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Paper II.

Q. Consider the justice of Dr. Johnson's criticism of Lycidas. Passion runs not after remote allusions and obscure opinions.

Ans. Dr. Johnson contends that elegy should not embody the genuine feeling of sorrow which should be its keynote. Lycidas fails as an elegy.

Because of its obvious ~~insincerity~~ insincerity of feeling - its lack of true passion of sorrow. Besides, it is full of remote allusion and obscure opinions... where there is no place for fiction there is little grief.

It is true that the poet does not give expression to the genuine expression of sorrow.