

CRITICAL ESSAY ON PARADISE LOST

Paradise Lost by John Milton. John Milton prepared himself for many years to create an epic poem in English that would rank with the epics of Homer and Vergil. *Paradise Lost* is nothing less than the Christian epic of humanity.

Just after eating the forbidden fruit, the couple knew lust for the first time. Satan is far more complex than Adam, and the frequency with which his character is involved in the development of the plot and its theme suggests he is more important than Adam and the fall. When Abdiel stands up to Satan in Book V, Abdiel says that God created the angels "in their bright degrees" and adds "His laws our laws" From the standpoint of fictional drama, a reader may be correct in faulting God for the fall of Adam and Eve. Arousing his friends, he did his best to bring them to spirits, and decided that his purposes could be achieved by guile rather than by force; he decided to take revenge on God by spoiling his latest creation the Eden and the human beings there. Thus Adam did a useful act while sinning. Milton therefore believes that God was justified in leaving Adam and Eve exposed to evils, and leaving their reasoning free; only that defines human beings as supreme creatures. Alone, Eve was accosted by the serpent, which flattered her into tasting the fruit of the Tree of knowledge. Even when he uses English words, they have the Latin connotations beneath. Milton has explored the sin which brought about the downfall of man. Sharma, Kedar N. The first part of Milton's purpose in *Paradise Lost* then is to show that disobedience leads to a breakdown of hierarchical or social order with disastrous consequences. Adam, remembering the warning of Raphael, opposed her wishes, but Eve prevailed and the couple parted. The prohibition is not so much a matter of the fruit of the tree as it is obeying God's ordinance. So long as knowledge was withheld from man, his obedience to God was meaningless. Raphael told Adam and Eve in detail the story of the Great War between the god and the bad angles many of such stories are told in such conversation and flashback. Even in Hell, Satan sits on a throne, higher than the other demons. After Michael gave Adam and Eve this vision, they were pacified, especially because they saw that their children would be saved. Cite this Page! Eve, in her strange dream had been tempted to taste the fruit of the Tree of knowledge. Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, mercy, grace, and salvation occur through God's love, and all Mankind, by obeying God, can achieve salvation. But in other ways he has contributed to the development of the English language as a literary language. Conversely, if the king proved unfit or not superior to his subjects, it was morally improper to obey him and revolution could be justified.