

Paraphrase and summarize the following passages as accurately as possible, a paragraph or so each.

1. *PL* 8.357-520
2. *PL* 8.520-653

As you'll see, these passages are continuous although we'll treat them as separate episodes. After having heard from Raphael for three books, we now eavesdrop on Adam's response to the angel, in which he describes his encounter with the Almighty and the creation of Eve, and concludes with his explanation of the effect she has on him. These are, of course, for our benefit, not for the characters in the epic.

What is Milton trying to tell us about God's relationship with humankind in the dialogue between God and Adam?

Adam, a prelapsarian being who therefore knows nothing about shame, struggles to describe something to Raphael that most of us fallen people would never bother explaining to anyone. Why does Milton include it? You might say that Raphael's response is predictable. However, what can Raphael not ever understand, even though he is an angel? **Avoid summary.**

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