

In Dialogue with Augustine

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"Augustine's Development as Biblical Interpreter, 386-400"

Themes for each day are followed by applicable readings in Augustine, and select secondary readings.

Note that below "WSA" refers to translations from the series *The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century*, now being published by New City Press of Hyde Park, New York (1990-).

Texts to be purchased:

Augustine, *Expositions of the Psalms, 1-32*, translated by Maria Boulding, O.S.B. WSA III/15 (New City Press, 2000).

Augustine, *Instructing Beginners in Faith*, translated by R. Canning, *The Augustine Series*, vol. 5, (New City Press, 2006).

Augustine, *Teaching Christianity*, Translated by Edmund Hill, O.P. WSA I/11 (New City Press, 1996).

J. Byassee, *Praise Seeking Understanding: Reading the Psalms with Augustine* (Eerdmans, 2007).

Texts to be made available in pdf format:

Exposition of Psalm 41 (WSA III/16: 239-255)

Answer to Faustus, Book 19 (WSA I/20: 237-261)

Confessions, Book 13 (WSA I/1: 342-380)

All other texts will be distributed in hard copy.

MONDAY 21 JULY

- 1A. Introduction: Thirst for the Spring: The Spirit of Augustinian Exegesis
Confessions 11.1.1-2.3 (WSA I/1: 284-287)
Exposition of Psalm 28 (WSA III/15: 294-296)
Exposition of Psalm 41 (WSA III/16: 239-255)
B. McGinn, *The Foundations of Mysticism* (Crossroad, 1991), 238-240
M. Cameron, "Enarrationes in Psalmos," in *Augustine Through the Ages: An Encyclopedia* (Eerdmans, 1999)
- 1B. View from the End: Love as Means and End of Reading the Bible
Teaching Christianity, Prologue and Book 1 (WSA I/11: 101-128)
E. L. Fortin, "Augustine and the Hermeneutics of Love," in *Augustine Today*, ed. R. N. Neuhaus (Eerdmans, 1993), 35-59
- 1C. View from the Start: How First Time Readers Can Understand the Whole Bible
Instructing Beginners in Faith 1.1-14.22 (Prologue and Part 1), translated by R. Canning, *The Augustine Series*, vol. 5, 53-108
W. Harmless "Evangelization: Unrolling the Scroll," chap. 4 in *Augustine and the Catechumenate* (Liturgical Press, 1995), 107-154

TUESDAY 22 JULY

- 2A. Setting the Table: A First Look at Terms and Categories
On Genesis: A Refutation of the Manichees 1.21.32-1.25.43; 2.2.3-2.5.6; 2.24.37 (WSA I/13: 60-68; 72-75; 96-97)
R. Teske, "Spirituals and Spiritual Interpretation in Augustine," *Augustinian Studies* 15 (1984), 65-81
- 2B. The Early Framework for Interpretation
Catholic & Manichean Way of Life 1.16.26-18.34 (WSA I/19: 43-47)
True Religion 16.30-17.34; 50.98-51.100 (WSA I/8: 47-50; 95-97)
The Advantage of Believing 2.4-3.9 (WSA I/8: 118-123)
D. Dawson, "Figure, Allegory," in *Augustine Through the Ages: An Encyclopedia* (Eerdmans, 1999)
- 2C. Augustine's Practice of Exegesis within the Early Framework
Propositions on Romans 32-34, 48 (P. F. Landes, *Augustine on Romans*: 12-13, 18-21)
Exposition of Psalms 3, 7, and 8 (WSA III/15: 76-84; 113-138)
T. F. Martin, "Modus Inveniendi Paulum: Augustine, Hermeneutics and the Reading of Romans" in *Engaging Augustine on Romans* (Trinity, 2002), 63-90, esp. 63-73.

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

- 3A. Christ the Center: the Bible's Unity in "the Man, Christ Jesus"
Commentary on Galatians 21-24 (E. Plumer, *Augustine's Commentary on Galatians*: 157-169)
Answer to Faustus, Book 14 (WSA I/20: 174-82)
E. Plumer, "Introduction," *Augustine's Commentary on Galatians* (Oxford, 2003), 90-101
- 3B. "Because I am in Them, I Say 'Me'": Christ's Voice and Ours
Exposition 1 of Psalms 15-21, 24-25, 27, 29, 30 (WSA III/15: 182-320 passim)
M. Cameron "Transfiguration: Christology and Figurative Exegesis in St Augustine," *Studia Patristica* 33 (Peeters, 1997), 40-47
- 3C. "The Marvelous Exchange": How We Find Ourselves in the Bible
Exposition 2 of Psalm 21 (WSA III/15: 227-243)
Exposition 2 of Psalm 30 (WSA III/15: 321-333)
M. Fiedrowicz, "General Introduction," in *Expositions of the Psalms, 1-32*, WSA III/15:13-66

THURSDAY 24 JULY

- 4A. Augustine's Experiment in Understanding Scripture Rhetorically
Teaching Christianity Book 2.1.1-10.15 (WSA I/11:129-135)
M. Cameron "Signs," in *Augustine Through the Ages: An Encyclopedia* (Eerdmans, 1999)
- 4B. Plundering Egypt: All Truth is God's Truth
Teaching Christianity Book 2.39.58-42.63 (WSA I/11: 158-162)
R. A. Markus "Augustine on Signs," in *Signs and Meanings* (Liverpool, 1996), 71-104
- 4C. How to Understand (and Misunderstand) Biblical Images
Teaching Christianity Book 3.1.1-24.35 (WSA I/11: 169-184)

FRIDAY 25 JULY

- 5A. The Vast Forest of Prophecy: The Old Testament as First Book of the New
Answer to Faustus, Books 4 and 19 (WSA I/20: 82-83; 237-261)
H. de Lubac, "The Action of Christ," in *Medieval Exegesis*, vol. 1 (Eerdmans, 1998), 234-241
- 5B. Crowning the Creation Account: Two Perspectives on Genesis 1
Confessions, Book 13 (WSA I/1: 342-380)
R. McMahon, "The Conclusion of the Confessions," chap. 2 in *Augustine's Prayerful Ascent* (Georgia, 1988), 22-37.
- 5C. Where Is Augustine Taking Us? Summary and Prospects