ASSIGNMENT 6: ALLUSIONS AND INTERNET RESEARCH

Assignment Purpose: To help you evaluate internet sources and their usefulness in answering basic questions about unfamiliar allusions in early modern texts.

Assignment Details:
Locate an unfamiliar classical or biblical allusion in Endymion or The Faerie Queene. Do a basic Google search for this allusion. Look at several internet sites and evaluate their reliability. Who manages the site? Does it cite its sources? We will discuss effective internet searching in class to prepare you for this assignment.

Write a 1-2 page paper with two parts:
• The first part should provide a quotation of the allusion in its original reference in Lyly or Spenser. Then, briefly summarize what you learned about this allusion from your internet research. Then, write about two paragraphs explaining how understanding this allusion leads to a better understanding of the primary text.
• For the second part, write about one paragraph describing the source(s) you decided to use, how you found them, and how you determined that they would be useful to you. You might also include sources you found that were not useful, and an explanation of why they were not.

At the end of this paper, you must also include a works cited page listing your sources.