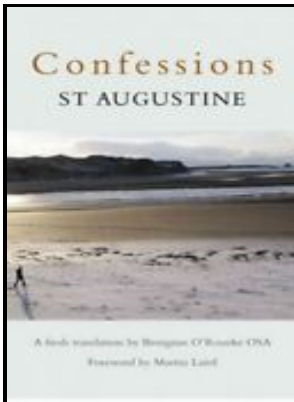


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The shepherd is milking goats rather than sheep; the farmer is pruning a barren thornbush rather than a luscious fruit tree.

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He frequently makes mention of the gods, following, of course, the custom of his times. Here I would most willingly spend my days, were I not too near Avignon, and too far from Italy.

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It was not, I suppose, sufficiently degrading to neglect our own powers, and to bequeath to future generations no fruit of our intellects; but, worse than all else, we had to destroy the fruit also of thy labor with our cruel, our unpardonable disregard.

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Had not Augustinus unwittingly urged him there? If the evangelist had marveled at the mere vision of Babylon, how must a Christian react to its plain sight? Thus we shall then together see a marvel—our lady sitting on the grass and with her arms making a shade for herself. Asconius Pedianus, a very eloquent man mentioned by Quintilian himself.

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