**Paradise Lost – John Milton**

**Introduction**

Paradise lost is an epic poem by John Milton published in 1667. There is no scale or tool to fully see through another`s frame of reference. An individual perspective can be a gift and a trap at the same time. The mind is a castle with no doors, ideas came in and out. John Milton wrote the epic journey of human evolution right from the beginning of the Universe. It is based on the Biblical story of how God created this universe and how the life started on earth. It is the common perspective of everyone that first humans were Adam and Eve. They disobeyed the command of God and God made them suffer by throwing them out from the Garden of Eden. Milton wrote the poem describing the tale of these two humans who lost paradise.

If one think of this tale as an expression or effort of describing the reason of human life on earth. The very purpose why God created such a vast world with so many creatures in it. Milton describes the way human perceive the world as God`s creation and do things in their own manner. The way of working of human mind and behavior is also another theme of Milton`s Paradise Lost.

**Background**

The poem finds its origin back to the biblical story of the creation of the universe. Christian books and all other Abrahamic religions have the same story of the creation of the universe. God made the universe in seven days. After making the earth he thought to make creature who will enjoy this universe and all the things of delights in it. So God created a man, Adam. With all its perfection and beauty in his creation, God sensed something missing and thought there should be something else with this creation who will make a good couple with this man. Then God created a woman, Eve (Sherry, 2010).

The poem begins with the unsuccessful rebellion of Satan against God and creation of human beings. First two books are set in Hell. Milton described Hell`s shrouding and adds some details that Hell becomes frozen which is very clever as he mentioned it as “it`s so cold, it`s hot”. Satan came to know about the latest creation of God and he planned to corrupt his creation. This is all the part of the tale that is described in Bible as the story of life and creation. Milton described Hell as very hot and very cold while he mentioned Heaven as temperate and exactly one could expect it to be. Every sweet smelling plant and tasty fruits are in heaven. All animals get along each other in Heaven and there is no violence in Heaven (Sherry, 2010).

**Disobedience**

God made humans and gave them intellect so they can think and understand. God leave the human free to decide themselves what is right and what is wrong. God made Garden of Eden and place all the beautiful animals in it. Then God created man and woman so they can enjoy his universe and praise their lord for making this universe. God restrict them to eat the fruit from a tree and asked them to enjoy everything in this garden except that tree. But they disobeyed God and ate the fruit from that tree.

Now, Disobedience may be the main theme of Paradise Lost but Milton is trying to show something other than disobedience of Adam and Eve. What he is trying to show is with all the intellect and intelligence God gave humans to think and understand they can still be manipulated. Milton also shows us the disobedience of Satan as he tried to overthrow the God and Milton showed him as a symbol of pride. The stand was too prideful to accept the Adam as his boss and thinks himself superior to him. Satan used lies and deceits to trick Eve by telling her that forbidden fruit has so much power and God will not know if you ate one. He also convinces one-third of the angles that God is Unjust and they should rebel against him. Milton used these elements of sin, pride, lies and revenge to develop his theme.

**Theme of Revolt**

Conflict is another theme of Paradise Lost. Milton used his narration and poetry to describe how conflict make this story as it is. The conflict of God with Satan. The conflict of Satan with Adam`s superiority. The conflict of God with Adam and Eve on punishing them for eating the forbidden fruit. Sin and Death are the two actual characters of this poem. Before God created Garden of Eden there was no sin and death. This is one way of Milton to describe that there was innocence or humans were innocence (Clement, 2013).

Paradise Lost starts with Satan in Hell on the surface of boiling stream of Lava. He found his second in command got off the stream and plans to destroy God`s new precious creation, Adam and Eve. Milton plans the plot to drive his theme of revolt as Satan enters the Garden of Eden to manipulate the heart of Eve. He disguised himself as a snake and convince her to eat the forbidden fruit. Eve ate the fruit and convince Adam to eat that too. As they both ate the fruit they had steamy, lustful sex. As the result of the action of Adam and Eve Hell`s gate opened wide for sin and death to create a bridge between Hell and Earth. And Adam and Eve were thrown out of the Garden of Eden as punishment (Morris, 2015).

**Justification of God Actions**

If one see the first book of the paradise lost. It says much more about the actions of Satan. He wanted to destroy the world and take over the Heaven. He also wanted to destroy God` s creation, Adam and Eve. Satan gathered all the fallen angels who rebel against God and who manipulated by the Satan himself. The main purpose of Satan to overthrown the God and become a master of all his creatures. And God, on the other hand, gave powers to Satan and knows his plans (Morris, 2015).

God throws out Satan to the depth of Hell. Satan gathered all fallen angles and devise a plan to destroy God`s creatures. Milton artistically described and justify the plans of God. Obviously, God became angry on Adam and Eve for eating the forbidden fruit. But on the other hand that opened the gates of hell for humans. God send Adam and Eve to earth as an act of saving these creatures. God send angel Michael on earth to check on Adam and also make him understand how the thing works. God also knows the plans of Satan as Satan wanted to destroy the new world God made and all the creatures in it. Banishing Adam and Eve to earth was the part of the plan as God made the whole world to delight humans and wanted to save them from evil powers making another theme of Milton to write the Paradise Lost.

**Conclusion**

Paradise lost may seem the evolution of humans or the tale of the beginning of the world but it also makes one ponder on the idea of why this whole world was created. The existence of Satan and the fallen angels are one part of the tale but it also includes other things such as it cannot be possible even for God to make this whole world for the enjoyment of two human beings. It may be the Milton wants to show his readers to look beyond that concept of enjoyment and have a look at the hidden realities such morality, war, a murder which came with the consequences of Adam and Eve`s disobedience and these humans lost the Paradise.

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