



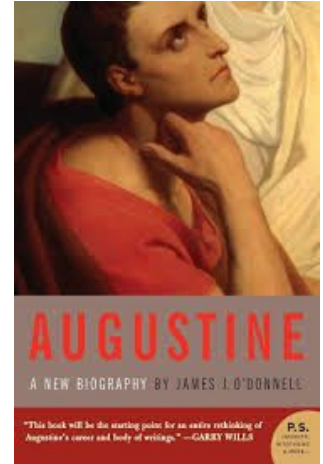
Augustine: A Historical Theology Evaluation

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Introduction

1. Explanation of the purpose of research and explanation of Thesis
2. Brief Biographical sketch of Augustine
3. Augustine's Major Contributions to Christian Thought
4. Differences in the texts selected
5. Conclusions, Implications, and Questions



Introduction: Historical Theology and Augustine

“The purpose of this project is to evaluate how current historical theology survey texts understand and present the theology of Augustine.”

The Structure of My Thesis

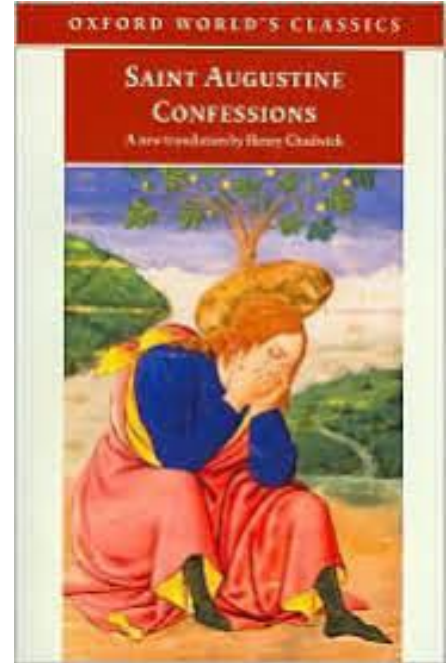
Chapter One: The Life and Thought of Augustine

Chapter Two: Augustine Presented in Standard
Historical Theology Surveys

Chapter Three: Evaluation of the Treatment of
Augustine

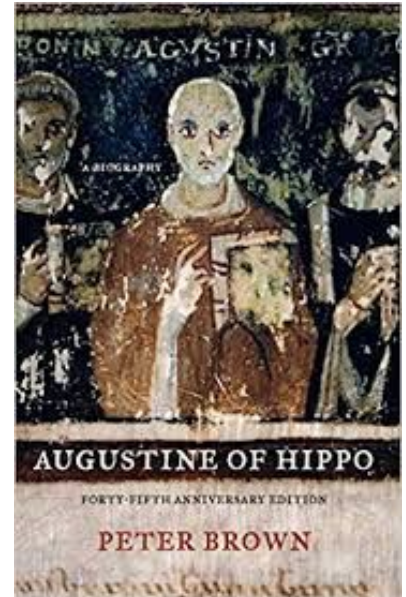
Biography: *The Confessions*

His Autobiography is known for many famous scenes, it also provides important context for the occasions of his theological development.



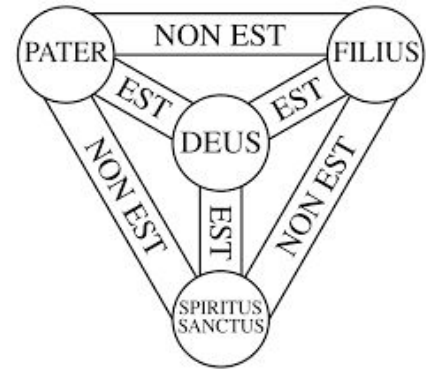
Augustine: *The Shadow over Western Theology*

Augustine is the most influential theologian after Paul, and set the theological tone for 1,000 years.



Trinitarian Thought

Augustine clarified a Trinitarian model for Latin Christianity and sealed *Filioque* within Christian thought.



Donatist Controversy

Augustine defended the Catholic view of valid sacraments during a long term dispute which had ulterior socio-political undertones.

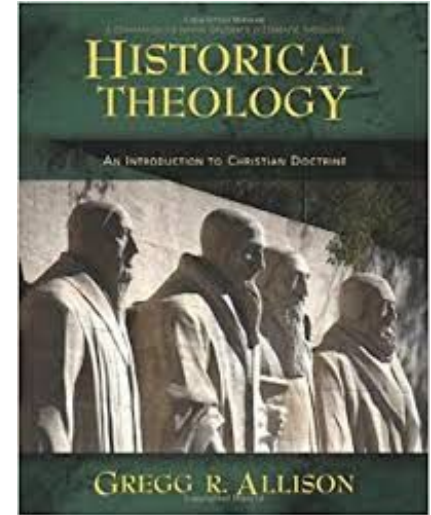
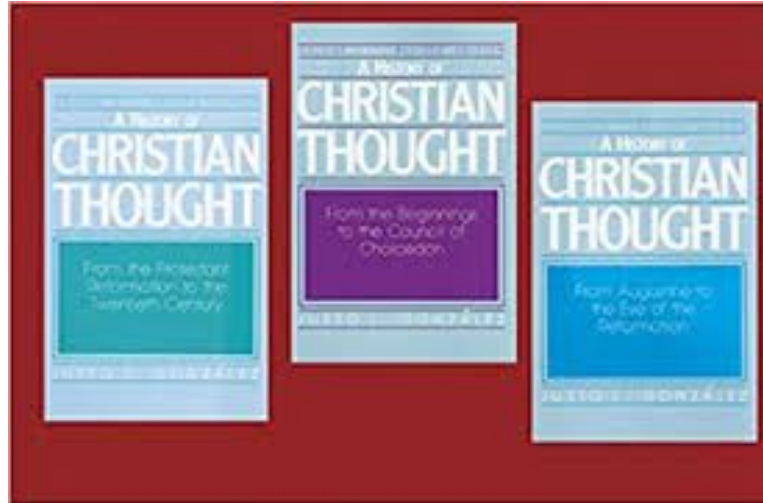
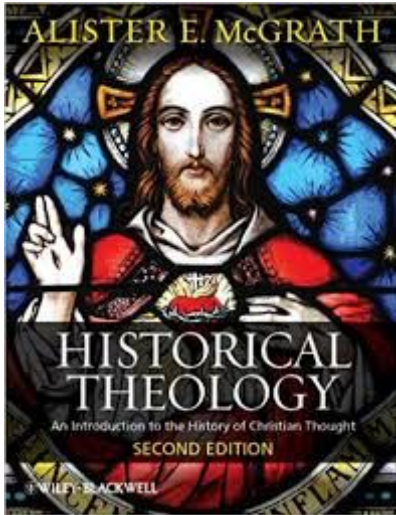


Pelagian Controversy



Augustine defended his understanding of Original Sin and God's grace in salvation, resulting in the Church's discussion of predestination.

Historical Theology Survey Evaluation



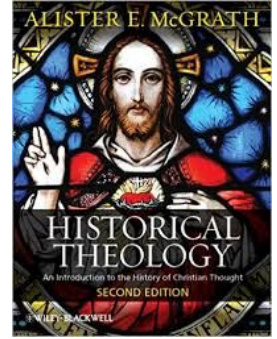
Scholarship Consensus

Trinity: Fathers, *Filioque*, Exegetical

Donatism: Socioeconomic Tension, Political Thought

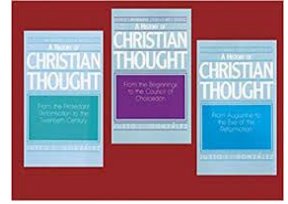
Pelagianism: Man v. Movement, Augustine's Occasion

Alister McGrath's Historical Theology



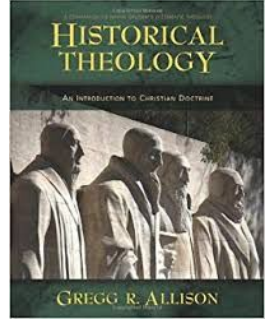
Far more concise than the other works,
McGrath's text even handedly deals with each
topic with clarity.

Justo González's A History of Christian Thought



Known for its lack of bias, González's text offers a detailed account of Augustine's thought and context, particularly showing the distinction between Pelagius and Pelagianism.

Gregg Allison's Historical Theology



Allison presents Augustine as prevalent in Protestant theology and gives much attention to Augustine's understanding of Scripture and predestination.

Conclusions

McGrath: Clarity and Balance

González: Context and Development

Allison: Hermeneutic and Confession

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