**Milton, *Paradise Lost*  Book 9**

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1-76 Narrator

5-8 Tragic notes, revolt and disobedience

9-10 Heaven alienated

13-19 this argument more heroic than wrath of Achilleus or rage of

Turnus

21-23 Urania (muse) comes in nightly visitation and dictates to me

slumb’ring

26-41 epic topics JM onsidered

52-58 midnight: Satan

63-68 Satan circles Earth; stealth

71-75 Satan rises as a mist

86-90 serpent fittest to use for fraud

97-178 Satan’s passion, suffering and his loss: soliloquy

99 Earth as beautiful as Heaven

113-115 no joy even in Earth or mankind

118-123 no pleasure, no refuge, only torment; all good is bane to me

129 ease only in destroying

136-137 in one day to mar entirely what Almighty spent six days creating

140-141 in one night “I freed” almost half the angels

153 Earth, magnificent world

154-157 indignity: EF set angels to watch and protect man

161-162 seeks serpent to hide inside

163-166 I once contended with gods, but now am become a beast, mixed

with bestial slime

168 what ambition and revenge descend to

171-172 Revenge recoils

179-203 Narrator

187 Satan enters at serpent’s mouth

192 dawn

197-198 Adam and Eve at morning prayers

204=225 Eve to Adam

214-215 let us separate to do more work

226-269 Adam to Eve

248-256 no separation; might mean harm befalls Eve; malicious foe

259 Satan cannot circumvent us if we are joined

270-289 Eve to Adam

279-280 Eve hurt that Adam thinks her weak; he doubts her firmness

To both Adam and God

285 Satan’s fraud

290-320 Adam to Eve

293-295 I do not doubt you; fear Satan’s fraud; must avoid temptation

307-308 subtle—he seduced angels; I am stronger with you here

321-341 Eve to Adam

326 how are we happy if in fear of harm?

335 what is faith or love if never tested?

342-375 Adam to Eve

350-351 free will; reason

359 possible to swerve

365 better to avoid temptation

357 if you want to prove your constancy, first prove your obedience

370 Go, go

376-384 Eve to Adam

378 permission, forewarned

385-471 Narrator

397-401 Adam gazes after her; met at noon in bower

494-407 fs: Eve’s doom

420-421 Satan has sought Eve apart

425-432 description of Eve (Satan’s pov)

445ff simile

456-470 Satan views Eve angelic; he is stupidly good, abstracted a moment

471-493 Satan soliloquy

477-478 his only pleasure is destruction

483-485 why Satan shuns Adam

486-530 Narrator

486-504 description of serpent standing, his beauty

512 Satan-serpent sidles up to Eve

513-518 simile

525 Satan-serpent bows, fawns, licks the ground

532-547 Satan-serpent to Eve

536 gaze insatiate

540 thy celestial beauty

547-548 you should be seen a goddess among gods, adored and served by

angels

549-551 Narrator

549 glozed

551-566 Eve to Satan-serpent

553-554 language of man on tongue of brute

567-612 Satan-serpent to Eve

568 flattery

571ff serpents lie about speech

577-578 tree of gold and ruddy fruit

579 savory odor

586 hunger, thirst

590 fruit too high for most to reach

593 all other beasts want fruit, too

595 serpent plucks and eats his fill

599-600 strange alteration: speech

604 saw Heaven

613-624 Eve to Satan-serpent

617 where is that tree?

625-630 Satan-serpent to Eve

631 Eve to Satan-serpent

631-645 Narrator

632 Satan-serpent made intricate seem straight

633 Hope and joy

635ff simile

643 fraud

655-658 Satan-serpent to Eve

659-663 Eve (sinless) to Satan-serpent

664-676 Narrator

666-668 show of indignation; passion

670ff simile on eloquence

679-732 Satan-serpent to Eve

684 do not believe God’s threats

685-690 Satan’s lies—tree makes you perfect

693 petty trespass

697ff eat to have happier life; what is evil?

God cannot hurt you and be just.

704 God wants to keep you low and ignorant

708 be as gods

713-714 dying means putting off the human to put on gods

727 how can knowledge hurt? (see my poem “To Know” in the wee

book)

732 oxymoron: goddess humane

733-744 Narrator

735 fixed on the fruit

739-740 noon, appetite

744-779 Eve soliloquy: notice logical fallacies, faulty reasoning

749 serpent uses speech to praise God

756 good unknown surely is not bad

760 forbids us good, forbids us to be wise

764 serpent ate and did not die

764-768 Eve’s failed reason

772 serpent free from deceit and guile

780-793 Narrator: Crisis of Poem

781 she plucked; she ate

783 nature revolts

785 serpent slinks away

791-793 engorged; drunken; jocund

794-833 Eve soliloquy

795-800 praise for tree

804 expects to know all the gods know

811 perhaps her secret unknown in Heaven

815 great Forbidder; his spies

816-820 what about Adam? What to tell him? Share this happiness with

him? Or keep all in my power?

822 could make Adam love me more, treat me more like an equal

825 inferior who is free? (note echo of Satan)

826-833 what if God saw and I die? I could not live without Adam.

834-854 Narrator

835 Eve’s reverence for tree

840 Adam waits at bower, makes garland for Eve

845-846 his heart misgives

855-885 Eve to Adam

856-857 Didn’t you miss me?

859-860 Eve never to work apart again; cannot bear to be without Adam

863-870 Eve’s story: wonderful to her; tells Adam about tree

873-874 Eve’s confession: I tasted

875-877 description of changes

879-881 no bliss alone, unshared; therefore you must taste, too, so we

may be equal in joy, equal in love

884-885 otherwise Eve must renounce her deity to remain with Adam

886-895 Narrator

890-893 Adam’s horror; drops garland

896-916 Adam to Eve

900-901 lost, lost: defaced, deflow’red, and now to death devote

906 me with thee ruined

908 How can I live without thee?

914-916 no parting

917-919 Narrator

920-959 Adam to Eve

926 cannot be undone

932-933 serpent ate, yet lives; even higher than other beasts

938 I cannot imagine God will destroy us

943 surely God will not uncreate, undo

952 my lot fixed with Eve

959 to lose thee were to lose myself

960-989 Eve to Adam

961 trial of love

971-972 one guilt, one crime if any be

975 happy trial of love

979 rather die alone than harm Adam

984 not death, but life

988 Adam, taste

990-1015 Narrator

990-991 Eve’s joy at not losing Adam

997-999 Adam eats

1001 Earth trembles; Nature groans

1002-1003 sky’s sad drops, weeps at mortal sin, original

1008ff intoxicated, imagine wings growing

1013 lust

1016-1033 Adam to Eve

1016-1025 language of gluttony

1029-1033 see *Iliad* 3 (Paris with Helen) and 14 (Zeus with Hera)

1034-1066 Narrator (see *Iliad* 14)

1036 Eve’s lust for Adam

1037-1050 gluttony, lust (gorge on sex), sloth

1051 restlessness, bad dreams

1054-1058 embarrassment at nakedness, shame

1067-1098 Adam to Eve

1067-1068 Adam blames Eve

1071-1073 now know good and evil

1075 lost honor, innocence, faith, loyalty

1080-1081 cannot face God or angel now

1084-1085 seek solitude, leave Eve

1092 hide nakedness

1099-1133 Narrator

1101 figtree

1112 sew leaves

1119-1121 covered, but still ashamed, weeping

1122-1124 passions: anger, hate, mistrust, suspicion, discord

1134-1142 Adam to Eve

1134 you should have listened to me

1144-1161 Eve to Adam

1150 it could have happened to you just as easily

1155 you’re supposedly the head here—why didn’t you command me

not to go?

1160-1161 you could have prevented all of this horror

1162-1186 Adam to Eve

1163 Is this love? Ingrateful Eve

1167 I chose death with you, and now you blame me as the

cause of your sin

1171 I warned you

1174 I could not force you to stay—you have free will

1180 my error is become my crime—and you are my accuser

1186-1188 Narrator

Quarrels seem endless