

Humanities II
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Paradise Lost: John Milton

Essay Test Question

1) _____ in the poem, Paradise Lost, God's providence is made to seem just by conclusion of the great argument, or story: Satan fell because he thought he merited more than he got, and Adam in his redemption got more than he merited. As Addison (17th Century English writer) said long ago, in the end "Satan is represented as miserable in the heights of his triumph, and Adam triumphant in the heights of misery."

Discuss this paradox fully.

2) _____ "The effects of regeneration are repentance and faith, repentance is the gift of God, whereby the regenerate man perceiving with sorrow that he has offended God by sin, detests and avoids it, humbly turning to God through a sense of the divine mercy, and heartily striving to follow righteousness."

From The Christian Doctrine
by John Milton l. XXII A.

Discuss the progressive steps in repentance to be found in Paradise Lost, namely

- 1) conviction of sin.
 - 2) contrition
 - 3) confession
 - 4) departure from evil and conversion to good.
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Choose one of these essay questions. Follow the text closely and properly note all extracts and quotations used from the poem.

Your essay should be a minimum of three paragraphs, a maximum of five paragraphs, in length.

I request that you be succinct and erudite. Raise good points - resist the temptation to ramble or pontificate. Neat legible penmanship is required - write on one side of the paper please.

that essay - gain something!

