Milton, Paradise Lost
Wesley Advocates

Book 2
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Please look closely at these lines for Sunday.
5 by merit raised
8-9 insatiate . . . vain war with heaven

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94 what fear we?

41-42 open war or covert guile?
47-48 Moloch: rather than be less, cared not to be at all: War
83ff what can be worse?

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153, 163
185 ff Unrespited, unpitied, unreprieved
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264ff, 273 dark
270 Honey tongue
will God dare to destroy us? Is this the worst?
better this than worse
Eternal Father may forgive . . .
words clothed in reason's garb
deities of Heaven
not lost
just right, fixed laws, free choice
thunderer
our just inheritance of old

Belial: the Sophist. No war: revenge impossible, just woe
he seemed. . . make the worse appear the better reason;

Mammon: stay here, mine riches, accept situation, live in peace
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 402-404 Whom shall we send? (parody of Book of Isaiah) } \\ & \text { Who is sufficient? To cross dangerous abyss infinite }\end{array}$
Whom shall we send? (parody of Book of Isaiah)
Who is sufficient? To cross dangerous abyss infinite
411, 416 suffice, last hope
427 dreadful voyage

440ff hell, night, chaos
452 share of hazard and honor
465 deliverance for all
Beelzebub: seems not majestic in ruin, sage he stood (305)
EF will reign everywhere, hell part of EF empire, custody severe in hell
place: Earth-Man, Paradise, place may lie exposed, man favorite (360)

Beelzebub predicts Man's weakness
puny inhabitant, seduce him for our Party, that God may prove their foe
"hurled headlong"; faded bliss
vote

Satan's higher worth . . . ninefold walls of hell
no rivals to cheapen his repute
bow of angels to Satan
pomp, state, regal sounds, brightness
false hop of the angels-disband to fill time till Satan returns simile about Herakles's poisoned shirt heroic deeds and hapless fall vain wisdom, false philosophy

| 575ff | 4 rivers of hell: Styx, Acheron, Cocytus, Phlegethon <br> Lethe = oblivion; frozen continent, perpetual storms, snow, ice |
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| 608 | longing for Lethe, one drop; lose in sweet forgetfulness of pain and woe |
| 621-622 | a universe of death |
| 630 | Satan heads toward gates of Hell |
| 646 | 9 gates of hell: brass, iron, adamantine, fire |
| 650-660 | description of Sin |
| 665 | Death shapeless blob, shadow |
| 681 | Satan fails to recognize his son, Death; miscreated; get out of my way; threats |
| 698 | I reign king; Death as king of Hell; grisly terror |
| 705 | Death grows tenfold and threatens Satan |
| 708 | Satan indignant, burns like comet |
| 709 | Ophiucus |
| 711 | aim to destroy each other; Sin intervenes (snaky sorceress) |
| 727 | patricide? Filicide? |
| 741 | Satan's failure to recognize children; what thing art thou? |
| 753ff | birth of Sin from Satan's head; parallel Athene from Zeus |
| 764 | Sin perfect image of Satan |
| 766 | Satan copulates with daughter Sin |
| 775 | key to Hell's gates |
| 779ff | Sin's pregnancy and odious offspring: rape and incest . . Hell hounds |
| 810 | irony: Death's "death arrow" against Satan |

817-818 Dear daughter . . fair son
822 to set free both of you

840ff place where Sin and Death shall dwell at ease, be fed and filled
863ff my father, my author whom I should obey, follow
871 key given to Satan
884 Hell gates now open for all
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891ff description of Chaos and Night . . . anarchy
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940-950 Satan cannot fly or walk well: swims, sinks, wades, creeps, flies
960-965 throne of Chaos; causes of Chaos
980ff how Chaos and Night will benefit from Man's fall
1005 description of universe, Earth on golden chain
1022 hard labor for Satan
1023ff Satan as pioneer, pathfinder (Sin and Death and all follow him)

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Satan's heroism place of bliss in the purlieus of heav'n . . . upstart creatures simile Satan flies out of Hell into vast vacuity. Wind carries him Satan approaches Empyreal Heaven, sees light, golden chain still set on revenge, accursed

