIALS WE'LL FACE,

MANY BE THE WOES,
LET THIS BE KNOWN! - VICTRY AWAITS!
THE GREATEST EVER KNOWN.

FOR IF OUR HEARTS CAN JUST BE BRAVE!
IF WE CAN JUST STAY TRUE!
THIS TIRED WORLD SHALL YET BE SAVED,
ALL THINGS SHALL YET BE NEW.

WHAT FORM SHALL FUTURE GLORY TAKE?

WELL, MUCH WAS LEFT UNSAID.
BUT HERE'S A GLIMPSE
OF WHAT AWAITS -
THE TEACHINGS FINAL THREAD...

“A NEW WHITE STONE SHALL BE THE GIFT,
TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES,
UPON, A NEW NAME WRITTEN THERE
THAT SPEAKS A FATHER'S LOVE.

THE TREE OF LIFE HE'LL FREELY EAT,
WHICH IN THE GARDEN GROWS.
NO DEATH, NOR PAIN, NOR PARTING GRIEF-
NOR SADNESS ANYMORE.”

AND IN THE END...

THE KING HIMSELF
SHALL COME ON THAT GREAT DAY...

...AND KNEELING DOWN,
OUR LORD
SHALL WIPE
OUR EVERY TEAR AWAY.



AYE.... 'TIS TRUE - I KNOW THESE THINGS
ARE DIFFICULT TO ANSWER,
BUT ONCE SET FORTH
YOU'LL FIND YOUR WAY,
IF'S WISDOM YOU ARE AFTER.

BUT BE YE WARNED! OUR ENEMY'S GREAT!
FORGETFULNESS HIS POWER...
HE CASTS A SPELL
WHICH MAKES US HATE,
AND FORGET THE COMING HOUR.

SO BE AWAKE! MY CHERISHED ONE...
WITH ALL YOUR HEART BE TRUE...
WHAT'S ONCE BEEN LOVED, MAY BE AGAIN,
IF ALL YOUR HEART BE
TRUE.
AMEN

SO, MY GIRL, IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION - THIS IS THE REASON WHY "THAT 2000 YEAR
OLD BOOK" IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO. SIMPLY PUT, IT IS THE
TEACHINGS... AND THIS WORLD WE ARE LIVING IN IS MAGIC!

(AND WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO SING, HOW A POET/HERO/WARRIOR/ KING
CAME TO OUR WORLD TO SAVE...

...ALAS, THAT SHALL BE A MIGHTY TALE, FOR ANOTHER STORMY DAY...)

LOVE, DADDY.



AND LOVE TO ALL OF YOU, NOBLE BORN, TOO

