

Q: Influence of John Milton on the development of English language.

(1) Introduction:

John Milton (1608-1674) is one of the most influential of English poets, perhaps second only to Shakespeare, the great scholar, philosopher, and statesman. From his boyhood, Milton dedicated himself to the ideal being a great poet. He had a wide interest in languages and knew Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Italian and Dutch. At a time when Latin was still the language of science and philosophy, Milton proclaimed his faith in the potential of English for the highest poetic expression.

He is best known for his epic, *The Paradise Lost* (1658-1663). In the majesty of style and the grandeur of the subject, Milton ranks with Homer, Virgil and Dante. He was a master of plain diction as well as poetic style. Milton was greatly influenced

by the Bible. Transformations and Shakespeare.

C.O. Wern comments;

Like the Bible translations and Shakespeare, Milton's more outstanding permanent influence on the English language is to be seen in his phrases.

(2) Milton's Contribution in English Vocabulary:

By Milton's time, Elizabethan is regarded in English grammar had greatly reduced. His major contribution to the English language is the invention of a number of new words, phrases and expressions.

Milton had contributed about 650 new words to English including - Amerech, Complacency, Debauchery, Didactic, Esthetic, Embittered, Enjoyable, Fragrance, Harshent, Impossibility, Responsible, Liturgical, Sensuous,

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stunning, tessery, inevitable,
unhealthy etc.

Milton used some compound words
for the first time, for example -
Fair - slighted, Full - grown, hot -
breasted, Total - worship, self - delusion
etc.

some phrases that Milton used for
the first time are now part of the
English language. These included -
A heaven on earth, All fell broke
loode, Every cloud had a silver lining,
A pillar of strength, Prove a bitter
marshal, To save appearances,
desert conclave etc. In Milton's
paradise lost, the capital city of hell
is called 'Pandemonium' (chaos).
The word is formed with the
combination of two Greek origin
words (Pan) - all (demon) (celemony).

(3) Conclusion:

Thus, Milton had a genuine faculty

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3. Discuss William Shakespeare's influence on English language.

1) Introduction:

There are so many influences on English language from very early ages and it continued during all periods till modern age. So, the modern English language is the result of various influences from other languages and individual influences as well. In this regard, William Shakespeare has also given an important contribution to the development of English language as individual influence.

2) William Shakespeare as a maker of English language:

William Shakespeare is called the father of English language because he is known as the maker of English language. In this sense, he can be considered as the melder of English language.

Shakespeare was immensely interested like William Geoffrey Chaucer, John Milton, William Wordsworth and many more poets and writers in the English language. He always criticized and satirized linguistic and

perused making but the excesses of it
surprisingly. In spite of his literary
belliance, the extent of Milton's
influence on common English speech
is much less than Shakespeare.

Milton served as a minister, under
Oliver Cromwell. He was a public spirited
politician. He wrote tracts and pamphlets

Steuin Alexander Comments,

Milton was an extraordinary linguist
and his freedom with language can
be related to his advocacy of
personal, political and religious
freedom.