

Chapter 1 : The Complete Poetry by John Milton

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Milton within an epigram. Milton left for Naples toward the end of November, where he stayed only for a month because of the Spanish control. In *Defensio Secunda*, Milton proclaimed that he was warned against a return to Rome because of his frankness about religion, but he stayed in the city for two months and was able to experience Carnival and meet Lukas Holste, a Vatican librarian who guided Milton through its collection. He was introduced to Cardinal Francesco Barberini who invited Milton to an opera hosted by the Cardinal. Around March, Milton travelled once again to Florence, staying there for two months, attending further meetings of the academies, and spending time with friends. In Venice, Milton was exposed to a model of Republicanism, later important in his political writings, but he soon found another model when he travelled to Geneva. He vigorously attacked the High-church party of the Church of England and their leader William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, with frequent passages of real eloquence lighting up the rough controversial style of the period, and deploying a wide knowledge of church history. This experience and discussions with educational reformer Samuel Hartlib led him to write his short tract *Of Education* in 1644, urging a reform of the national universities. She did not return until 1642, partly because of the outbreak of the Civil War. In 1642, Milton had a brush with the authorities over these writings, in parallel with Hezekiah Woodward, who had more trouble. In *Areopagitica*, Milton aligns himself with the parliamentary cause, and he also begins to synthesize the ideal of neo-Roman liberty with that of Christian liberty. In 1643, Milton moved into a "pretty garden-house" in Petty France, Westminster. He lived there until the Restoration. Later it became No. 1. A month later, however, the exiled Charles II and his party published the defence of monarchy *Defensio Regia pro Carolo Primo*, written by leading humanist Claudius Salmasius. By January of the following year, Milton was ordered to write a defence of the English people by the Council of State. Alexander Morus, to whom Milton wrongly attributed the *Clamor in fact* by Peter du Moulin, published an attack on Milton, in response to which Milton published the autobiographical *Defensio pro se* in 1649. Milton held the appointment of Secretary for Foreign Tongues to the Commonwealth Council of State until 1649, although after he had become totally blind, most of the work was done by his deputies, Georg Rudolph Wecklein, then Philip Meadows, and from by the poet Andrew Marvell. Milton, however, stubbornly clung to the beliefs that had originally inspired him to write for the Commonwealth. In 1649, he published *A Treatise of Civil Power*, attacking the concept of a state-dominated church the position known as Erastianism, as well as *Considerations touching the likeliest means to remove hirelings*, denouncing corrupt practises in church governance. As the Republic disintegrated, Milton wrote several proposals to retain a non-monarchical government against the wishes of parliament, soldiers, and the people. Proposals of certain expedients for the preventing of a civil war now feared, written in November 1649. The work is an impassioned, bitter, and futile jeremiad damning the English people for backsliding from the cause of liberty and advocating the establishment of an authoritarian rule by an oligarchy set up by unelected parliament. Upon the Restoration in May 1660, Milton went into hiding for his life, while a warrant was issued for his arrest and his writings were burnt. He re-emerged after a general pardon was issued, but was nevertheless arrested and briefly imprisoned before influential friends intervened, such as Marvell, now an MP. Milton married for a third and final time on 24 February 1656, marrying Elizabeth Betty Minshull aged 24, a native of Wistaston, Cheshire. Giles, his only extant home. During this period, Milton published several minor prose works, such as the grammar textbook *Art of Logic* and a *History of Britain*. His only explicitly political tracts were the *Of True Religion*, arguing for toleration except for Catholics, and a translation of a Polish tract advocating an elective monarchy. Both these works were referred to in the Exclusion debate, the attempt to exclude the heir presumptive from the throne of England—James, Duke of York—because he was Roman Catholic. That debate preoccupied politics in the 1670s and 1680s and precipitated the formation of the Whig party and the Glorious Revolution. Milton and his first wife Mary Powell had four children: Milton married for a third time on 24 February 1656 to Elizabeth Mynshull or Minshull, the niece of Thomas Mynshull, a wealthy apothecary and philanthropist in Manchester. Milton collected his work in *Poems* in the midst of the excitement attending the possibility of establishing a new English government. The anonymous edition of *Comus* was published in 1633, and the publication of *Lycidas* in 1639 in *Justa Edouardo King Naufrago* was signed J. The collection was the only poetry of his to see print until *Paradise Lost* appeared in 1667. As a blind poet, Milton dictated his verse to a series of aides in his employ. It has been argued that the poem

reflects his personal despair at the failure of the Revolution , yet affirms an ultimate optimism in human potential. Some literary critics have argued that Milton encoded many references to his unyielding support for the " Good Old Cause ". Just before his death in , Milton supervised a second edition of *Paradise Lost*, accompanied by an explanation of "why the poem rhymes not", and prefatory verses by Andrew Marvell. In , Milton republished his *Poems*, as well as a collection of his letters and the Latin prolusions from his Oxford days. Views[edit] An unfinished religious manifesto, *De doctrina christiana* , probably written by Milton, lays out many of his heterodox theological views, and was not discovered and published until Their tone, however, stemmed from the Puritan emphasis on the centrality and inviolability of conscience. The years 1642 were dedicated to church politics and the struggle against episcopacy. After his divorce writings, *Areopagitica*, and a gap, he wrote in 1654 in the aftermath of the execution of Charles I , and in polemic justification of the regicide and the existing Parliamentary regime. Then in 1660 he foresaw the Restoration, and wrote to head it off. In coming centuries, Milton would be claimed as an early apostle of liberalism. Austin Woolrych considers that although they were quite close, there is "little real affinity, beyond a broad republicanism", between their approaches. When Cromwell seemed to be backsliding as a revolutionary, after a couple of years in power, Milton moved closer to the position of Sir Henry Vane , to whom he wrote a sonnet in Milton had argued for an awkward position, in the *Ready and Easy Way* , because he wanted to invoke the Good Old Cause and gain the support of the republicans, but without offering a democratic solution of any kind. This attitude cut right across the grain of popular opinion of the time, which swung decisively behind the restoration of the Stuart monarchy that took place later in the year. In his early poems, the poet narrator expresses a tension between vice and virtue, the latter invariably related to Protestantism. In *Comus*, Milton may make ironic use of the Caroline court masque by elevating notions of purity and virtue over the conventions of court revelry and superstition. He has been accused of rejecting the Trinity , believing instead that the Son was subordinate to the Father, a position known as Arianism ; and his sympathy or curiosity was probably engaged by Socinianism: Rufus Wilmot Griswold argued that "In none of his great works is there a passage from which it can be inferred that he was an Arian; and in the very last of his writings he declares that "the doctrine of the Trinity is a plain doctrine in Scripture. In his treatise, *Of Reformation* , Milton expressed his dislike for Catholicism and episcopacy, presenting Rome as a modern Babylon , and bishops as Egyptian taskmasters. He knew at least four commentaries on Genesis: These views were bound up in Protestant views of the Millennium , which some sects, such as the Fifth Monarchists predicted would arrive in England. Milton, however, would later criticise the "worldly" millenarian views of these and others, and expressed orthodox ideas on the prophecy of the Four Empires. Illustrated by *Paradise Lost* is mortalism , the belief that the soul lies dormant after the body dies. Though he may have maintained his personal faith in spite of the defeats suffered by his cause, the *Dictionary of National Biography* recounted how he had been alienated from the Church of England by Archbishop William Laud, and then moved similarly from the Dissenters by their denunciation of religious tolerance in England. Milton had come to stand apart from all sects, though apparently finding the Quakers most congenial. He never went to any religious services in his later years.

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The biographer John Aubrey ¹⁶⁹⁷ tells us that the poem was begun in about 1662 and finished in about 1667. However, in the edition, *Paradise Lost* contained twelve books. He also wrote the epic poem while he was often ill, suffering from gout, and despite the fact that he was suffering emotionally after the early death of his second wife, Katherine Woodcock, in 1652, and the death of their infant daughter. The Arguments brief summaries at the head of each book were added in subsequent imprints of the first edition. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. It begins after Satan and the other rebel angels have been defeated and banished to Hell, or, as it is also called in the poem, Tartarus. Belial and Moloch are also present. He braves the dangers of the Abyss alone in a manner reminiscent of Odysseus or Aeneas. At several points in the poem, an Angelic War over Heaven is recounted from different perspectives. At the final battle, the Son of God single-handedly defeats the entire legion of angelic rebels and banishes them from Heaven. Following this purge, God creates the World, culminating in his creation of Adam and Eve. While God gave Adam and Eve total freedom and power to rule over all creation, he gave them one explicit command: Adam and Eve are presented as having a romantic and sexual relationship while still being without sin. They have passions and distinct personalities. Satan, disguised in the form of a serpent, successfully tempts Eve to eat from the Tree by preying on her vanity and tricking her with rhetoric. Adam, learning that Eve has sinned, knowingly commits the same sin. He declares to Eve that since she was made from his flesh, they are bound to one another – if she dies, he must also die. In this manner, Milton portrays Adam as a heroic figure, but also as a greater sinner than Eve, as he is aware that what he is doing is wrong. After eating the fruit, Adam and Eve have lustful sex. At first, Adam is convinced that Eve was right in thinking that eating the fruit would be beneficial. However, they soon fall asleep and have terrible nightmares, and after they awake, they experience guilt and shame for the first time. Realizing that they have committed a terrible act against God, they engage in mutual recrimination. Meanwhile, Satan returns triumphantly to Hell, amidst the praise of his fellow fallen angels. He tells them about how their scheme worked and Mankind has fallen, giving them complete dominion over Paradise. As he finishes his speech, however, the fallen angels around him become hideous snakes, and soon enough, Satan himself turned into a snake, deprived of limbs and unable to talk. Thus, they share the same punishment, as they shared the same guilt. Eve appeals to Adam for reconciliation of their actions. Her encouragement enables them to approach God, and sue for grace, bowing on supplicant knee, to receive forgiveness. In a vision shown to him by the angel Michael, Adam witnesses everything that will happen to Mankind until the Great Flood. Adam and Eve are cast out of Eden, and Michael says that Adam may find "a paradise within thee, happier far". Adam and Eve also now have a more distant relationship with God, who is omnipresent but invisible unlike the tangible Father in the Garden of Eden. Satan[edit] Satan, formerly called Lucifer, is the first major character introduced in the poem. He was once the most beautiful of all angels, and is a tragic figure who famously declares: Satan is deeply arrogant, albeit powerful and charismatic. He argues that God rules as a tyrant and that all the angels ought to rule as gods. According to William McCollom, one quality of the classical tragic hero is that he is not perfectly good and that his defeat is caused by a tragic flaw, as Satan causes both the downfall of man and the eternal damnation of his fellow fallen angels despite his dedication to his comrades. Milton characterizes him as such, but Satan lacks several key traits that would otherwise make him the definitive protagonist in the work. One deciding factor that insinuates his role as the protagonist in the story is that most often a protagonist is heavily characterized and far better described than the other characters, and the way the character is written is meant to make him seem more interesting or special to the reader. Therefore, it is more probable that he exists in order to combat God, making his status as the definitive protagonist of the work relative to each book. Following this logic, Satan may very well be considered as an antagonist in the poem, whereas God could be considered as the protagonist instead. According to Aristotle, a hero is someone

who is "superhuman, godlike, and divine" but is also human. While Milton gives reason to believe that Satan is superhuman, as he was originally an angel, he is anything but human. He makes his intentions seem pure and positive even when they are rooted in evil and, according to Steadman, this is the chief reason that readers often mistake Satan as a hero. God appraises Adam and Eve most of all his creations, and appoints them to rule over all the creatures of the world and to reside in the Garden of Eden. Adam is more gregarious than Eve, and yearns for her company. His complete infatuation with Eve, while pure of itself, eventually contributes to his deciding to join her in disobedience to God. She is the more intelligent of the two and more curious about external ideas than her husband. Though happy, she longs for knowledge, specifically for self-knowledge. Her first act in existence is to turn away from Adam to look at and ponder her own reflection. Eve is beautiful and though she loves Adam she may feel suffocated by his constant presence. In her solitude, she is tempted by Satan to sin against God by eating of the Tree of Knowledge. Soon thereafter, Adam follows Eve in support of her act. The Son of God[edit] The Son of God is the spirit who will become incarnate as Jesus Christ , though he is never named explicitly because he has not yet entered human form. The Son is the ultimate hero of the epic and is infinitely powerful—he single-handedly defeats Satan and his followers and drives them into Hell. He, the Son, volunteers to journey into the World and become a man himself; then he redeems the Fall of Man through his own sacrificial death and resurrection. Milton presents God as all-powerful and all-knowing, as an infinitely great being who cannot be overthrown by even the great army of angels Satan incites against him. The poem shows God creating the world in the way Milton believed it was done, that is, God created Heaven, Earth, Hell, and all the creatures that inhabit these separate planes from part of Himself, not out of nothing. Raphael also discusses at length with the curious Adam some details about the creation and about events that transpired in Heaven. Michael[edit] Michael is a mighty archangel who fought for God in the Angelic War. In the first battle, he wounds Satan terribly with a powerful sword that God fashioned to cut through even the substance of angels. Before he escorts them out of Paradise, Michael shows them visions of the future that disclose an outline of Bible stories from that of Cain and Abel in Genesis through the story of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. The relationship between Adam and Eve is one of "mutual dependence, not a relation of domination or hierarchy. Hermine Van Nuis clarifies, that although there is stringency specified for the roles of male and female, Adam and Eve unreservedly accept their designated roles. When examining the relationship between Adam and Eve, some critics apply either an Adam-centered or Eve-centered view of hierarchy and importance to God. Other works by Milton suggest he viewed marriage as an entity separate from the church. Discussing Paradise Lost, Biberman entertains the idea that "marriage is a contract made by both the man and the woman". In response, the angel Michael explains that Adam does not need to build physical objects to experience the presence of God. That is, instead of directing their thoughts towards God, humans will turn to erected objects and falsely invest their faith there. While Adam attempts to build an altar to God, critics note Eve is similarly guilty of idolatry, but in a different manner. Even if one builds a structure in the name of God, the best of intentions can become immoral in idolatry. The majority of these similarities revolve around a structural likeness, but as Lyle explains, they play a greater role. In addition to rejecting Catholicism, Milton revolted against the idea of a monarch ruling by divine right. He saw the practice as idolatrous. Barbara Lewalski concludes that the theme of idolatry in Paradise Lost "is an exaggerated version of the idolatry Milton had long associated with the Stuart ideology of divine kingship". Critics have long wrestled with the question of why an antimonarchist and defender of regicide should have chosen a subject that obliged him to defend monarchical authority. What he does deny is that God is innocent of its wickedness: The first illustrations to accompany the text of Paradise Lost were added to the fourth edition of , with one engraving prefacing each book, of which up to eight of the twelve were by Sir John Baptist Medina , one by Bernard Lens II , and perhaps up to four including Books I and XII, perhaps the most memorable by another hand. By the same images had been re-engraved on a smaller scale by Paul Fourdrinier.

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