

1: Restless Until I Rest in Thee: My Analysis of Satan's Soliloquy from John Milton's "Paradise Lost"

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We Must Fall in Order to Rise Ira Glass, in an interview on creativity, described the thing that no one ever tells beginners. Maybe you decided to learn music because you loved Mozart, or decided to play guitar because you worshipped Jimi Hendrix, or decided to take up ballet because you saw a breath-taking, once-in-a-lifetime performance. You have this incredible sense of taste, cultivated by exposure to brilliance. And you set out to create something just as great. But this incredible sense of taste coincides with the moment you have the least amount of skill. And so, inevitably, your first attempts will suck. Compared to your dream, compared to the thing that drove you into this new art, or skill, or pursuitâ€”everything you create will be awful. Only after years of work will you ever rise to the level of your mastersâ€”and during that time, you will have to put up with produce! This is the paradox. To become a master, you will have to become comfortable falling short of your own standards. Almost no one does this. Instead, filled with disappointment at their first efforts, almost everyone abandons the path too soon. Imagine that you are a creature waking up to self-awareness for the first time. Suddenly, your eyes are opened, and you can see the world as it is, in all its glory and tragedy, in all its beauty and sadness. You look out to the horizon, and imagine yourself traveling beyond it. You think about the future and the pastâ€”about a billion years from now, and a billion years before. And then you think about yourself. And you suddenly seem incredibly small, and incredibly weak, and incredibly fragile. This is the dilemma of intelligence. Intelligence gives you the power to contemplate the infinite, to solve unlimited problems, and learn innumerable things. As an intelligent being, there is no problem you cannot ultimately solve, or system you cannot ultimately understand. But that vast capability carries with it the awareness of just how much there is left to do. To be intelligent is know the infinite things you will never accomplish. The thing that gives you the ability to contemplate a million worlds, and a billion lifetimes, gives you the ability to think about how you may never leave your hometown, and how quickly people may forget you. The thing that lets you contemplate the infinite, makes you feel incredibly small. The thing that gives you incredible power, makes you feel incredibly weak. Experiencing that gapâ€”between what you are capable of, and what you have actually achieved, between what you could be and what you areâ€”is what we call shame. And knowing just how much power there is, and yet feeling your own incredible weaknessâ€”is what we call fear. They go hand in hand. Hypothetically, these sayings are the foundation of the Christian religion. And yet, they are so deeply paradoxical, you are hard pressed to find someone certain of what they mean, let alone certain of how to apply them. Blessed are the poor in spiritâ€”Blessed are those who mournâ€”On the one hand, they are easy to interpret as a call to the renunciation of life, as if suicide was the most holy path, or, barring that, as if you should purposely seek misery. Unlike other religious movements of the time, his disciples do not fast. He enjoys parties, and meals, and dancing. He turns water into wine. On the other hand, many religious groups, in an effort to make themselves feel okay with their own extravagance, tone down the Beatitudes into basically nothing. What are these sayings really getting at? When we look closely, we see that these sayings are not a call to trade in the pleasures of this Earth for an other-worldly paradise. In fact, they are saying something about this world and our history. And they are not a call to give up aspiration or ambitionâ€”quite the opposite! Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousnessâ€”They are instead a call to hunger and thirst, to suffer and struggle, to sacrifice everything on the path to making a better world. Doing that will require abandoning the old certainties, the old securities, and trading them in for a dangerous and unpredictable journey. What is this telling us? To become strong, we must embrace our vulnerability. To become great, we must accept defeat. To create brilliance, we must welcome humiliation. Only when we accept these things, can we persist from our first glimpse of beauty, down into the darkness of creative suffering and struggle, and out into the light. Those who are too secure in the old ways will not make it, those who are too tied to security will not leave. But those who desire to create good above all else, will pursue it through the darkness and the downfall and the danger, and into the brilliance on the

other side. We must fall in order to rise. It can fend off killer asteroids, outsmart supernovas, and manufacture food from the cosmic background radiation. It has no intrinsic limits. And yet it has a lot of limits right now. Those right now limits often loom larger than anything else. Intelligent beings face their own mortality, and become obsessed with protection, building giant fortresses and walls, amassing enormous weapons. And yet those fortresses often become prisons. They get in the way of free movement, they prevent exploration and discovery, they lock you in just as much as they lock anyone out. The same is often true for weapons, because although they offer protection against external threats, they shut down free and honest communication. Without communication, intelligence has given up its most potent tool for overcoming the limits of the world around it. For a more familiar example, consider that once someone has found security in their career, they may be unlikely to do anything else that is truly ground-breaking. This kind of situation is pervasive in the human species, and every time we get caught up in it, it leads to our downfall. The only way out of this dead-end obsession with current limits, at the expense of future growth, is to accept your vulnerability. To be willing to suffer, to take risks and make mistakes, to accept that you may not solve all the problems now, but that by pushing through humiliation and failure, you may be a part of the solution that is eventually discovered. Regardless of what it is, if you are seriously pursuing something genuinely new, you have to take the lessons of the Beatitudes to heart. Because that is the only path from apprenticeship to glory.

2: Into A Paradox That Even Confuses The Devil Itself Poem by James Darwin Smith II - Poem Hunter

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Yes, it is a book from the 17th century and yes, it consists of 12 books with over 10 thousands lines of verse. And it deserves to be. We had to read this book in my Advanced Placement AP Literature class in my senior year of high school But I am now re-reading the book, just for the sake of pleasure and appreciation of real, classic literature on a worthy topic. The book contains the story of the Fall of Man - primarily how Adam and Eve fell to the temptation of the fallen angel Lucifer aka Satan, how God expelled them from the Garden of Eden aka Paradise, and their lamentation over all that they lost. However, throughout the books are also dispersed the internal struggles of Satan - the fallen angel This is the actual cover of the edition of Paradise Lost that I read. Even at the opening of the soliloquy, Satan expresses his anguish and suffering as he looks upon the glorious sun and speaks to it in apostrophe: Not only has Satan once held a place above the sun physically, but also his power and glory overshadowed those of the sun. Throughout the soliloquy, Satan continues arguing with himself and even develops a new definition of hell as a spiritual state of separation from God. The human emotions of envy, lust, pride, and despair that describe Satan cause humans to have the ability to relate to him and the flaws of his nature. On the contrary, humans cannot relate to God since he symbolizes pure good, righteousness, and flawlessness. As all humans have at one point in their lives experienced anguish, envy, and despair, they identify with Satan and understand the faults that led to his fall and the reasons that prevent his repentance. Milton depicts Satan behaving and speaking in a very imperfect and human-like manner, and he shows that even the greatest of the devils feels shame and regret about the irrationality of his past actions. In this manner, Satan demonstrates that he cannot submit and repent since he preached against the two in hell. Consideration and understanding for Satan arise when Satan admits that false repentance would lead to an even greater downfall. Although Satan despairs and regrets his rebellion, his anguish only stimulates his rising pride and evil instead of laying the foundations for remorse and repentance. Furthermore, within the soliloquy, Satan discovers the source of his hatred but quickly recognizes his flawed reasoning. He blames his banishment from heaven and his evil nature on God, but almost immediately reevaluates his false accusation and admits that his own free will caused his rebellion. This sudden acknowledgment and acceptance of the truth portrays Satan as a reasonable and intelligent character, but simultaneously arouses in the reader feelings of pity at the extent of his devastation as well as the loss of his residence in heaven. Satan comprehends the immense debt he owes God for creating him and finally realizes that in a simple understanding of the magnitude of this debt, one is released from it. In addition, Satan acknowledges the ease and beauty of life in heaven. Paradoxically, he claims that both love and hate bring woe as neither love and submission nor hate and evil delight him. No matter which path he chooses, Satan will encounter endless suffering. Milton sets deception as a foundation upon which he constructs the character of Satan. I figured why not. I have some great writing, which I spent hours and hours and hours to write, only for one person the Literature professor to read them and give me an A.

3: Bitcoin's Path To Ruin - Episode - the paradise paradox

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4: Paradise Paradoxities | Silly Sutras by Ron Rattner

In Dying for Heaven, Ariel Glucklich argues against the misconception that religious terrorists fight their enemies out of

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hatred. Rather, it is the positive aspects of religion that inspire the most heinous actions.

5: The Mind Is Its Own Place

The long history of the thought and the phrase is traced in an article by Arthur O. Lovejoy, "Milton and the Paradox of the Fortunate Fall" (ELH, September); it is referenced in Scott Elledge's marvelous edition of Paradise Lost.

6: 'Paradise' poems - Hello Poetry

Eve in Paradise Lost is vain, vulnerable and evidently intellectually inferior to Adam. However, Sandra M Gilbert argues that, though Milton portrays her as a weak character, he also puts her on a par with Satan in her refusal to accept hierarchy and ability to move the plot of Paradise Lost forward.

7: Paradox () - IMDb

Lovejoy in a paper entitled "Milton and the Paradox of the Fortunate Fall," demonstrates the ancient character and orthodoxy of this view by citing statements by Ambrose, Leo the Great, Francis de Sales, DuBartas, Augustine, Wyclif, etc., and.

8: The Beginner's Paradox and the Beatitudes: We Must Fall in Order to Rise

What is the meaning of the quote, "The mind is its own place, and in itself / Can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven," from Paradise Lost, Book I, by John Milton, and does it have any.

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