

THE LITERARY LEGACY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

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SAINT AUGUSTINE, BY PHILIPPE
DE CHAMPAIGNE, 1650

BORN IN THE
4TH CENTURY.
THIS IS A 6TH
CENTURY
FRESCO IN
ROME



ST AUGUSTINE'S LIFE

- BORN IN 354 IN THAGASTE, EASTERN ALGERIA
- HE TAUGHT FOR NINE YEARS AND MET A WOMAN WITH WHOM HE HAD A CHILD
- TOYED WITH MANICHEEISM – READ CICERO'S *HORTENSIUS*
- MOVED TO ROME THEN MILAN
- RETURNED TO NORTH AFRICA
- DIED DURING THE VANDAL SIEGE ON 28TH AUGUST 430

● SOME FAMOUS LITERARY MANUSCRIPTS MENTIONING ST. AUGUSTINE'S WORKS

- THE VENERABLE BEDE IN *THE ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH PEOPLE* WRITTEN IN THE EARLY EIGHTH CENTURY MENTIONS ST. AUGUSTINE IN CHAPTER 10 FOR THE YEAR 394.
- BEDE CHRONICLES ST. AUGUSTINE'S DEATH IN *THE GREATER CHRONICLE* ON THE 28TH OF AUGUST AT THE AGE OF SEVENTY SIX. KING LIUTPRAND OF THE LOMBARDS (712 TO 744), BOUGHT AND REBURIED AUGUSTINE'S BONES 'WITH THE HONOUR DUE TO SO GREAT A FATHER'. THUS ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH AUGUSTINE FOR ALL TIME.





MORE MANUSCRIPTS

- AT THE END OF THE NINETH CENTURY, ASSER WHO WAS KING ALFRED'S BIOGRAPHER MAKES SOME MENTION OF AUGUSTINE AND HIS LINK TO KING ALFRED WHO TRANSLATED

AUGUSTINE'S SOLILOQUIES AND THE FIRST FIFTY PSALMS OF THE PSALTER

GREGORY'S PASTORAL CARE

BOETHIUS' S CONSOLATION OF PHILOSOPHY

- HE ALSO OVERSAW TRANSLATIONS OF

GREGORY'S DIALOGUES

OROSIUS'S HISTORIES AGAINST THE PAGANS

BEDE'S ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY

LINKING KING ALFRED WITH ST. AUGUSTINE FOR ALL TIME





The influential and
influenced: seminal
ideas and scholars



JANUARY AND
MAY,
SATIRICAL
PRINT FROM
1785



CHAUCER

- GEOFFREY CHAUCER
 - 1343 - 1400
- *THE CANTERBURY TALES*
- *THE MERCHANT'S TALE*
 - SYMBOLOGY OF THE PEAR TREE
 - TEMPTATION
- CHAUCER'S RETELLING OF THE RAPE AND SUICIDE OF LUCRETIA
 - *CITY OF GOD*
 - COMPASSION
- FEMINISM + AUGUSTINIAN HUMANISM
 - *SECOND NUN'S PROLOGUE AND TALE*
 - CHRISTINE DE PIZAN

*FORTUNE AND
HER WHEEL ,
FROM
BOCCACCIO'S
DE CASIBUS
VIRO-
RUM
ILLUSTRIUM,
1467*



BOETHIUS

- ANICIUS BOETHIUS
 - BORN: C.475-477 – DIED: 524
- *THE CONSOLATION OF PHILOSOPHY*
- SIMILAR IDEAS
 - FREE WILL, HAPPINESS, GOOD + EVIL
- PHILOSOPHY VS THEOLOGY
 - *CONTRA ACADEMICOS, DE BEATA VITA AND DE ORDINE*
 - *CONSOLATIO PHILOSOPHIAE*

MAP OF HELL,
PAINTING BY
SANDRO
BOTTICELLI,
C.1485



DANTE

- DANTE ALIGHIERI
 - 1265-1321
- *THE DIVINE COMEDY*
 - JOURNEY OF SALVIFIC REDEMPTION
 - QUEST FOR TRUTH
- WOMEN
 - MARY + BEATRICE = MONICA?
 - POWER, AUTONOMY, MEDIATORS
- DIDACTIC PURPOSE
 - *THE CONFESSIONS*
 - INTERIORITY, READERSHIP READING THEIR OWN SOULS THROUGH WORKS

● AUGUSTINE VERSUS BENEDICT'S RULES

- THE RULE OF ST AUGUSTINE CAN BE FOUND HERE [RULE OF SAINT AUGUSTINE \(ENG\) \(FILESUSR.COM\)](http://FILESUSR.COM)

EIGHT CHAPTERS - CHAPTER FOUR 22. DEALS WITH THE 'OTHER SEX' .

NOT FIXING YOUR GAZE ON THEM OR 'LUSTFUL DESIRES' MAY ARISE.

BOOK VI OF AUGUSTINE'S *CONFESSIONS*, QUEST FOR GOODNESS. HIS FIGHT WITH SEXUAL DESIRE AND HIS FRIEND ALYPIUS' CELIBATE LIFE.

AUGUSTINE CALLS THIS CONTINENTIA OR CONTINENCE MEANING RESTRAINT/TEMPERANCE (FROM DR. BAYLOR'S SLIDE).

- THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT CAN BE FOUND HERE THE RULE - OSB DOT ORG

'ALL MONASTIC RULES CAME FROM AN ORIGINAL OF THE THIRD CENTURY'.

SEVENTY THREE CHAPTERS – NO MENTION OF WHAT AUGUSTINE CALLED CONTINENTIA

ONLY BE A CENTURY OR SO BETWEEN THE WRITING OF THESE



● CONCLUSION

- CLEAR LITERARY LEGACY
- MESSAGE: CONSULT YOUR OWN SOUL, CHOOSE CONTINENCE
- *AUGUSTINE'S SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE WRITERS*
- LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN, *TRACTATUS LOGICO-PHILOSOPHICUS*
- ENTIRE JOURNEY = SEARCH FOR TRUTH
- IN DEATH, FACE-TO-FACE WITH TRUTH:
 - DID AUGUSTINE THINK THAT HE WOULD BE LOOKING BACK ON HIS LEGACY FROM THE OTHER SIDE?





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