**Milton, *Paradise Lost* Book 8**

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1-4 Narrator

5-38 Adam to Raphael

5-6 thanks to divine historian

10 things unsearchable

13 some doubt remains

17-18 earth merely a grain, an atom in universe

19-20 stars, spaces incomprehensible

32 sedentary earth

39-65 Narrator about Eve

49 Adam studious

44-48 Eve depats

49 Eve enjoyed Raphael’s stories

50-58 Eve prefers to hear stories from Adam

66-178 Raphael to Adam

66-67 Heaven is book of God to learn from

70 doesn’t matter whether Heaven or Earth moves

73-75 humankind ought to admire rather than merely try to understand

 some things in universe (such as those in Heaven)

77 God laughs at our quaint opinions

90-91 consider first, that great or bright infers not excellence (key idea,

 applies not only to stars, but also to monarchs, celebrities, more)

103 man dwells not on his own

106 large parts of universe ordained for uses only EF knows

120 earthly world, minds limited, may err in things too high

129-130 earth seems steadfast, but in three motions moves

122ff notice Raphael’s questions, often rhetorical

144ff other galaxies

160-168 whether . . . solicit not

168 serve and fear God

170 rejoice in God’s gifts, in Paradise

171-173 you cannot know Heaven; be lowly wise

179-216 Adam to Raphael

180 I understand: no notions vain, learn from R’s warning and

 experience

205 now I want to tell you my story (pride)

210 while with Raphael, Adam “seems in Heaven”

219-248 Raphael to Adam

220 EF has given you many gifts

225 you are our fellow servant; angels interested in humankind

229-240 Raphael absent on important voyage to Hell when Adam created;

 he was checking to see Satan enclosed in Hell (lovely rationale)

244 from Hell Raphael heart torment, lament, rage

249-325 Adam to Raphael

255-256 Adam awakes (newly created), as if from sleep

258-266 new sights, sounds, motions

267 Adam looks at himself (admiration)

272ff names, speech

280-281 importance to know and adore EF

287 sleep

292-296 dream of a shape divine, voice (EF) calls Adam

295-299 EF to Adam: come to the garden of bliss

300-325 Adam narrating to Raphael

308 beautiful fruit, great appetite (fs)

3l9-320 Adam wakes; finds dream true about garden of bliss

326-333 EF to Adam

329 I give thee paradise

323-333 eat, enjoy, but not of interdicted tree

330 my sole command

333-337 Adam to Raphael

334 rigid interdiction

338-348 EF to Adam

339 I give you all the Earth

344-345 All the creatures: you name them; they are subject to you

349-357 Adam to Raphael

352ff I named them (recall the exceptional power of naming)

355 still wanted something else

358-366 Adam to EF

364-365 how an I be happy in solitude?

369-377 EF to Adam

369ff how can this be solitude? with all these creatures?

377-398 Adam to EF

381 am I thy substitute? these inferior to me?

389 fellowship, rational delight

399-411 EF to Adam

405-409 I am alone from all eternity, yet happy; no one equal, no second;

 With whom do I converse?

412-435 Adam to EF

416-417 EF perfect, not so man

420 what about propagation?

425-426 man requires collateral love and dearest amity

434-435 Adam’s freedom to speak, acceptance found

436-451 EF to Adam

440 glad to see your free spirit

445 EF knew not good for man to be alone

452-489 Adam to Raphael

456-463 Adam’s sleep, as in trance: fancy awake, alert

463-465 shape opens Adam’s left side

469 rib

471 so lovely fair

474-475 sweetness infused into his heart

477 spirit of love and amorous delight

479-480 Adam wakes, cannot bear to lose Eve (fs)

485 Eve led by EF

488-489 grace in her steps, heaven in her eye; dignity and love

490-499 Adam to EF

495 bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, myself before me

496 name: *woman*

500-560 Adam to Raphael about Eve

508-510 he follows her, takes her to nuptial bower

512-527 bliss

530-535 first passion, commotion strange

548 Eve lovely, complete though different

551ff all higher knowledge in her presence falls degraded;

 authority and reason on her wait (fs)

561-594 Raphael to Adam

561 warning about surrendering wisdom to passion

568-571 Eve worthy of cherishing, of honoring, of loving, but not subjection

 to her

586-594 love vs. passion—definition: love refines, enlarges . . .

595-617 Adam to Raphael

595 Adam half abashed

601-602 graceful acts, thousand decencies that daily flow from Eve

604-605 union in mind, harmony

613 love leads up to Heaven

615-617 how do angels love? How do angels make love?

618-643 Raphael to Adam

619 blush celestial red

620-621 angels are happy: that is all Adam needs to know

626 embrace easier than air with air

630 sunset

633-636 last warning

638 beware

640 stand fast, be free

644-651 Adam to Raphael

645-646 benediction, heavenly guest, ethereal messenger

648 gentle and affable

652-653 Narrator: parting of Adam (to bower and Eve) and Raphael (to

 Heaven)