

TWENTY-EIGHT REASONS WHY AUGUSTINE WAS NOT A SAINT

How Augustine Weaponized Christianity

I can certainly understand the need to teach what Augustine taught, like you would teach what Darwin taught and what Evolution teaches, and what Karl Marx taught regarding Socialism, but you would do so to expose and mark them, not promote them. So I would think that Conservative Christian and Baptist seminaries and Baptist Church denominations would be the last people on earth to promote Augustine. So I can't help but ask if pastors and professors ever told their members and students the rest of the story about Augustine, in obedience to the Apostle Paul that commanded us to “expose the deeds of darkness,” not conceal them, as follows:

1. **The Roman Catholic Church considers him one the Four Ecumenical Doctors and Founding Fathers of Roman Catholicism**
2. **Augustine himself stated that if it were not for CATHOLICISM he would not have found the Gospel.** He was either a Founding Father, or Collaborator, and/or Co-Conspirator of these Doctrine of Demons and Seducing Spirits:
3. **Allegorical vs. Literal meaning of Scripture**, particularly Creation Week in Genesis. See my article:

Does God Expect Man to be able to Tell Time

<http://nwcreation.net/articles/theageofearth.html>

Also exposes Dr. Hugh Ross who promotes Augustine

“It not infrequently happens that something about the earth...may be known with the greatest certainty by reasoning or by experience, even by one who is not a Christian. It is too disgraceful and ruinous, though, and greatly to be avoided, that he [the non-Christian] should hear **a Christian speaking so idiotically on these matters**, and as if in accord with Christian writings, that he might say that he could scarcely keep from laughing when he saw how totally in error they are. In view of this and in keeping it in mind constantly while dealing with the book of Genesis, I have, insofar as I was able, explained in detail and set forth for consideration the meanings of obscure passages, taking care not to affirm rashly some one meaning to the prejudice of another and perhaps better explanation.” Augustine of Hippo

SOURCE: *The Literal Interpretation of Genesis 1:19–20*, Chapt. 19 [AD 408]

4. **Defied the warning of the Apostle Peter with his private interpretation of Scripture** and subjective eisegesis, and he didn't even know the Greek language.
5. **Purgatory and Works Salvation and Sanctification**, which is the Doctrine of Non-Justification by Faith Alone, and thereby defying Christ's own word on the Cross by

teaching “It is Unfinished” (but rather finished in this life and the life to come). Augustine could have prevented Indulgences from ever gaining traction in Roman Catholicism by renouncing Purgatory as a myth, so that there would never have been a place to spring saints from. The Apostles Paul and Peter renounced myths and fables, Augustine promoted them. We would all be well to take Paul and Peter’s advice. But what happens is a host of pastors would even say they oppose Augustine, yet continue to promote myriads of his teachings. The Bible calls this “double-minded...unstable in all their ways.” James 1:8. In modern vernacular we call this “waffling.” They might even agree with this list of reasons why Augustine was not a saint, but then claim he was “saved” (how could he be saved by becoming a Roman Catholic), “a good theologian” and “we are Augustinian?” See this article:

Can a Roman Catholic be Saved?:

<https://carm.org/are-roman-catholics-christian>.

One Baptist pastor who taught at Baptist Seminary who said these very words also insisted on diminishing the Old Testament, with particular contempt for the Book of Numbers and Leviticus. Yet this same pastor pushes tithing from the pulpit and weekly cites Malachi 10:3 regarding tithing. But these books clearly spell out why tithing can't be a Christian Doctrine. Had he properly taught these Books of the Bible, the church members would be properly equipped. Also see:

Blasphemy of Purgatory

<http://thesewordsmin.blogspot.com/2011/10/blasphemy-of-purgatory.html>

Augustine perverted Doctrine of Penal Substitutionary Atonement:

“Does this mean then that his Son was already so reconciled to us that he was even prepared to die for us, while the Father was still so angry with us that unless the Son died for us he would not be reconciled to us?... Would the Father have not spared his own Son but handed him over for us, if he had not already been reconciled? ... I observe that the Father loved us not merely before the Son died for us, but before he founded the world...” Augustine, xiii [of De Trinitate]

And even if one were to fully concede that Augustine published a statement that was clear that he believed that Christ died to appease his Father’s wrath, etc., because he also believed in Purgatory, as did C.S. Lewis, this would nullify PSA, because it would no longer be “it is finished” because we have to finish it in Purgatory, at least those who couldn't first make it to Heaven, according to this nefarious teaching. At least C. S. Lewis was consistent re Penal Substitutionary Atonement, because the insufficiency of the Blood of Christ in this life and the life to come (Purgatory), so that the balance of our sentence would have to be paid by us. Many Protestants and Evangelicals were led to convert to Roman Catholicism because of C.S. Lewis and his writings. See these links for evidence:

Catholic Sources:

C. S. Lewis and Catholic Converts

http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/2724/cs_lewis_and_catholic_converters.aspx

and

My Path to Rome

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/apologetics/my-path-to-rome.html>

Evangelical Sources:

C. S. Lewis and Evangelicals in the Church Today

www.wayoflife.org/free_ebooks/downloads/CS_Lewis_p.php

and

The Chronicles of Narnia Wholesome Entertainment or Gateway to Paganism

<https://www.amazon.com/Chronicles-Wholesome-Entertainment-Gateway-Paganism/dp/1933641118>

I personally knew someone who attributed their conversion from being an Evangelical to Roman Catholicism in great part to C. S. Lewis.

6. Millennialism, Amillennialism, and Domionism

Augustine taught that there is no literal thousand year period reign of Christ on the earth when he returns, contrary to Scripture. He was originally Premillennial but retracted this view as being “carnal.” In fact, Augustine systematized Millennialism in the 4th Century.

See Leonard Verduin's books exposing Augustine, the *Father of Dominionism*:

The Anatomy of a Hybrid The Reformers and Their Stepchildre

I searched for months to find books opposing Augustine's teachings and couldn't find any authors except defenders of him. I want to thank and honor with a special thanks to Sarah Leslie, researcher and Director of: <http://christianresearchnetwork.org/author/sarah-h-leslie/> for leading me to this source. I am so glad someone in the last hundred years told the whole truth about him!

7. Apostolic Succession...if this is true, then signs and wonders couldn't end or cease.

This would nullify or make the Reformation impossible, Apostolic Succession is alone the domain and teaching of Roman Catholicism! As anyone who is canonized as a saint in Roman Catholicism must have performed two miracles. It takes one miracle to be beatified. But Baptists and many Conservative Christians believe sign gifts ended with the Apostles. So then why are there so many Baptists Augustinians??

8. Replacement Theology (aka Supersessionism) In keeping with his allegorical systematized theology, Israel is now the Church, therefore, the Promised Land does not go to the Jews in his view.

9. Coercive Torture and Terrorism

Augustine weaponized Christianity and systematized and institutionalized torture in the Name of Jesus. His Convert-or-die Christianity paved the way for the **Inquisition**, persecution and martyrdom of the tens of millions of true saints, massacring the Parable of the Wheat and Tares in Matthew Chapter 13. Had Augustine taken the opposite stance, i.e., the biblical stance, there may not have been the roots planted that eventually led to what the Conquistadors did in Central and South America. If I were the Donatists, I would feel safer with Freddy Kruger, the legendary horror movie villain, than Augustine. But Freddy Kruger was an imaginary figure...the horrors toward saints at the hands of Augustine were real...a pastor from Hell....totally disqualified as an elder or minister of righteousness. In fact, he never met the biblical qualifications to be an elder in the first place. The Apostle Paul persecuted Christians too, but that was BEFORE he was a Christian. In his own right, Augustine was a terrorist, torturer, and persecutor of Christians, and planted the seeds and fertilizer for the infrastructure for millions of martyrs, laying the ground work for and supplying the blueprints to John Calvin a thousand years later. True Christians should run for their lives from Augustinians, certainly not make him their pastor. With pastors like this, who needs enemies? And how ironic, that Augustine taught that wrong have no rights. Therefore, since his teachings are chalked full of wrong heresies, he is indicted by his own testimony. He believed that coercion using “great violence” was biblically justified against fellow Christians...all in the name of love. And where in Augustine's Confessions do you find a single confession and repentance for inciting and systematizing the torture of Christian saints? So torturing saints in Purgatory who don't make it to Heaven is not enough for Augustine, he taught torturing while they were still on earth too? Where is the accounting ledger in his book of all the restitution he made to all of the saints he tortured?

John the Baptist taught the necessity of making restitution to those who were defrauded, and Zacchaeus even proposed increasing the amount of restitution to victims to four times the amount he defrauded them. So were Augustine here today would he make restitution to all his victims suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from what he did to them? How about restitution for all of the false teachings in this article he promulgated? To say nothing about what all of the tithing money went for to promote a false religion.

Augustine claims to find his doctrine and justification for harassing, stalking, and persecuting Christians from Scripture. **Augustine turned the healthy tissue of church discipline given to us in Scripture into a metastasized form of Spiritual Melanoma Cancer. So where did the Apostle Paul ONCE persecute, torture, believers or unbelievers in the New Testament? Where did he once prescribe retaliation or use violence against even the Judaizers and Pharisees, even though he was repeatedly beaten, flogged, tortured, and imprisoned by them? The Apostle Paul ultimately twice eternally cursed and damned them for Eternity, but did not physically abuse them in any way in this life.**

The death penalty was decreed for any one who practiced re-baptism...It is a fact recognized by many recent historians, that the persecution of the Anabaptists surpassed in severity the persecution of the early Christians by pagan Rome (“Mennonites in Europe,” by John Horsch, p. 300). They were burned alive and turned over to wild animals to be devoured, and in some case given a third baptism of drowning.

Augustine In Defense of Torturing Heretics: From Conversion to Coercion

<http://egregores.blogspot.com/2010/10/augustine-in-defense-of-torturing.html>

Here is a video depicting Roman Catholic Torture Techniques against heretics, originally inspired by Augustine (incredible):

Roman Catholic Satanic Torture Methods!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XI13wMpvj3s>

I am utterly astonished at the number of even conservative Christian denominations, pastors, authors, seminaries and Christian colleges who exalt Augustine virtually to the Stratosphere as a theologian and pastor of pastors, particularly in America. Augustine's persecution of Christians paved the way and established the infrastructure for torture which was perfected by Loyola in the Inquisition...victims ultimately in the tens of millions. King James in England took the mantle and baton from Augustine and Loyola for the Anglican Church, resulting in the fleeing of Puritans and Pilgrims and an avalanche of other Christian refugees in England and the rest of Europe. And Calvin took his baton to Geneva, Switzerland. American was founded on fleeing from terrorists that had merged Church and State. In fact, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights was created to prevent Augustine's antithesis of Freedom of Religion. The Bill of Rights was created to prevent Augustinian types, with a path for redress should any control freak ever attempt or succeed in taking anyone's freedom of religion away or infringe these rights. And the Second Amendment to bear arms was added, so that if necessary an Augustinian type of terrorist comes to your house or city would be stopped in their tracks. Furthermore Immigration Policy is designed to ban entry into the U.S., to anyone like Augustine who promoted and terrorized Christians that did not meet his definition of Christian or heretic:

Here are just two of the 18 restrictions which would bar Augustine even from entry into the United States at least historically before Covid and the Border Crisis:

“have a physical or mental disorder that makes you harmful to others” and

“have committed or been convicted of a crime of 'moral turpitude'”

SOURCE:

List of Reason/Ground of Inadmissibility for Entering the United States

<https://www.immihelp.com/18-grounds-of-inadmissibility-for-entering-the-united-states/>

How about inside of the United States? Augustine would be guilty of torturing by these statutes:

Bill of Rights

It is debated as to whether or not torture as a punishment falls under the cruel and unusual punishment clause of the **Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution**. The text of the Amendment states that:

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

The U.S. Supreme Court has held since at least the 1890s that punishments which involved torture are forbidden under the Eighth Amendment.[4]

18 U.S.C. § 2340[edit]

An act of torture committed outside the United States by a U.S. national or a non-U.S. national who is present in the United States is punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 2340. **The definition of torture used is as follows:**

As used in this chapter—

1. “torture” means an act committed by a person acting under the color of law specifically intended to inflict severe physical or mental pain or
2. suffering (other than pain or suffering incidental to lawful sanctions) upon another person within his custody or physical control;
3. “severe mental pain or suffering” means the prolonged mental harm caused by or resulting from—
 - A. the intentional infliction or threatened infliction of severe physical pain or suffering;
 - B. the administration or application, or threatened administration or application, of mind-altering substances or other procedures calculated to disrupt profoundly the senses or the personality;
 - C. the threat of imminent death; or
 - D. the threat that another person will imminently be subjected to death, severe physical pain or suffering, or the administration or application of mind-altering substances or other procedures calculated to disrupt profoundly the senses or personality; and

(3) “United States” means the several states of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the United States.

And if somehow Augustine had managed to sneak into the country as an illegal alien, and started up the same Godfather tactics he practiced in North Africa, he would have been rounded up and rightfully deported or tried for a host of crimes. Fortunately, now they have stalking laws to use against 21st Century stalkers like Augustine, and kidnapping. In fact, kidnapping would be a federal felony crime. So if Augustine were to attempt seizing someone today in the U.S., he would likely be deported, or in some cases, if death resulted in the person being tortured, it would be Augustine himself

receiving capital punishment. Yet pastor after pastor remains gobsmacked and delirious in their delusion. So Augustine couldn't gain legitimate entry into the United States, couldn't become a member of a Conservative Baptist Church, and could not become a pastor. Yet Pastor after pastor, denomination after denomination can't control themselves from exalting him and no doubt couldn't wait to install him as their pastor or head of their church denomination. John Calvin too, took the mantle of persecuting Christians in Switzerland, from Augustine, who were running for their lives. So thorough was Calvin's total submersion and baptism into Augustine, he said that his whole theology could be found in the words of Augustine. Augustine designed the original torture of Christians by the Catholic Church, Loyola refined it. I thought we got rid of the Divine Right of Kings, once and for all, only to be replaced by the Divine Right of Pastors, who want to put us back under bondage? Augustine is indisputably the global Grand Architect, and Founding Father of Christians torturing Christians...a gangster. Anyone in law enforcement or the FBI profiling this person, not knowing who he was, would see a psychopath and sociopath control freak hungry for power who could not contain himself from abusing his perceived enemies of the church...real or imagined...until they find out it was Augustine...then mystically he becomes a sacred cow with diplomatic immunity...and in the church, anyone speaking ill of him is the one with the problem. The Shepherding Movement pales in comparison, yet no doubt has its roots in Augustine. If anyone does not believe my report, I invite you to do your own Google search for Augustine's own words, published in his writings and books. Had pastors and authors on Augustine done this, they would discover they had deceived their own sheep, in this generation, and actually preached from the pulpit what Augustine really taught before the Internet, for sixteen hundred years, perhaps the Great Falling Away could have at least been minimized. But now, as the Apostle Paul would say, we are without excuse!

And in case you think control-freak Christianity is extinct in either Roman Catholicism or Protestants, see these stories in Germany, where hundreds of thousands of both Catholics and Protestants are either terminating their church membership, or are leaving the country, as recent at 2015 because the national government taxes all members:

“The German church tax — which is 8 to 9 percent of the annual income tax — is so steep, however, that many people formally quit the church to avoid paying, while nevertheless remaining active in their faith. ..”

10 Facts about German Church Tax

[10 Facts about German Church Tax | myGermanExpert Blog](http://myGermanExpertBlog.com/2013/.../10-og.mygermanFacts-about-German-Church-Tax.ht...)
[blexpert.com/2013/.../10-og.mygermanFacts-about-German-Church-Tax.ht...](http://myGermanExpertBlog.com/2013/.../10-og.mygermanFacts-about-German-Church-Tax.ht...)

Church tax - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_tax

Taxpayers, whether Roman Catholic, Protestant or members of other tax-collecting communities, pay an amount equal to between 8% (in Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg)

and 9% (in the rest of the country) of their income tax to the church or other community to which they belong.

Compulsory Income Tax on Christians Drives Germans Away From Protestant and Catholic Churches

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/11380968/Compulsory-income-tax-on-Christians-drives-Germans-away-from-Protestant-and-Catholic-churches.html>

England does the same thing.

10. **Just War Antisemitism** Theology led to Crusades justification for and Global Conspiracy to **steal the Land** of Israel for the Church

11. **Leaven of Herod** defying warning of Christ; merging Church and State as well as the warning of the Apostle Paul to let punishment for church matters and heresy stay within the church, unless crimes have been committed, then turn that over to the State.

12. **Priests as Mediators** between God and Man defying the Apostle Paul who wrote there is only One Mediator, Christ Jesus.

13. **City of God is the Church** and not Jerusalem

14. **Infant Salvation Baptism** and calling anyone who rejected it “infidels” and “cursed.” Augustine effectively called these Christians “accursed” is what the Apostle Paul did to the Judaizers in Galatians, so that they would have NO hope of salvation, eternally damning them. Augustine's doctrine on infant baptism was eventually codified in the Roman Catholic Council of Trent, which anathematized anyone who did not hold these views on baptism. Want proof? **Here is the Catholic Doctrine:**

“ON BAPTISM

CANON I.-If any one saith, that the baptism of John had the same force as the baptism of Christ; let him be anathema.

CANON II.-If any one saith, that true and natural water is not of necessity for baptism, and, on that account, wrests, to some sort of metaphor, those words of our Lord Jesus Christ; Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost; let him be anathema.

CANON III.-If any one saith, that in the Roman church, which is the mother and mistress of all churches, there is not the true doctrine concerning the sacrament of baptism; let him be anathema.

CANON IV.-If any one saith, that the baptism which is even given by heretics in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, with the intention of doing what the Church doth, is not true baptism; let him be anathema.

CANON V.-If any one saith, that baptism is free, that is, not necessary unto salvation; let him be anathema.

CANON VI.-If any one saith, that one who has been baptized cannot, even if he would, lose grace, let him sin ever so much, unless he will not believe; let him be anathema.

CANON VII.-If any one saith, that the baptized are, by baptism itself, made debtors but to faith alone, and not to the observance of the whole law of Christ; let him be anathema.

CANON VIII.-If any one saith, that the baptized are freed from all the precepts, whether written or transmitted, of holy Church, in such wise that they are not bound to observe them, unless they have chosen of their own accord to submit themselves thereunto; let him be anathema.

CANON IX.-If any one saith, that the resemblance of the baptism which they have received is so to be recalled unto men, as that they are to understand, that all vows made after baptism are void, in virtue of the promise already made in that baptism; as if, by those vows, they both derogated from that faith which they have professed, and from that baptism itself; let him be anathema.

CANON X.-If any one saith, that by the sole remembrance and the faith of the baptism which has been received, all sins committed after baptism are either remitted, or made venial; let him be anathema.

CANON XI.-If any one saith, that baptism, which was true and rightly conferred, is to be repeated, for him who has denied the faith of Christ amongst Infidels, when he is converted unto penitence; let him be anathema.

CANON XII.-If any one saith, that no one is to be baptized save at that age at which Christ was baptized, or in the very article of death; let him be anathema.

CANON XIII.-If any one saith, that little children, for that they have not actual faith, are not, after having received baptism, to be reckoned amongst the faithful; and that, for this cause, they are to be re-baptized when they have attained to years of discretion; or, that it is better that the baptism of such be omitted, than that, while not believing by their own act, they should be baptized in the faith alone of the Church; let him be anathema.

CANON XIV.-If any one saith, that those who have been thus baptized when children, are, when they have grown up, to be asked whether they will ratify what their sponsors promised in their names when they were baptized; and that, in case they answer that they will not, they are to be left to their own will; and are not to be compelled meanwhile to a Christian life by any other penalty, save that they be excluded from the participation of the Eucharist, and of the other sacraments, until they repent; let him be anathema.”

Even Vatican II was just as ruthless, which was supposed to be kinder and gentler:

"If anyone says that in the Roman Church, which is the mother and mistress of all churches, there is **not the true doctrine concerning the sacrament of baptism, let him be anathema.**" (ibid., p. 53 -- Seventh Session, Sacrament Of Baptism, Canon 3) So when was this doctrine ever rescinded? Answer: NEVER!

15. **Monasticism** and marriage only value is to produce celibate offspring, defying Scripture and paving way for pedophilia abuse and homosexuality among priests
16. **Neoplatonist** and Humanist
17. **Mysticism and Gnosticism**

Augustine got it all rolling...now read the fruit of this in the 21st Century:

<http://www.discernment-ministries.org/>

More proof, see **Bob DeWaay's**:

Richard Foster—Celebration of Deception

<http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue112.htm>

(This article does not name Augustine, but is about Richard Foster. However, Richard Foster says this about Augustine):

"Confessions of St. Augustine" Recommended by Richard Foster as one of the best of the "experiential classics in Christian literature."

18. Transubstantiation (Catholic Doctrine that teaches the Body and Blood of Christ becomes literal)

19. Necromancy: Praying to the dead and to Mary and Mary never sinned

Necromancy is a magic art, i.e., sorcery. Revelation states clearly that those practice magic arts "will find their place in the Lake of Fire." Rev. 21:8, and reconfirmed in Rev 22:15. So if Augustine was truly a saint, and "saved" then how does he find himself in the Lake of Fire by practicing and stumbling multitudes to do the same? **Augustine was so mixed up he call Mary the spouse of God:**

Augustine wrongly calls Mary, ALONE, the Spouse of God. The Church is the Spouse, or more technically the Bride to be, she is presently betrothed to Christ who is the Groom. She becomes the Bride (therefore the Wife) at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, when Christ returns in Glory for his Bride. Now Mary, though highly favored among women, is less than one-billionth of the Bride to be, because she is a Christian. But all born-again Christians make up the Bride.

"Mary was the only one who merited to be called the Mother as Spouse of God."

Augustine of Hippo

SOURCE: *Augustine, Sermons 208; quoted by St. Alphonsus de Liguori in The Glories of Mary (New York: Redemptorist, 1931)*

But it is the Church that is the Bride of Christ the Groom, who is God. Mary was only a fraction of one percent of the Bride. Also a spouse must be married. The Church is presently betrothed to the Lord (engaged), but not married yet. That can't happen until the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, when Christ returns in Glory. Furthermore, how could Mary be the Mother of God? Mary needed a Redeemer. Can someone in need of a redeemer be the Mother of God? And how can you be simultaneously Wife and Mother of God? Now imagine that if Mary is the Mother of God, wouldn't all Christians (the Church) then be collectively the Mother of God, using Augustine's logic...since after all, the Mother of God and the Spouse (Wife) are one and the same? Mary doesn't become the Spouse of God until all we as Christians simultaneously become His Spouse with Mary, at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb! Yet the legend of Augustine lives on without his deeds of darkness and false teachings being exposed, marked, and named, as the Apostle Paul commanded of all true Christians. The fact of this statement of Augustine, alone, renders him Reprobate. Some might say he is apostate. But apostate means to fall away from something that was originally a true religion or seed. But as Christ said a thorn bush cannot produce figs. Matthew 23, though initially written to call Judaism a worthless religion, it is mirrored in Catholicism. Catholicism, just like Judaism in the First Century are thorn bush religions worthless (Christ and the Apostle Paul's words, not mine). Though I will say that Roman Catholicism has fallen away even further into the Abyss since Augustine.

20. Praying for the dead

21. Jews have the Mark of Cain

22. **Nephilim were descendants of Cain**

23. **Christians must Tithe at minimum.** This is extortion and defies the Council of Jerusalem's ruling for minimum requirements of Gentile Christians, and the Apostle Paul's own instructions that all giving must NOT be out of compulsion.

See Dr. Russell Kelly's film documentary entitled:

Tithing is not a Christian Doctrine:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYFkEh5bEXw>

24. **Added to God's word importing Apocrypha to Canon**

25. Exalted **Traditions of men** over **Traditions of Christ and His Apostles** in Scripture as Final Authority in defiance of the Apostle Paul Conclusion

26. **Augustine**, again Calvin's foundation was **virulently antisemitic**.

27. And again mirroring **Augustine**, both were **intensely misogynistic against women**.

28. And finally, **Augustine was a Predeterminist**, drawing from pagan religions that the gods automatically pre-destined your Eternal Destination.

Calvin learned well drawing from his master Augustine's well resulting in a host of Christians running for their lives from Calvin. And Theodore Beza, the successor to Calvin continued this toxic tradition, piling on the Anabaptists. Augustine would have been proud of Calvin and Beza. So Augustine persecuted and tortures and passes this on until Loyola takes the baton to launch the Inquisition then gets rewarded by the Pope calling him a saint, without having formally canonized him (since he performed no miracles), but gave him the title Doctor (one of four)...a more appropriate title being Godfather. Not to be outdone, most Protestants call him a saint...so great is the deception. I can't help but ask all Catholics why they call Augustine "Saint?" Augustine could not or should not be allowed to a member of a true Christian Church today, let alone lay hands on him to become an elder or pastor, as the above list of all of the reasons that should disqualify such a person up front! And God forbid that Augustine lay hands on you! And were he to somehow be voted in as a pastor, disguising his true intentions and nature, or later converting to these views, he would have to be voted out of office and his membership be dismembered. Had Augustine taken a stand for the Land of Israel, when the eventual Crusades occurred, they would have seized Jerusalem and the Land of Israel for the Jews, giving it back to them. Instead they stole the land and gave it to the Roman Catholic Church and killed a host of Jews in the process. There is virtually no Conservative Christian church or denomination, particularly Baptists that could even allow Augustine to become a member of their church, let alone an elder or pastor, or counselor. If a typical pastor conducting communion in the biblical sense, it would demolish the stronghold of Augustine's view. And were Augustine in a position to hear such a presentation, the pastor properly conducting communion would suffer the same fate as the Donatists. And imagine sending your wife or daughter to Augustine for counseling and await his coercive and corrosive implementation of his

counseling by force techniques. In this day and age, he would and should be arrested for child abuse!