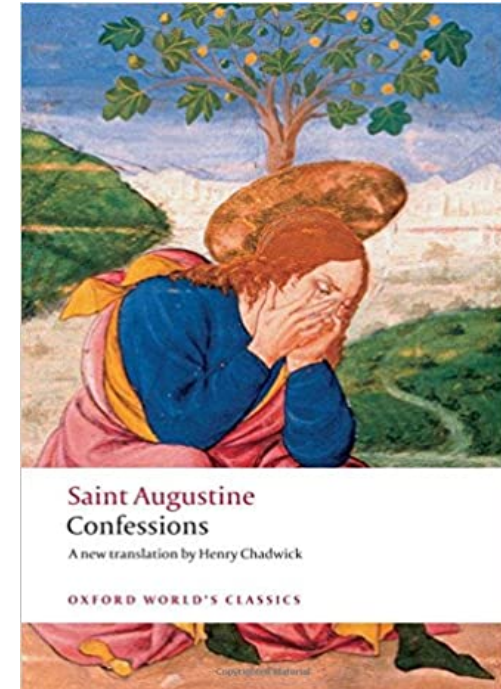


Confessing with St Augustine: Contemplation and Ascent to God

Book Notes for Book X.1-23 of
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Augustine's Confessions

Book X: Overview

- From autobiography to philosophical analysis
- Nearly twice as large as previous books
- Concerned with the return of the soul to God
- X.1-11: journey from outside to within
- X.12-23: analysis of memory leads back to God



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Book X: Key Themes

- Platonic understanding of forms behind 'memory'
- Mind-bending journey through the different ways people remember
- "Memory is the stomach of the mind"
- Integration of Plato (memory of forms), Aristotle (pursuit of happiness) and the Bible (solidarity with Adam & Eve)



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