

OPTION XIX: AUGUSTINE’S INTERPRETIVE FRAME OF REFERENCE

Augustine. “Part II,” Books 11–22. In *Concerning the City of God Against the Pagans*, translated by Henry Bettenson, pp. 427–1091. London: Penguin Books, first published 1467, this translation 1972 with introduction by David Knowles, reissued with new introduction 1984, reissued with new introduction, notes, and chronology by G. R. Evans 2003. lxxiii + 1097 pp.

While many English translations and editions of Augustine’s *City of God* are available and might usefully be consulted, this one has been recommended to us as a good one, and it would be helpful for all seminar participants use it for ease of page references in discussion. See “Arrangement and Contents of the *City of God*,” pp. lxi–lxiii, for an overview of the whole. Read Part I, Book 1, Preface, pp. 5–6, for a reference to James 4:6, “God resists the proud, but he gives grace to the humble,” which provides Augustine’s own key to the basis of the distinction he makes throughout between the two cities. If you wish, you may contact the director for an outline and notes.

Brown, Peter R. L. *Augustine of Hippo: A Biography*, new edition with an epilogue. Berkeley and Los Angeles, California: University of California Press, 2000. xiii + 548 pp.

Seminars which have read this Option have suggested reading this biography first in order to establish a framework within which to read and discuss the other works. It is also suggested that all seminar participants use this new edition and read the “Epilogue,” pp. 439–520, first, before reading the main body of the work.

Markus, R[obert] A. *Saeculum: History and Society in the Theology of St. Augustine*, second edition. Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 1988. xxvi + 254 pp.

It may be helpful to understanding the whole to seek and note first several articulations of the meaning of *saeculum*, as on pp. xxii, 71, 102, 133, and 154. If you wish, you may contact the director for a list of errata.

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