

ENGL 444/001 – Spring 2004
Essay 3. Psychology in Paradise Lost
Due April 16

Select a verse paragraph from books 5-10 of Paradise Lost that helps to explain Milton's sense of the human condition. What does Milton say or suggest about the unfallen Adam and Eve, or about the fallen state of his readers and himself, that helps him to explain why humankind has fallen from grace and thus "to justify the ways of God to man"?

Write an essay of 1200 words (give or take 10 percent) on the passage and its significance in the poem. Again, you may emphasize the connection between physical and mental states or between the poet's words and his world.

Give your essay a descriptive title that suggests what you find significant in the passage. Document quotations from Paradise Lost parenthetically, and give full citations for any sources you consult outside The Complete Poetry. Use MLA format for all documentation.