

Confessing with St Augustine

Book Notes: Confessions Book VI

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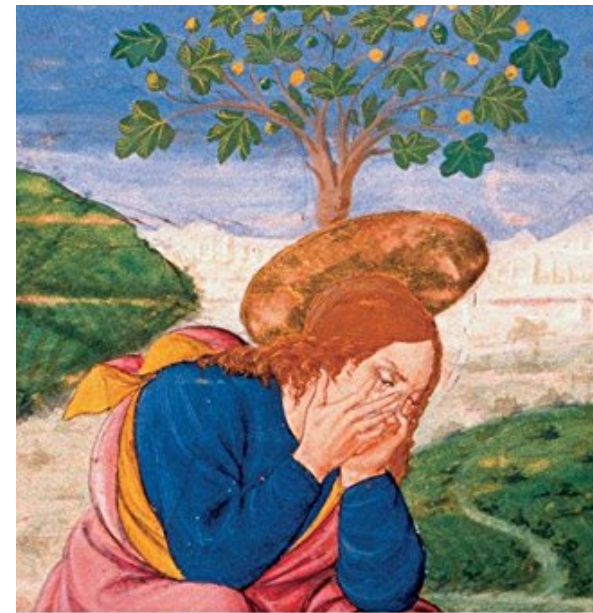


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Book VI: Wandering in Milan

- Monica Returns to Augustine (6.1.1-6.2.2)
- Admiring Bishop Ambrose (6.3.3-4)
- Confusion about the Bible Allayed (6.4.5-6.5.8)
- The Vanity of Ambition (6.6.9-10)
- The Conversions of Alypius & Nebridius (6.7.11-6.10.17)
- The Problem with Continence (6.11.18-6.12.22)
- His Marriage Arranged (6.13.23)
- A Philosophical Community (6.14.24)
- Misery at Dismissing his Common-law Wife (6.15.25-6.16.26)



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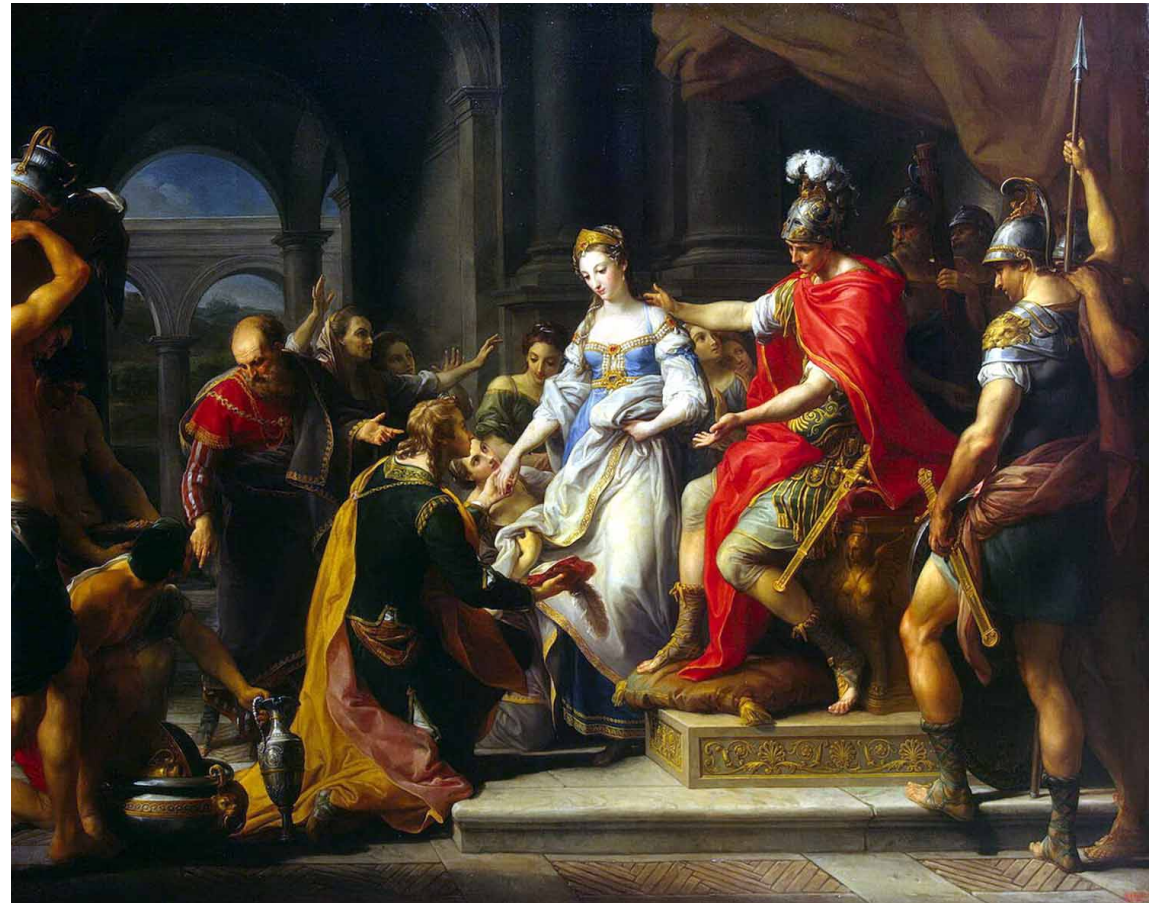


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Truth, Continence, and Concupiscence

- *Continentia* — “restraint” or “temperance”. Continence is the virtue by which the will holds fast to what is good.
- Book VI explores the complexities of continence by proposing characters whose desires are opposed. We see some, through the truth, manage to hold by what is good, while others fail.
- In many respects, the high point of the book is the story of Alypius & the Gladiators. It illustrates how subtly our desires can overcome our good intentions.
- In that sense it is a concrete example of the *concupiscence* which Augustine thinks we inherit through original sin.



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