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1. The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares (KJV)

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The text above is from *Book of Matthew* of the Bible. What is a parable? How would you interpret the famous parable from both a religious perspective and a non-religious perspective? (50%)

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2. It is said that the movement from realism to modernism and postmodernism is a movement from the sign as material to the signifying process itself. Do you agree or not? Please analyze a piece of literary text via a specific critical approach to develop your argument. (25%)
3. Please read the poem "Mr. Z" and analyze it in terms of the form and the content. (25%)

Mr. Z

M. Carl Holman

Taught early that his mother's skin was the sign of error,
 He dressed and spoke the perfect part of honor;
 Won scholarships, attended the best schools,
 Disclaimed kinship with jazz and spirituals;
 5 Chose prudent, raceless views for each situation,
 Or when he could not cleanly skirt dissension,
 Faced up to the dilemma, firmly seized
 Whatever ground was Anglo-Saxonized.
 In diet, too, his practice was exemplary:
 10 Of pork in its profane forms he was wary;
 Expert in vintage wines, sauces, and salads,
 His palate shrank from cornbread, yams and collards.

He was as careful whom he chose to kiss:
 His bride had somewhere lost her Jewishness,
 15 But kept her blue eyes; an Episcopalian
 Prelate proclaimed them matched chameleon.
 Choosing the right addresses, here, abroad,
 They shunned those places where they might be barred;
 Even less anxious to be asked to dine
 20 Where hosts catered to kosher accent or exotic skin.
 And so he climbed, unclogged by ethnic weights,
 An airborne plant, flourishing without roots.
 Not one false note was struck—until he died:
 His subtly grieving widow could have flayed
 25 The obit writers, ringing crude changes on a clumsy phrase:
 "One of the most distinguished members of his race."

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