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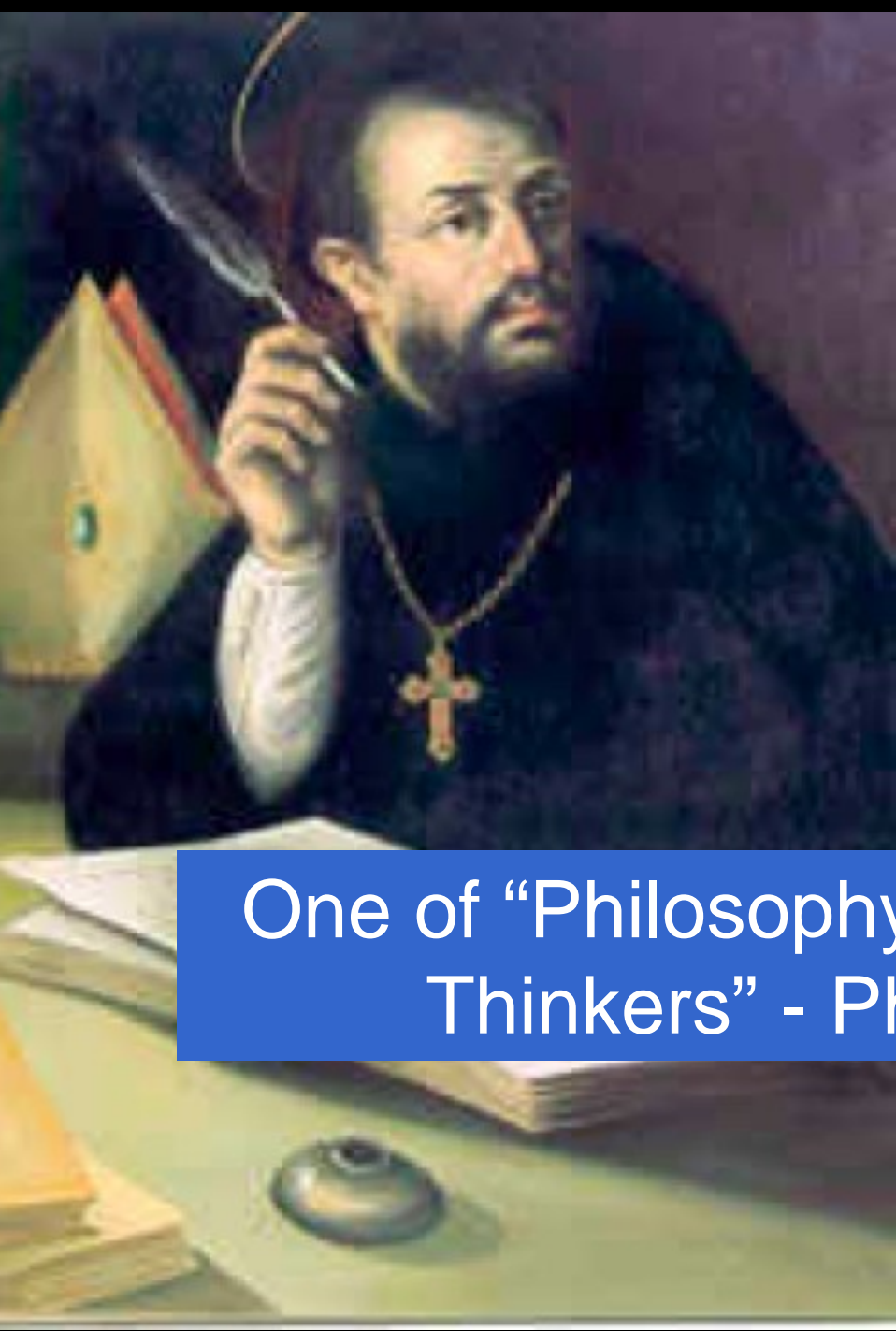
Lesson 25

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St. Augustine



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One of “Philosophy's 100 Essential Thinkers” - Philip Stokes



St. Augustine

“The second founder of the faith” - St. Jerome

A large, ornate, multi-story building with a red-tiled roof and multiple towers, surrounded by palm trees and a fountain in the foreground. The building features arched windows and balconies. In the foreground, there is a fountain with a green statue and a large white urn. A blue banner with white text is overlaid on the image.

The oldest continually occupied city
in the USA!



St. Augustine



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“Anyone who says they have read all his works is a liar!”



St. Augustine

A prolific writer



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A prolific writer

Commentaries on Scripture



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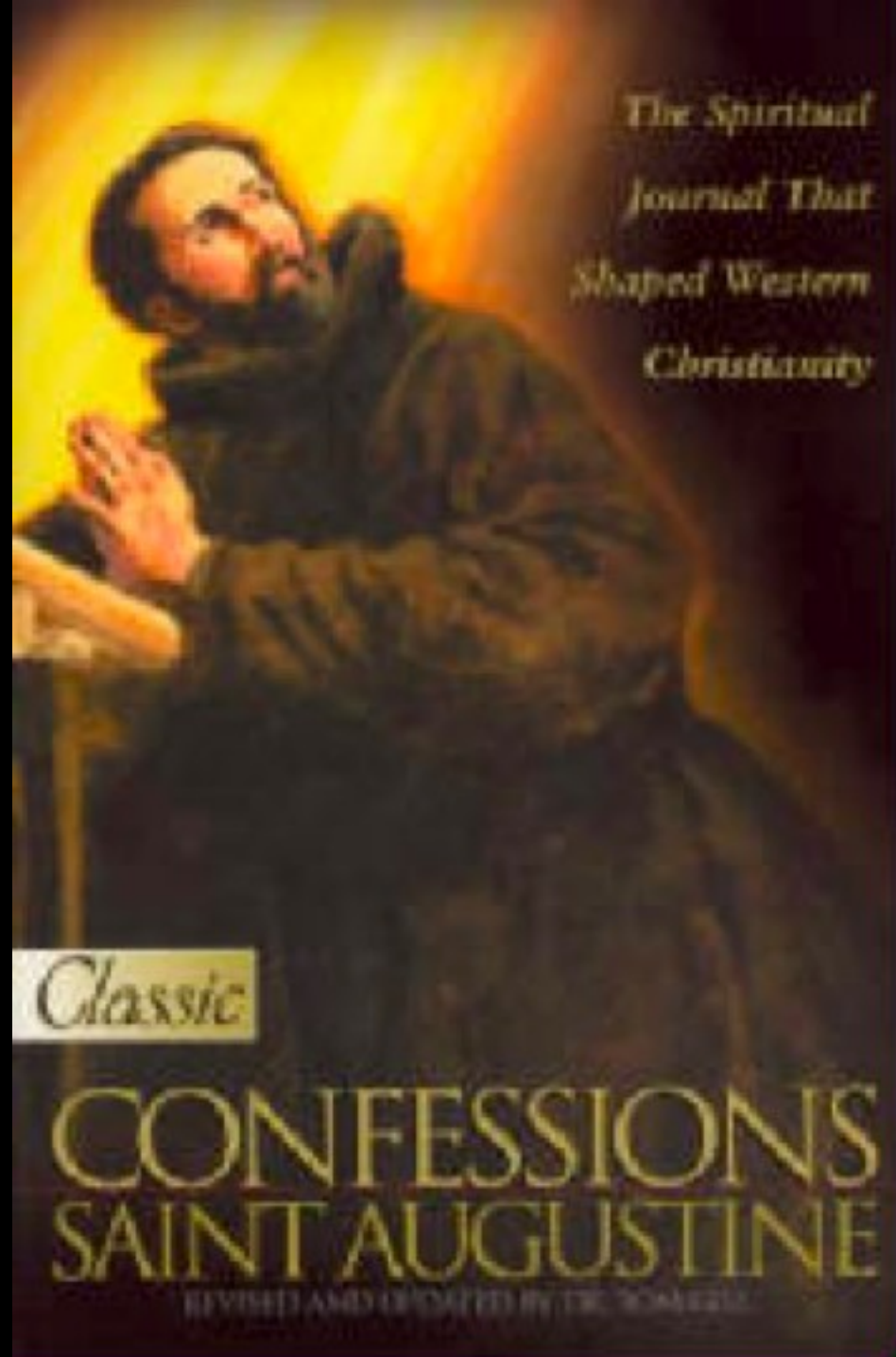




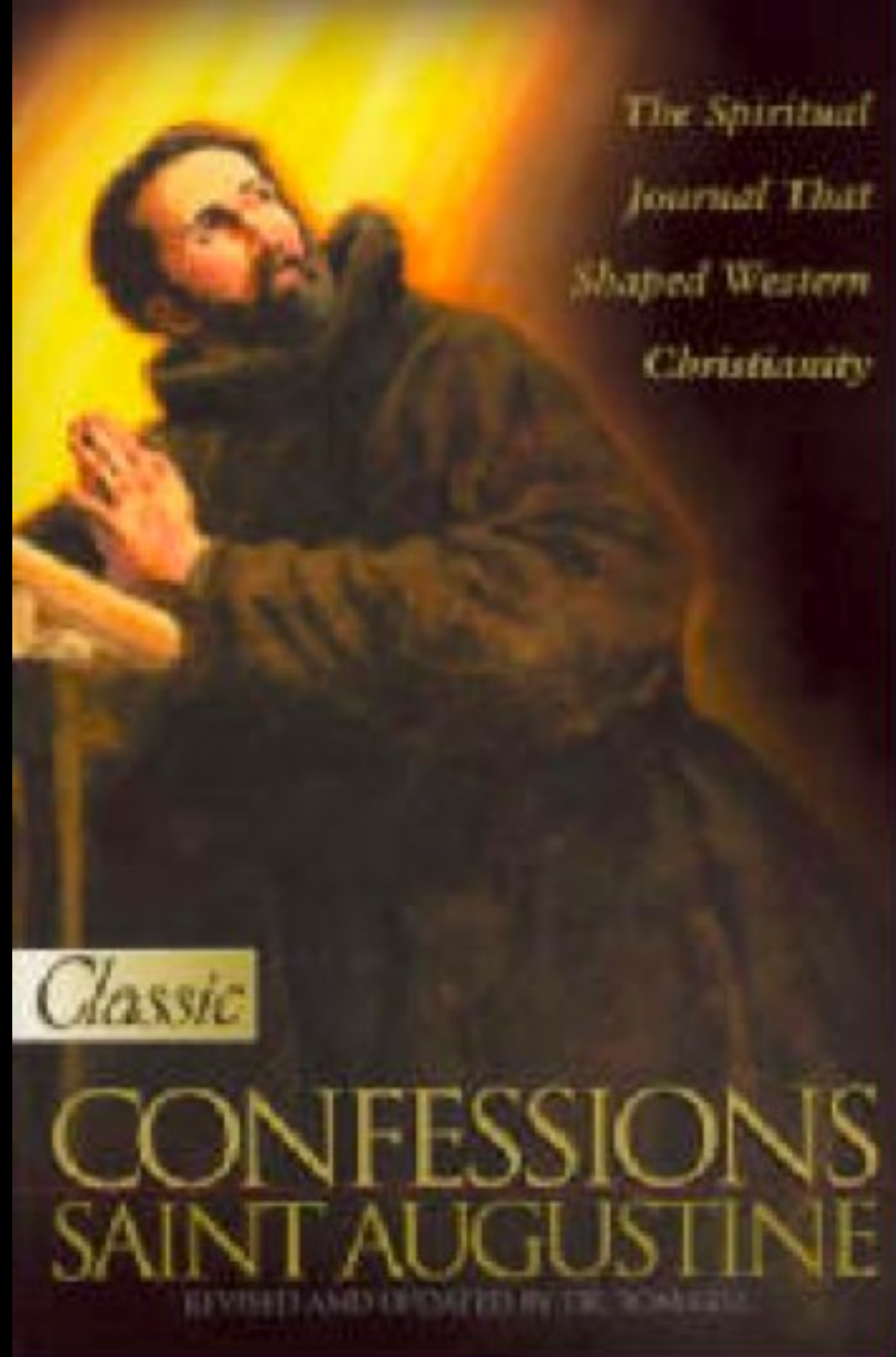
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“Confessions”

★ Commentary on Humanity ★

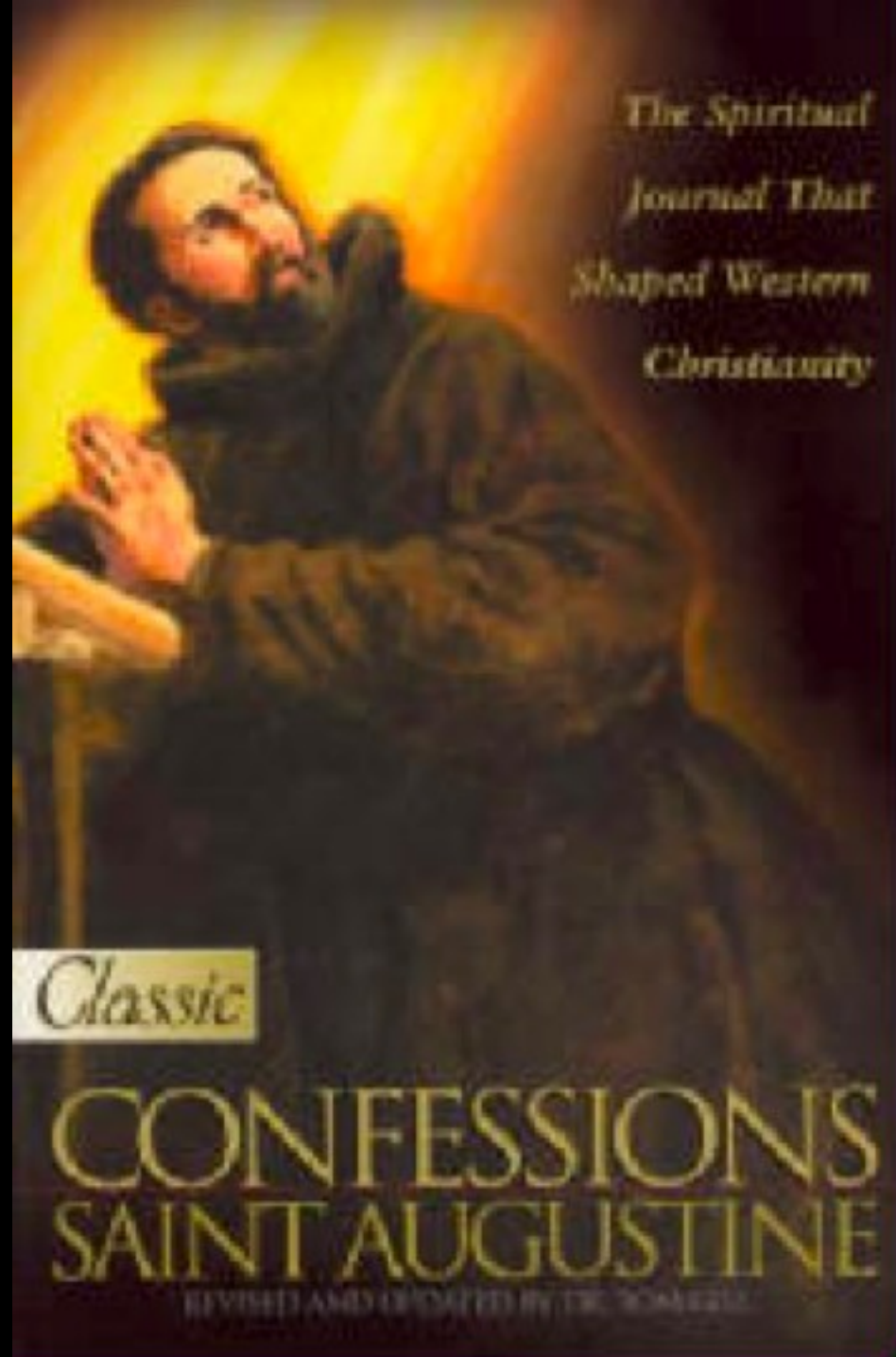


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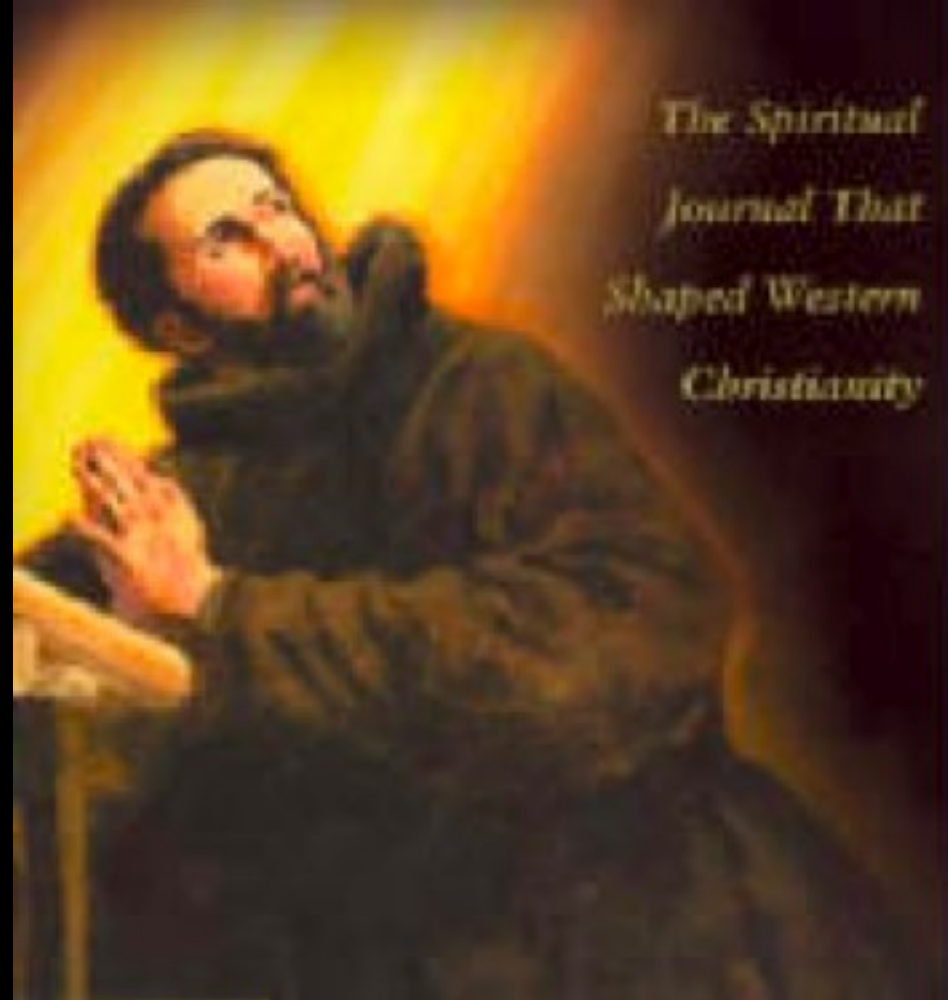
St. Augustine's Confessions

An autobiography and more!



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A Confession of Praise



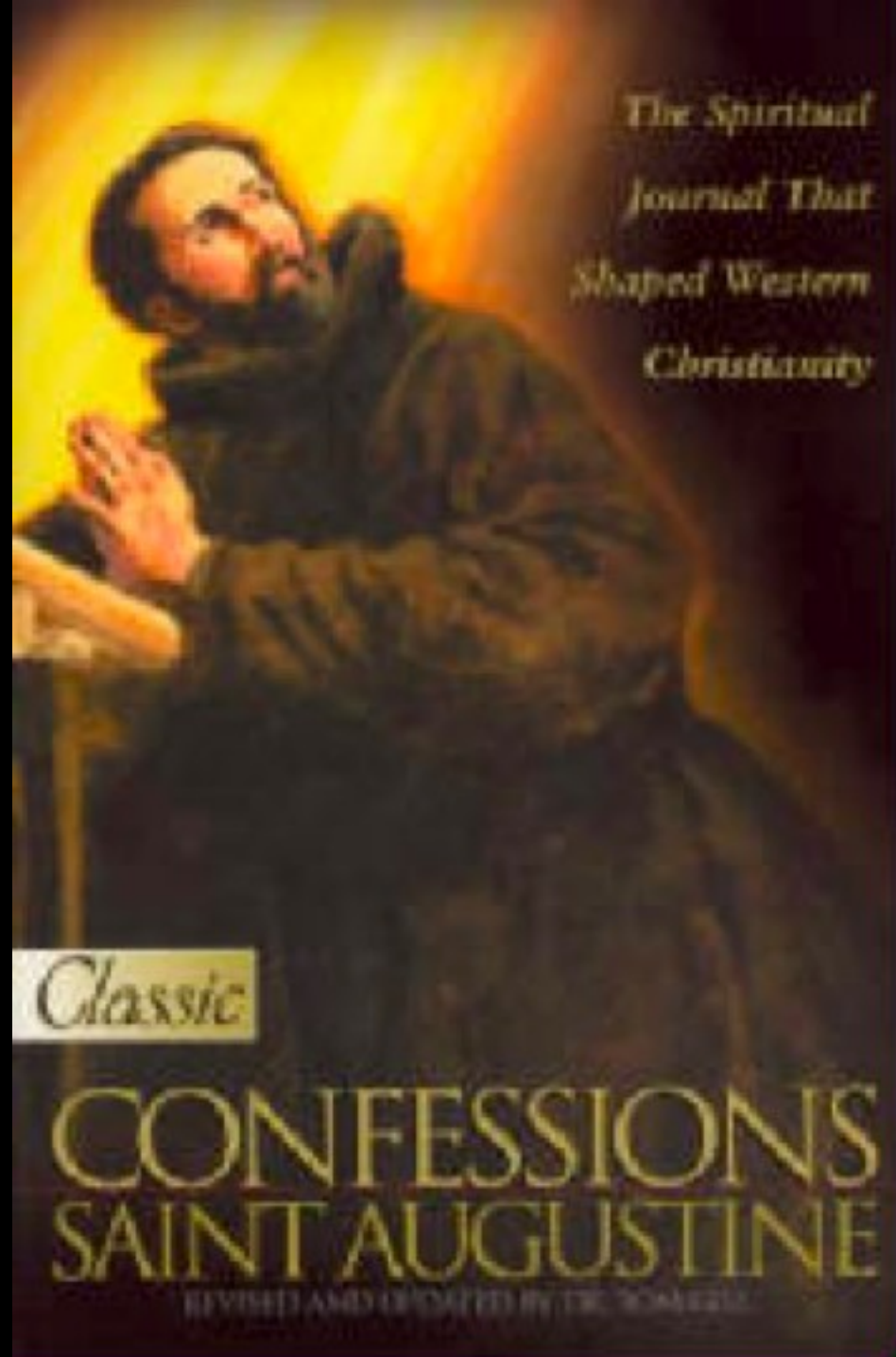
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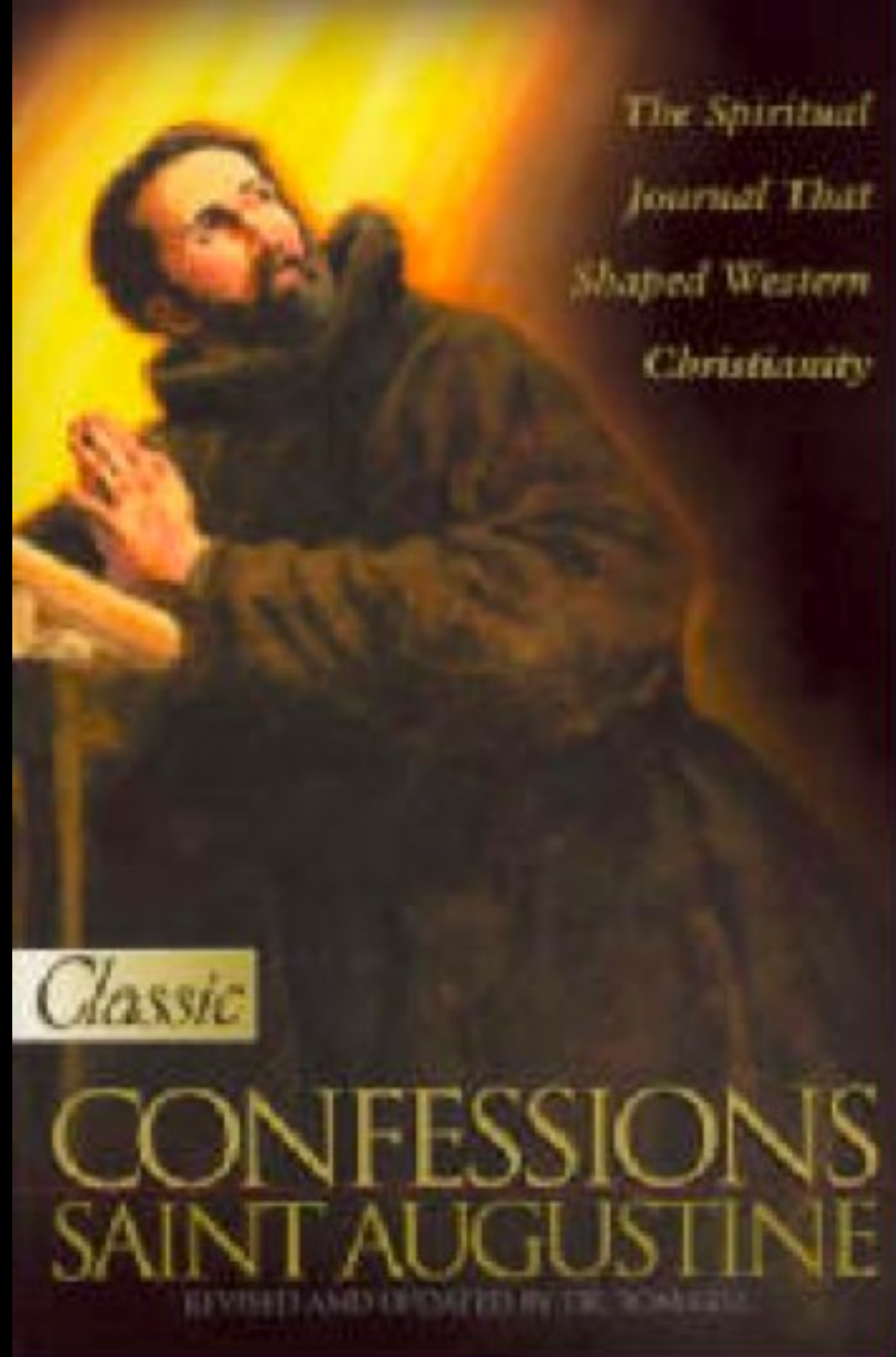
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“You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be
praised: great is your power and to your
wisdom there is no limit.”

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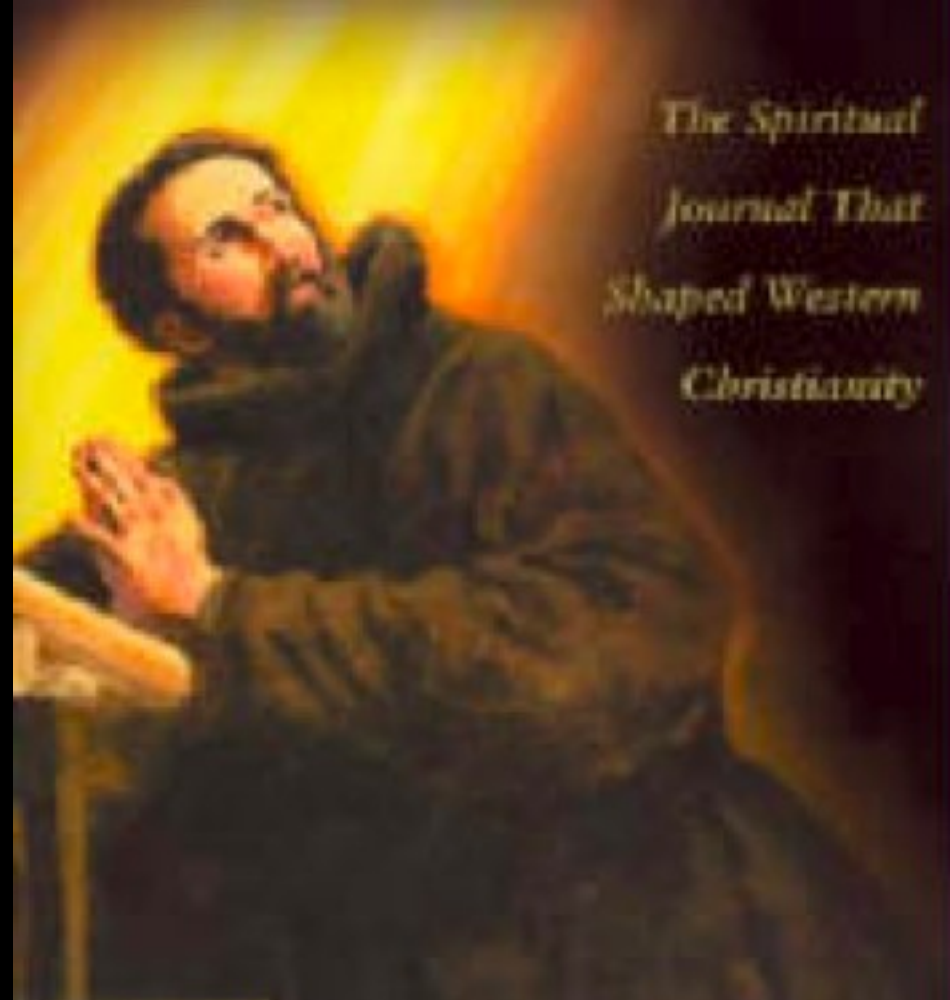
A Confession of Faith



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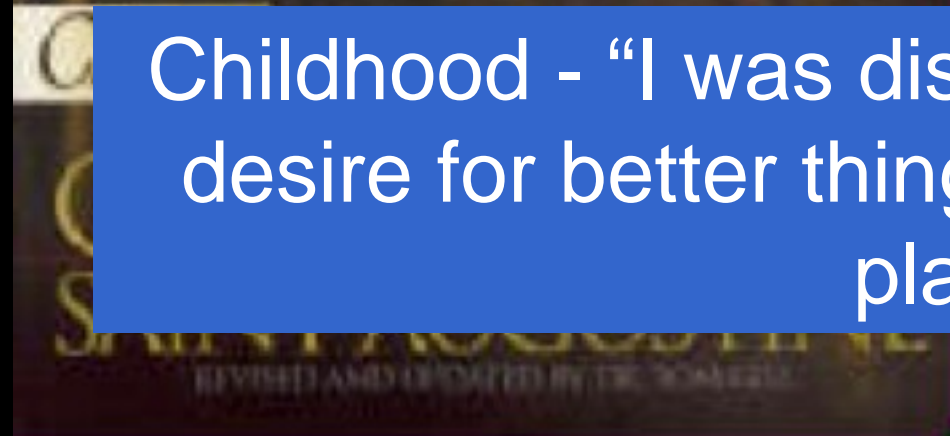
“Our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

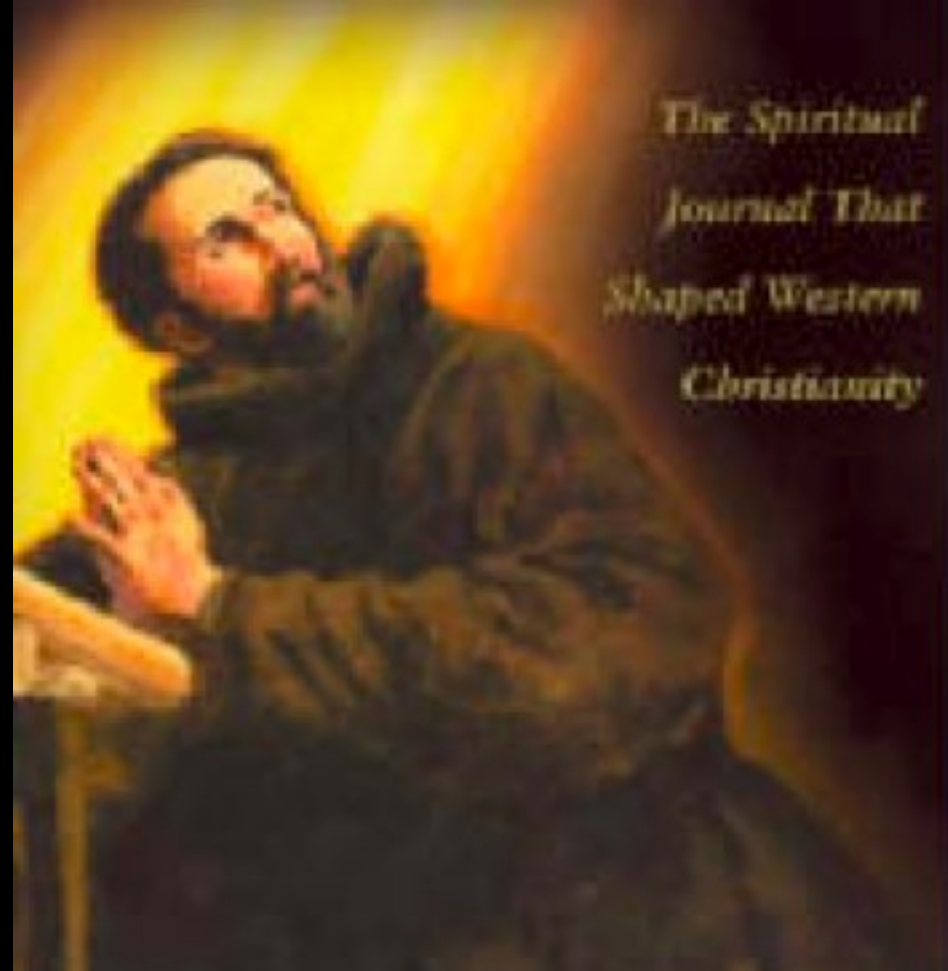


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A Confession of Sin

Childhood - "I was disobedient, not out of a desire for better things, but out of love for play."



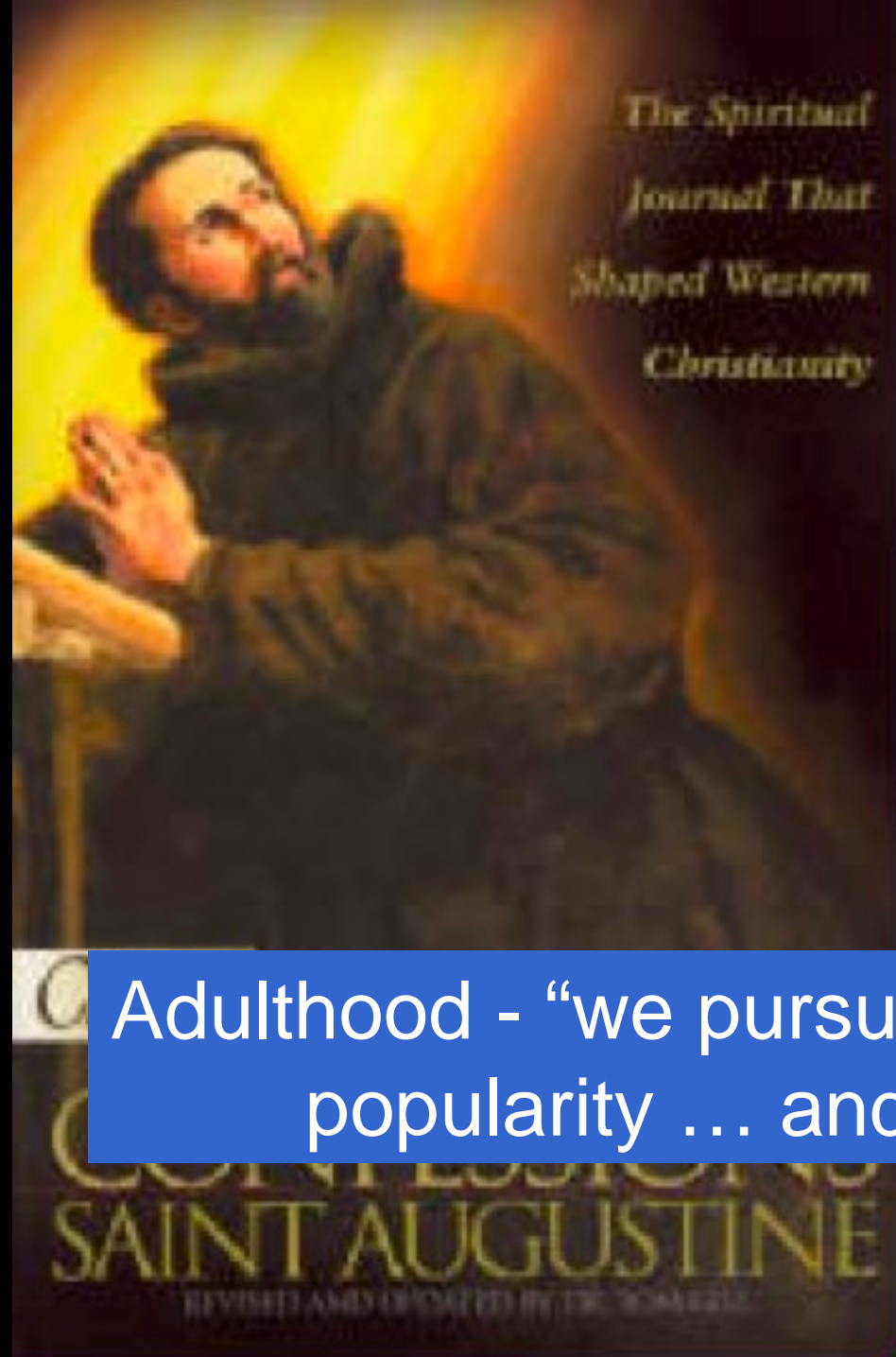


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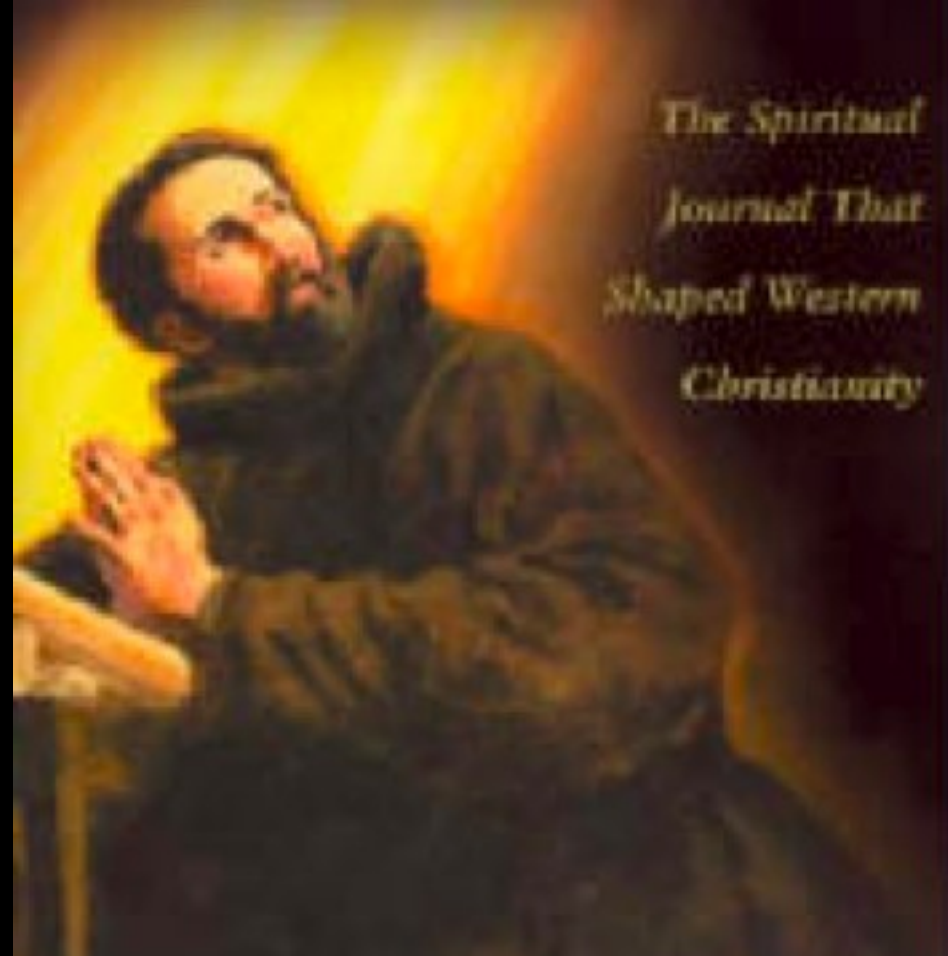
Adolescence - "I wish to bring back to mind my past foulness and the carnal corruptions of my soul. This is not because I love them, but that I may love you, my God."



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Adulthood - “we pursued an empty fame and popularity ... and unbridled lusts.”



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Adulthood - “let me confess my shame to you... to offer up my past errors as a sacrifice. For what am I to myself but the leader of my own destruction?”



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13, 354

Thagaste
(Souk Ahras,
Algeria)



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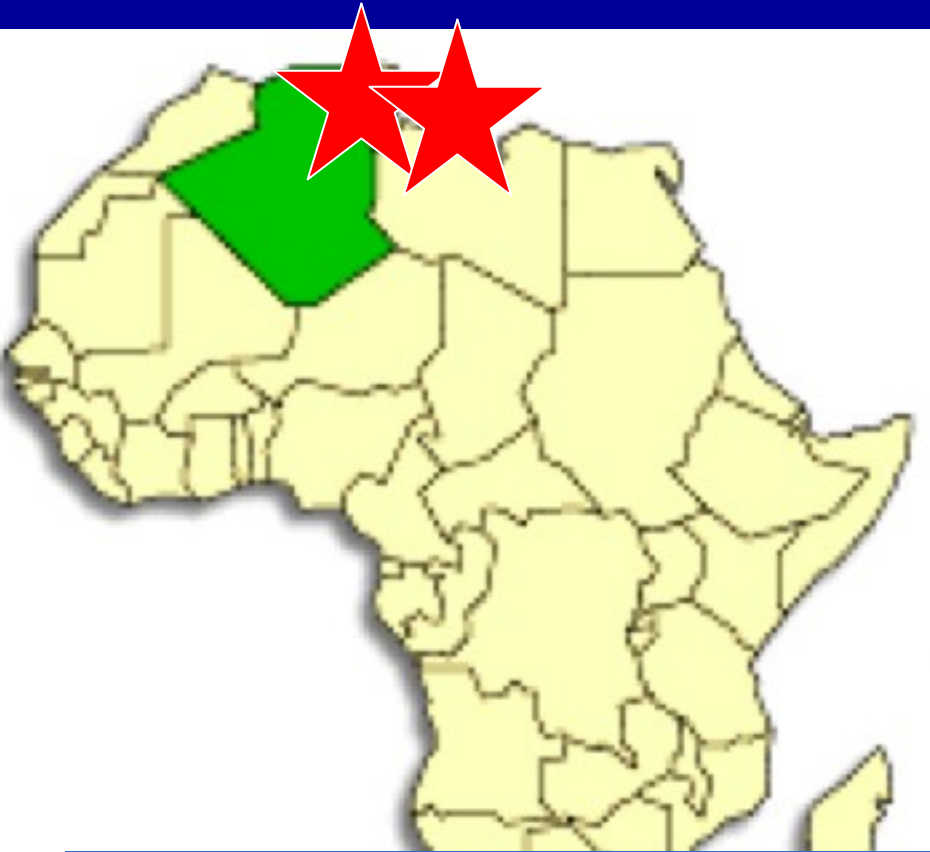
Parents:
Patricius and
Monica



Early Education



Move to
Carthage



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Carthage

“I was not yet in love, but I was in love with
love”



Move to Carthage

“In my youth, I burned to get my fill of hellish things ... I stank in your eyes, but I was pleasing to myself and I desired to be pleasing to the eyes of men.”

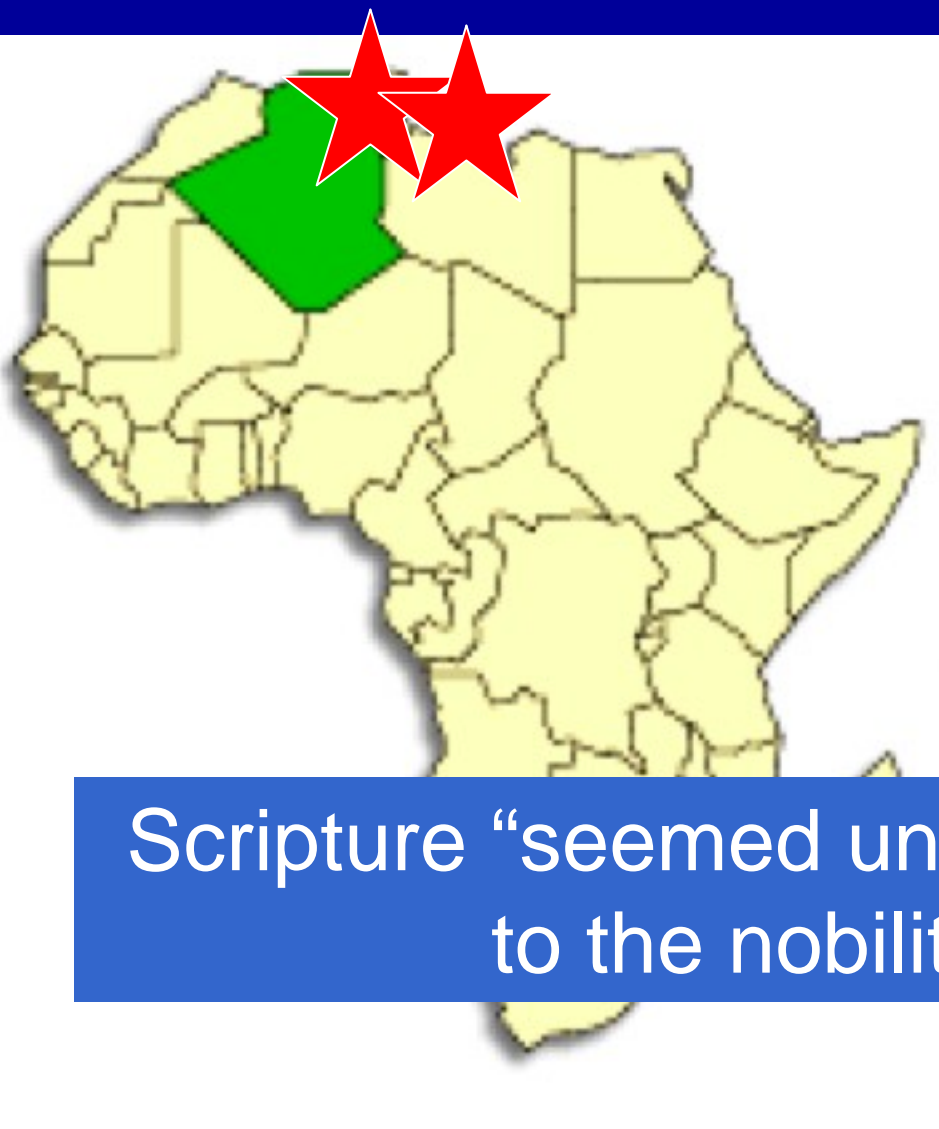


Move to
Carthage

God has “forgiven me so many evils and so many impious works.”



Course of study
led away from
the faith



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Scripture “seemed unworthy of comparison
to the nobility of Cicero”



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PRIDE



Problems with Scripture



Problems with Scripture

When the helmet does not fit the leg, don't
throw it away! Learn the proper use!



Augustine Joins a Cult

So How Does Augustine Get Saved?



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She “wept for me more than mothers weep
over their children’s dead bodies.”



Monica's Dream



Monica's Dream

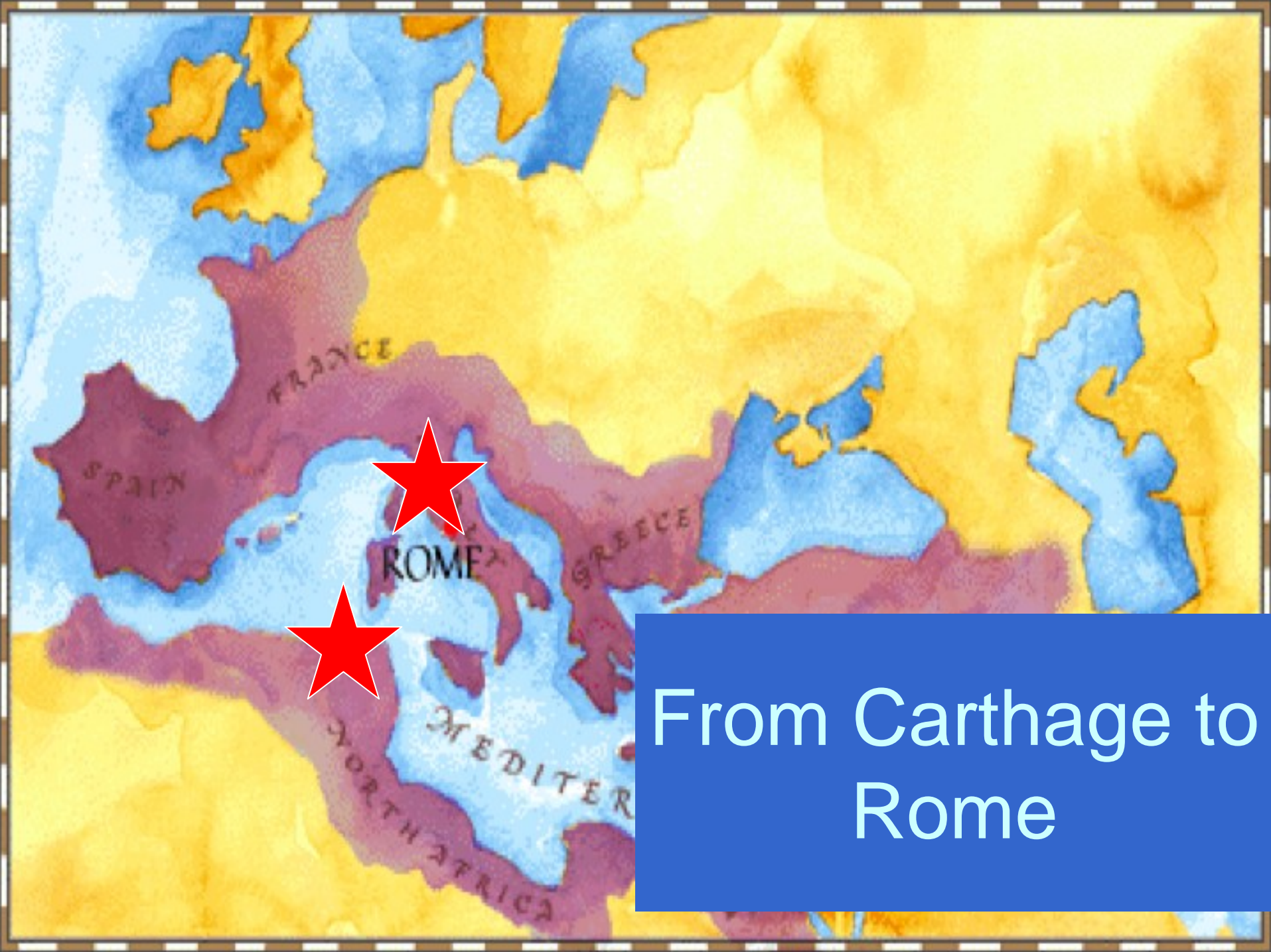
For nine years, “that chaste, devout, sober widow ... watered the earth with the many tears that flowed from her eyes.”



From Carthage to Rome



From Carthage to
Rome



From Carthage to Rome



Then north a few
hours to Milan



Augustine goes
to church with
Ambrose



Augustine goes to church with Ambrose

Just to “try out his eloquence”



Augustine goes to church with Ambrose

“Little by little I was drawing closer to you,
although I did not know it.”



Augustine goes
to church with
Ambrose

Re-enter Mom! - Calm before Augustine,
but...



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Ambrose
interacts with
Augustine and
Monica



Ambrose interacts with Augustine and Monica

But the key was his preaching!



First a
conversion of
the mind



Then a life of
fence
straddling



Finally a
conversion of
the heart



Finally a
conversion of
the heart

The influence of mentors, friends, a child's
voice, and Paul



Finally a
conversion of
the heart

“I hesitated to tear myself away” from sins ...



Finally a conversion of the heart

“Let us behave decently, as in the daytime ...
Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and
do not think how to gratify the desires of the sinful
nature.”



Finally a conversion of the heart

“I wished to read no further... Instantly at the end of this sentence, as if before a peaceful light streaming into my heart, all the dark shadows of doubt fled away.”



Easter Baptism 387



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A year with his mother...

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Points for Home

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