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Milton's poetry and prose reflect deep personal convictions, a passion for freedom and self-determination, and the urgent issues and political turbulence of his day. Writing in English, Latin, Greek, and Italian, he achieved international renown within his lifetime, and his celebrated Areopagitica (1644)—written in condemnation of pre-publication censorship—is among history's most influential and impassioned defenses of free speech and freedom of the press. Milton is never more himself than in some of these fervid utterances. It is not to be forgotten that the prime of his life was almost exclusively spent in the production of prose. According to accepted criticism, his style falls into the three periods: (1) From his birth (1608) to his return from European travel in 1640. "It is to be regretted" says "acauley" that the prose writings of Milton should in our time be so little read.