

Contents

<i>Acknowledgments</i>	xi
<i>A Note on Texts</i>	xiii
Introduction	I
1 'Not but by the Spirit understood': Milton's Plain Style and Present-Day Messianism	19
2 <i>Areopagitica</i> and the Ethics of Reading	43
3 Liberty before and after Liberalism: Milton's Politics and the Post-secular State	66
4 Samson, the Peacemaker: Enlightened Slaughter in <i>Samson Agonistes</i>	87
5 Can the Suicide Bomber Speak?	107
Epilogue	127
<i>Notes</i>	133
<i>Index</i>	163