Paradise lost (Lucifer semi analysis)



Luke 10:8 I Saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven

“Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven”

“The mind is its own place and can make a hell of heaven and heaven out of hell”

““Knowledge forbidden? Suspicious, reasonless. Why should their Lord Envy them that? Can it be a sin to know? Can it be death?”

“What though the field be lost? All is not Lost; the unconquerable will, And study of revenge, immortal hate, And the courage never to submit or yeild.”

Introduction:
Paradise lost is often known as Milton's magnum opus in which he wrote Lucifer through depicting him as a tragic figure and his psychological state in defying God,. Often when we recall the name of Satan or Lucifer we think of absolute evil that caused the fall of Adam and Eve and brought forth death and sin to the world when he was cast for disobedience in heaven. The original sin who as one of the first creations of God disobeyed his order and did not respect His hierarchy.

Miltons intent in writing paradise lost was to justify the ways of god to men, and this conflict which tries to depict Lucifers internal struggle and frustration towards his eternal punishment, in book 4 mentioning his mind being the source of those raging flames that fuel his unrelentless pursuit of executing a futile attack against heaven,and conflicting natures between satan's perspective of the ways of god and the divine which he cannot actually deconstruct for its the creation of God, he mentions later in the Analysis of hypocrisy and it being invisible to All but God.
and in knowing that fallen angels have no other option but despair, however in book 1 Satan knowingly expressing his opinion albeit showing no concern or confronting his flawed logic tells the angels to build a pandemonium at the gates of heaven to express their frustration with their punishment and question the nature of free will, from book 1 we can openly tell that its a sort of psychological depiction of satan through his justification of being and committing evil from his perspective.

The Role of hell:
Hell is the opposite of heaven and is also described as being a state of mind, through the mind being its “own” seemingly describing consciousness and the nature of our minds, that we are able to construct, deconstruct to our own will. The mind is also expressing Satan's inner hell through his psyche, we are often unable to comprehend a sort of emotion as we as individuals feel it on various levels and the nature of the mind displays Satan's trap of identity and knowingly wreaking havoc to make rebellion as every part of his life.

Hell is not specifically described as through its size or the nature of its torture, thus hell is moreso a state of existence for Satan, as drawing the parallel of heaven and hell. He tells his angels to overcome despair and seek justice through a futile war, powerlessness against omnipotence.
The most terrifying aspect of hell is often the distortion of truth and reasoning, we see this through Satan's speech and this logic which they cannot see nor express their concerns. Their very reasoning in essence is corrupted and they are unable to tell between a right or good cause, the birth of disobedience is further nurtured in all of their hearts giving us that certain definition of Evil.

The hierarchy of God is described as Heaven above, earth in the middle and Hell below thus Satan expressed his desire to even conquer hell and build his own structure to seek full autonomy and being free from divine influence, for that is the highest form of existence. unknowingly becoming the prince of hell he had still been a part of God's design, God's hierarchy. No matter what he did he could not change the fact that heaven was first, earth being second to heaven and hell being the lowest form of existence.
This tormented Satan

After being cast out of heaven for not acknowledging “Man” his mind constructed hell as a sort of rebellious place for disobedience, as if he had acknowledged God’s begotten son who he anoints as Messiah ” Knowingly Satan had been favoured by God being A mighty archangel however not as much as “God’s Son”

“Farewell happy fields, Where joy forever dwells: Hail, horrors, hail.”

Satan knowingly understands the futileness of confronting Heaven, but after being cast out of heaven his very identity became distorted and in his initial frustration towards acknowledging man his emotions became fiery like the fires of hell, derailing from All the good in the world to embrace his identity. His Pride is a subsequent cause of this, that in his mind he cannot acknowledge “Man” which is inferior to him though God favours his annointed son

Lucifer was described as being a grand angel who had been one of God's most loyal followers, however this shift in focus caused a crack in his heart and bled him dry.

The Logic of free will seemingly expresses a concern here, that Angels have free will and that they knowingly follow God in their love for Eternal Good. That Satan who refused and disobeyed God once led him to be cast out forever, this sort of frustration Satan felt that he was abandoned by God and thrown out, from his perspective a trivial matter and to what avail? Satan expressed his anger which further cemented himself as a fallen angel and a lost cause, he would no longer nor for eternity ever return to God or to serve as his follower in heaven.

The biblical God Jehovah, the supreme being that is endlessly benevolent and loving. It raises a question on why he did not request forgiveness. His pride and his inability to understand the ways of God left him frustrated and humiliated. Satan mentions from the happy fields that not all is lost for even the difference of Hell and Heaven being vast; they have their own principles. Lucifer is described in Paradise lost staying true to his nature, and in this nature which was formed from the abandonment of External influence and seeking his own freedom breaking the shackles , his desire to be recognized and not by God? The Grand Archangel of God who was His first creation whom mankind took away from him, Satan found this absolutely intolerable and if God could not recognize him then he had no other desire to respect his hierarchy and decree.

Even after escaping hell and coming to Earth satan still felt tormented, he had been spying on Adam and Eve and observing them. Albeit Satan being in this supposed paradise, he felt such a hollow sensation in his heart a sort of emptiness that felt even worse then when he was in hell, for him being in this paradise gave satan a perspective and a mirror for him to actually reflect on himself. He could never embrace good for he does not respect Gods hierarchy, and he can never love for that love is far gone and farewell to happy fields where joy forever dwells Satan says. Hinting that he has embraced his identity and would not under any circumstances change what he views. He is pursuing metaphysical rebellion towards existence itself, and in that existence which took shape through God. As leading his attack towards heaven he suffered a humiliating defeat by the grand Archangel Michael with one hit.

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“Neither man nor angel can discern hypocrisy, the only evil that walks invisible except to God alone.”
And Satans monologue in book 1

Man cannot recognize or figure out Hypocrisy being the Evil that is invisible, being something which is unable to discern from none other than God himself. Here Satan describes hypocrisy as a evil which he cannot judge for it is invisible, meaning he is in no position to define hypocrisy and point out the individuals who are guilty of it, the nature of Good and bad which is the essence of knowledge, being visible to God however Satan describes God’s ways of being hypocritical, however it is not exclusively mentioned but its through Satans dialogue and monologue in which he expresses His dissatisfaction, and being a fallen angel he is not bound in following the ways of God no more and in his initial frustration he describes how God unjustly treated him and the overall hypocrisy.

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All is not lost—the unconquerable will,
And study of revenge, immortal hate,
And courage never to submit or yield:
And what is else not to be overcome?
That Glory never shall his wrath or might
Extort from me."

Here, Satan emphasizes his own will and determination against what he sees as the despotic rule of God. He likens his situation to a fight against oppression, suggesting that God's demand for obedience is self-serving rather than truly just.
Later, Satan articulates his struggles with the idea of divine justice and the actions imposed by God, reflecting his belief that God’s actions do not align with the principles of just governance. This perspective aligns with the notion of a hypocritical deity in Satan’s eyes, as he argues that God’s omnipotence comes with an expectation of unquestioned loyalty, blurring the lines between true justice and authoritarianism.

Fueling his anger more Satan finds it intolerable that God can define what is what, in the eyes of Satan his actions would be deemed disloyalty to God and in that he finds it hypocritical that God cannot be judged for such, only himself.

The Nature of innocence:

Here Satan is devoid of regret or errors and the anxieties that come with it, in this he cannot feel that he is not innocent for there is the difference in truth and fact.

Lucifer believes in his truth being his ideology and set of beliefs to justify his ways, he believes he is innocent and has been wrongly judged by God. It raises a question of innocence and sincerity, who could persuade Satan that he is not innocent when innocence is a wide spectrum and is more of a personal truth then a fact. Such as morality and laws being a product of our development throughout history from protecting personal assets and punishing people who ruin the harmony in the group to internalizing these as an objective fact and a universal truth. As for even modern times, there are uncountable situations where most people have personal perspectives of a situation and offer a differing view on its nature of just or nature of Evil.

Existentialist philosophers often focus on authenticity and self-awareness. For them, purity of consciousness involves recognizing one's freedom and responsibility, confronting the absurdities of existence, and living authentically rather than conforming to societal norms.

Satan critiques the ways of God, refuting
““Knowledge forbidden? Suspicious, reasonless. Why should their Lord Envy them? Can it be a sin to know? Can it be death?”

When Adam and Eve were residing in the garden of eden they had no understanding of good and evil, being a knowledge that they were not meant to understand. Thus in eating the forbidden fruit they were to know of its existence, however it raises concerns for its inconsistency and logic. If God is all knowing and loving then he would know that Eve would eat the fruit, but if they truly had free will, why would they be punished for following their personal instincts? As for Lucifer who tempted Eve through impersonation of the snake, in the end of paradise lost lucifer had tempted Eve. Therefore the problem of evil which roots from Satan, if God knew that lucifer was gonna tempt Eve why would God not stop it or why would God punish Adam and Eve for utilizing their free will and even before having knowledge of Good and Evil from the tree of knowledge, if they cannot know of its existence then their initial action of eating the fruit cannot be evil nor good, even if God told them not to eat the fruit it still cannot be deemed as Good or Evil.

The fall allows humanity to follow God through free will rather than by God using force, thus allowing their faith to be more genuine. If they had stayed in Eden, they would have never truly cared about each other, nor would they have followed God by free will and choice given that they were punished for eating the fruit and not knowing of Good and evil. They cannot love each other for the concept of love is unfamiliar and is not genuine.

Satan's role is through initially bringing this knowledge into existence for mankind, He acknowledges God's divine presence in Adam and Eve, knowing that he could also love them like he did God however his fall from faith will not ever allow him to ever feel that love. Therefore he plots against Adam and Eve, causing them to be cast out of the Garden of Eden.

At the end of Paradise Lost, Lucifer is defeated by christ. In Book III, God foresees humanity's fall and the ensuing necessity for redemption. He announces that it will be through the sacrifice of His Son, Christ, that humanity will eventually be offered salvation. This prophecy establishes Christ as a pivotal figure in the cosmic conflict between good and evil.

For the sin committed by Adam and Eve which cursed humanity was to be restored and washed away by Christ's Sacrifice for Humanity, and this doubt of belief which Satan had caused was weakened and the belief strengthened defeating Lucifer's intent of corrupting Humanity.