

Church History Literacy

St. Anselm of Canterbury

Lesson 43

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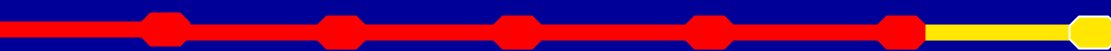
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How do we know
God exists?

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Why did God
become man?

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Why did Christ die instead of God saving us some other way?

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What is it that
makes sin so bad?

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A word about “Saints”

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Protestant

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A word about “Saints”

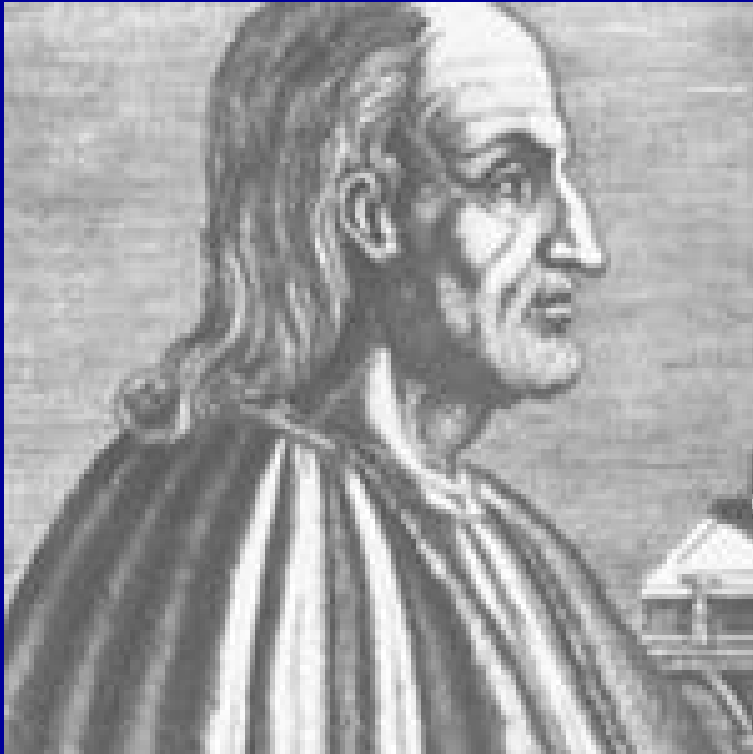
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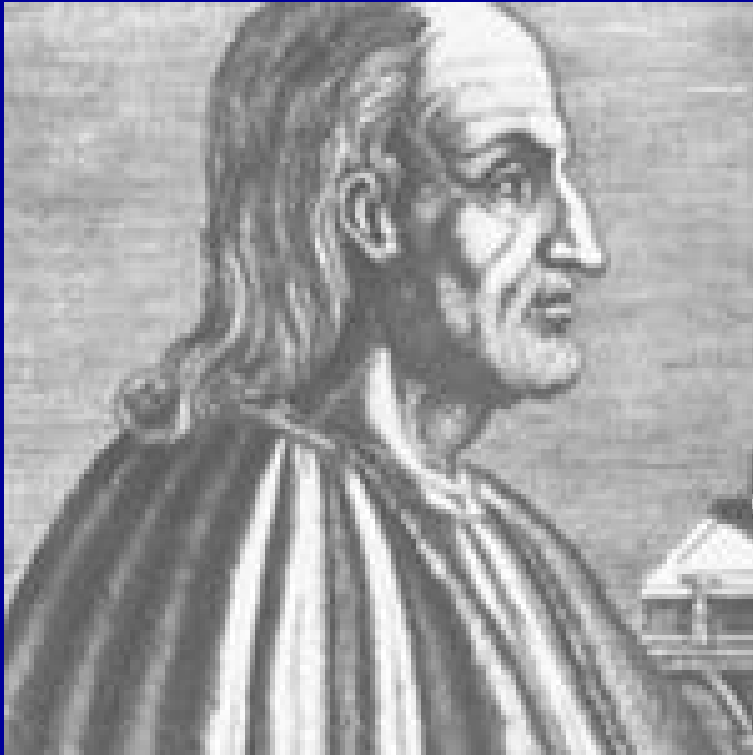
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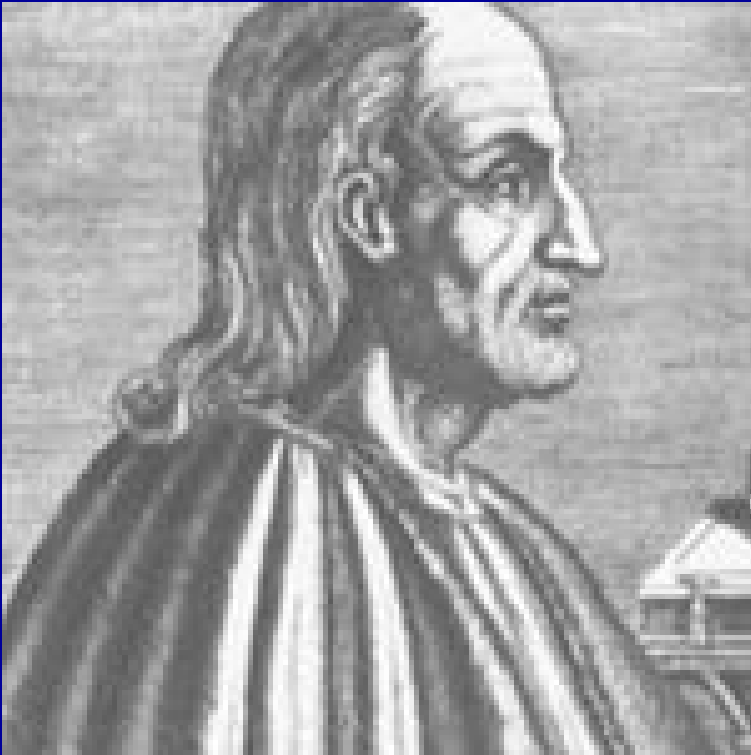


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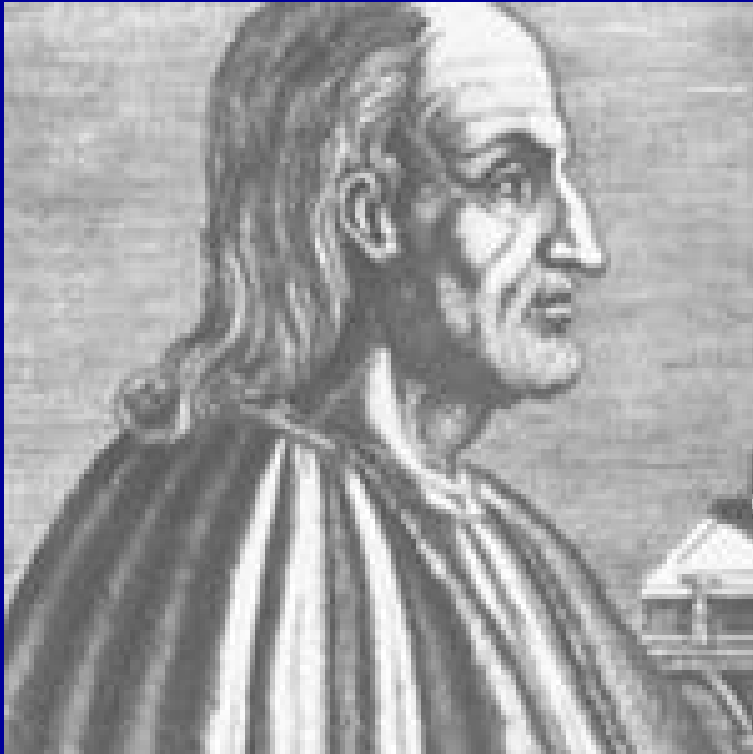
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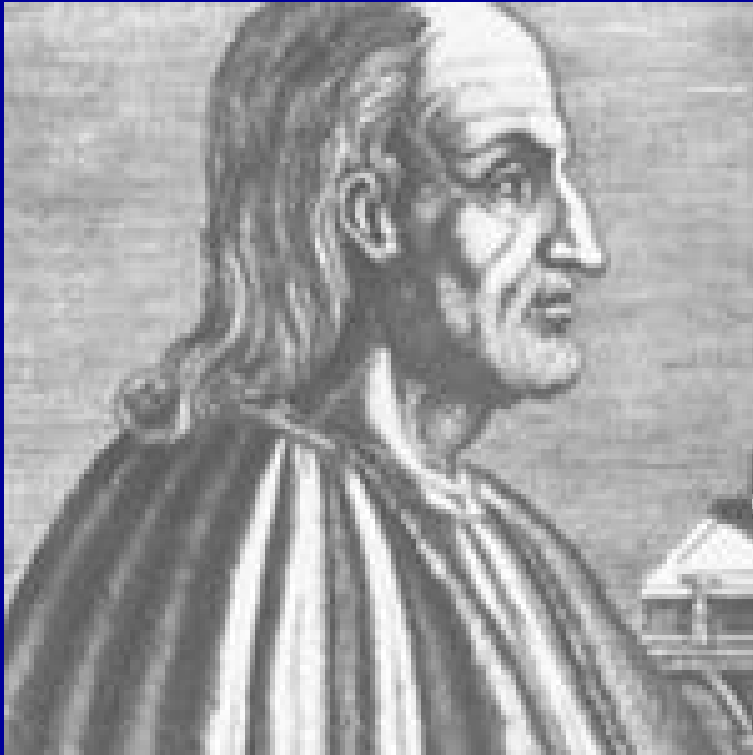
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Loving Mother
and Holy Vision

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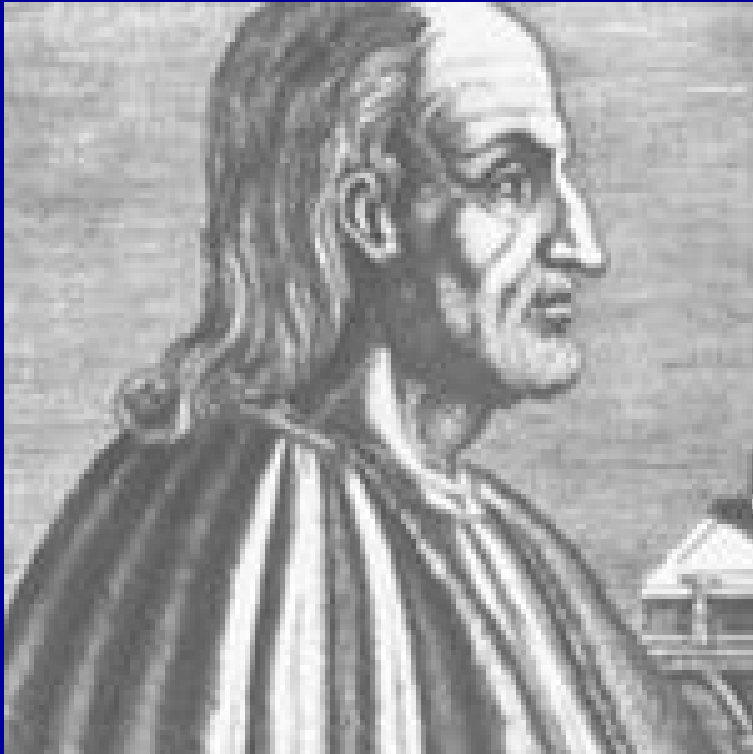


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Teenager:

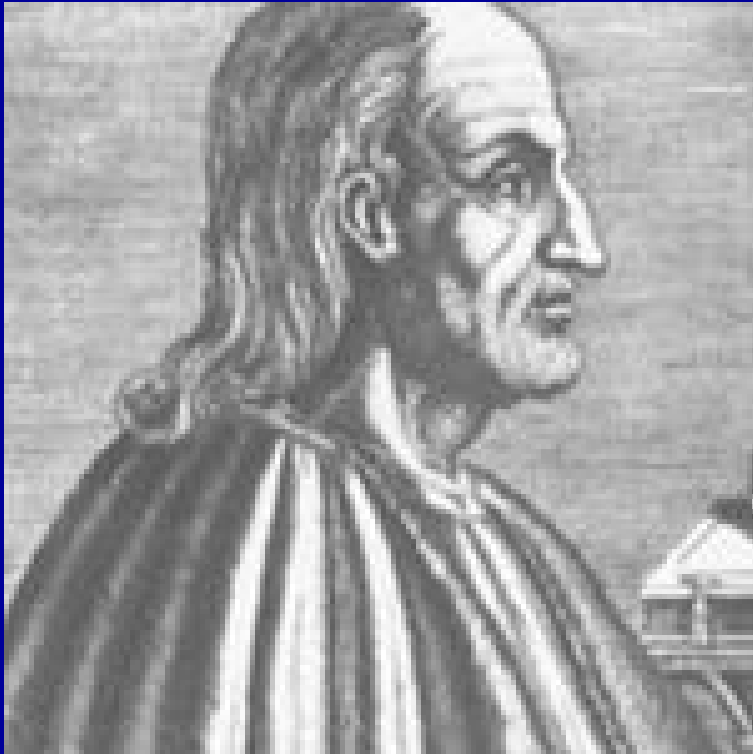
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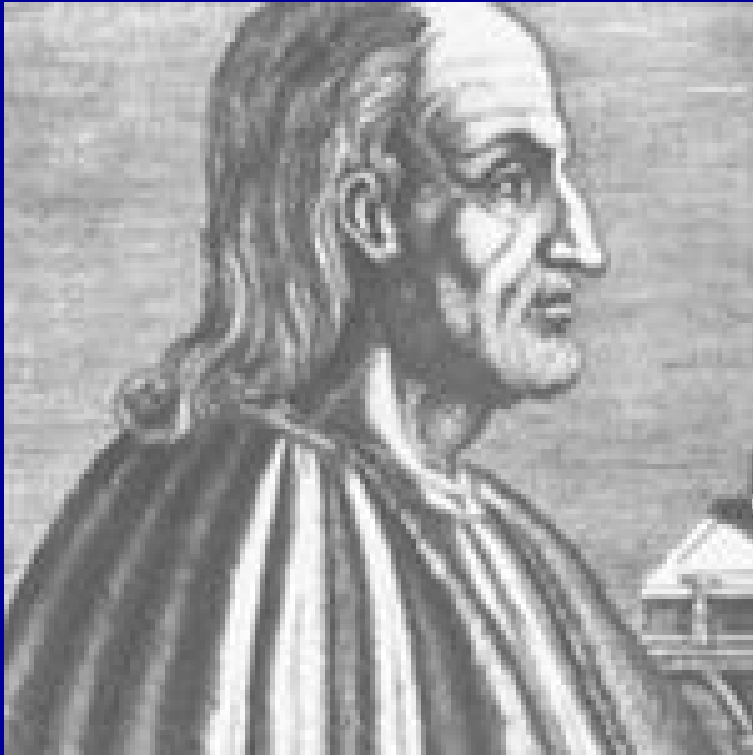
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Harsh Father
and a frustrated
Christian walk

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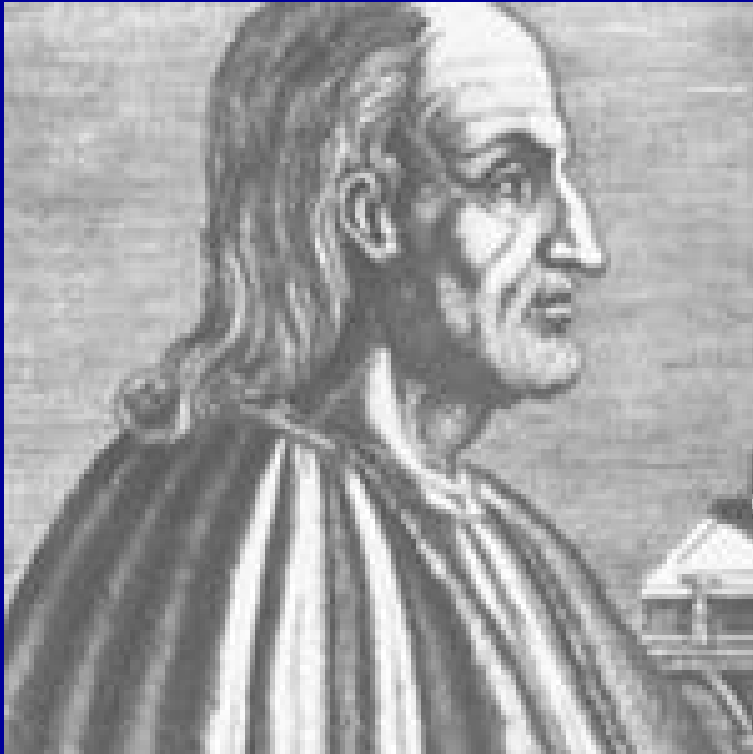


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Young Man:

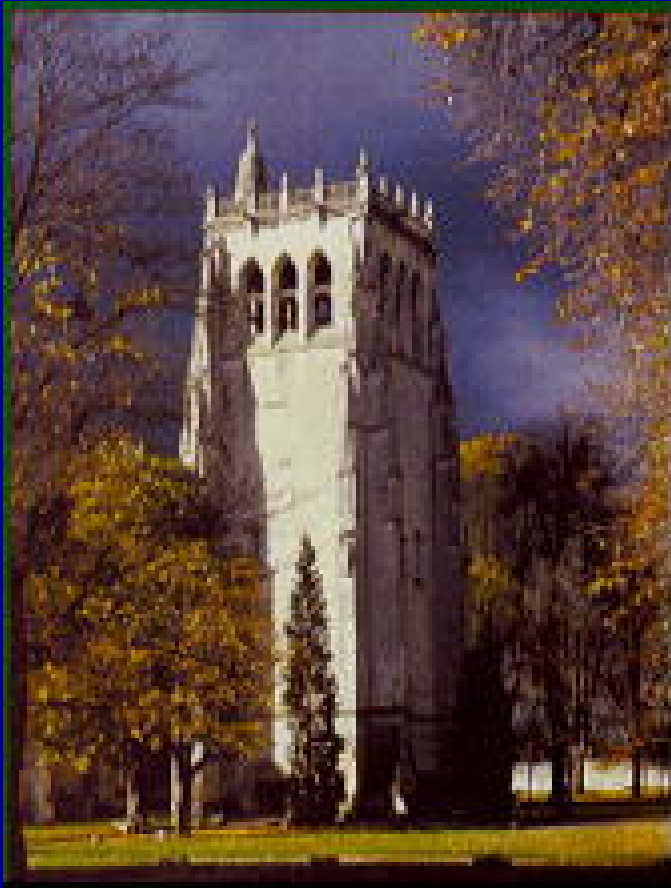
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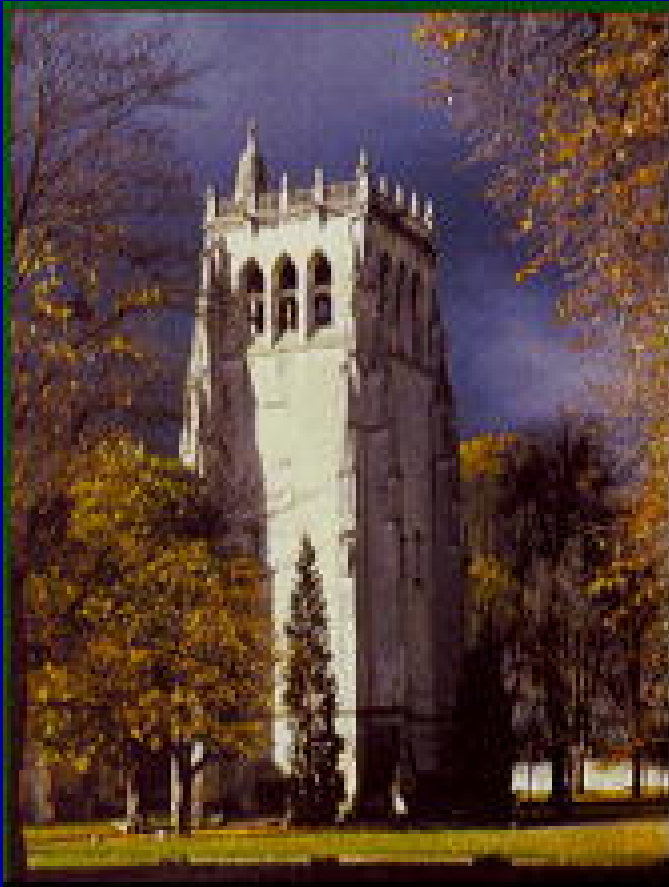
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A monastic life

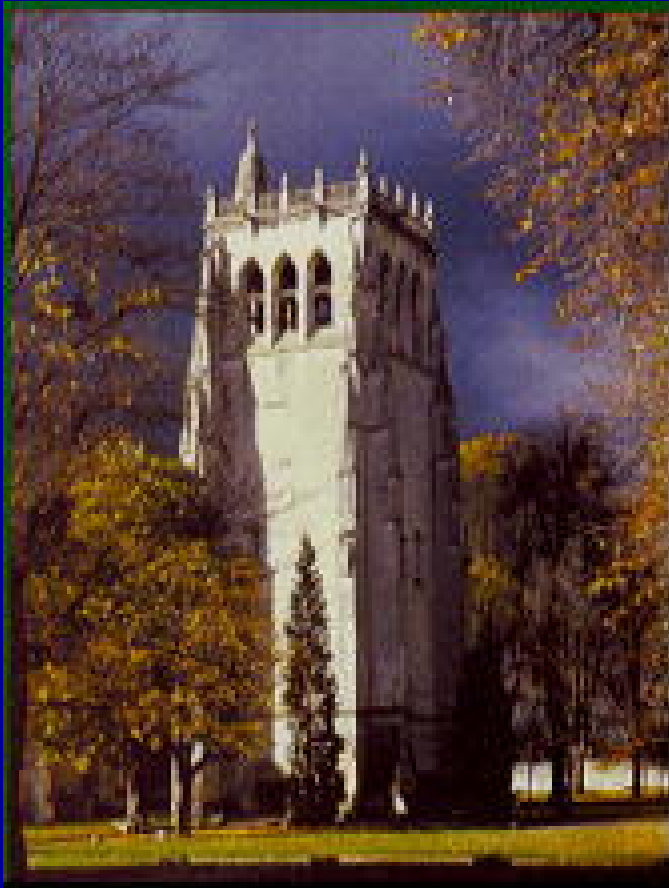
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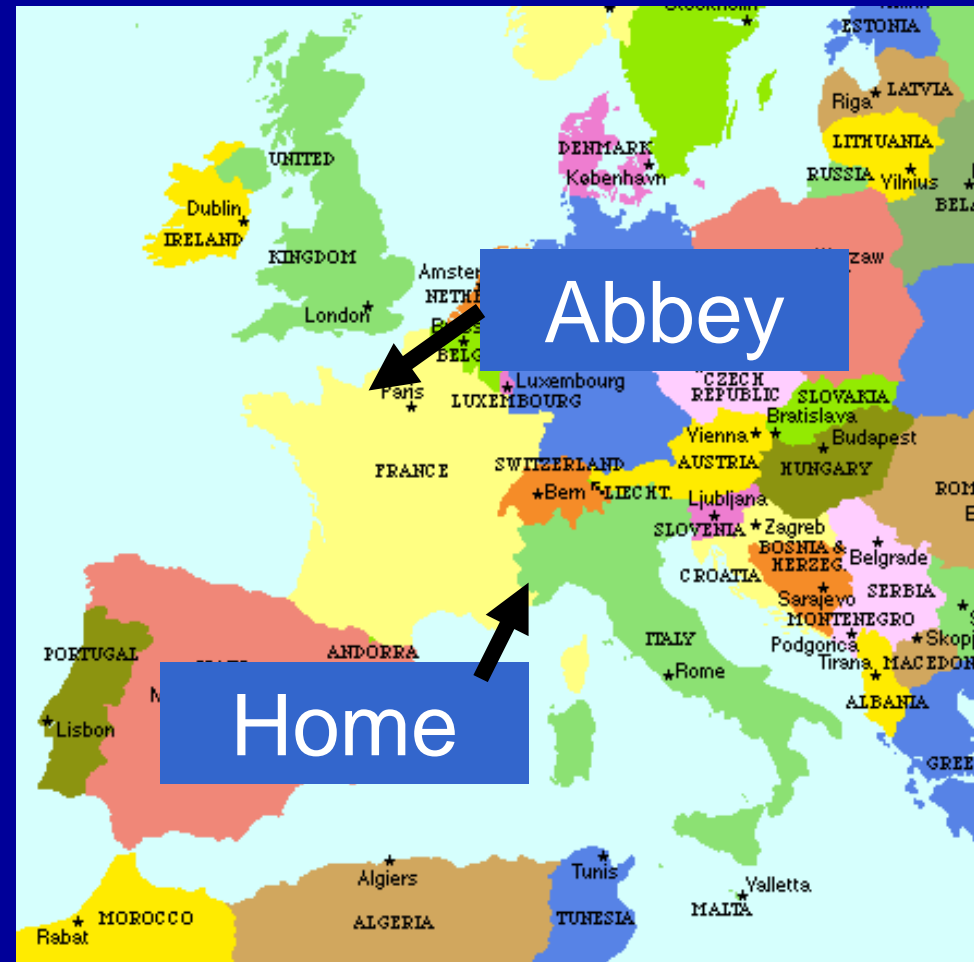
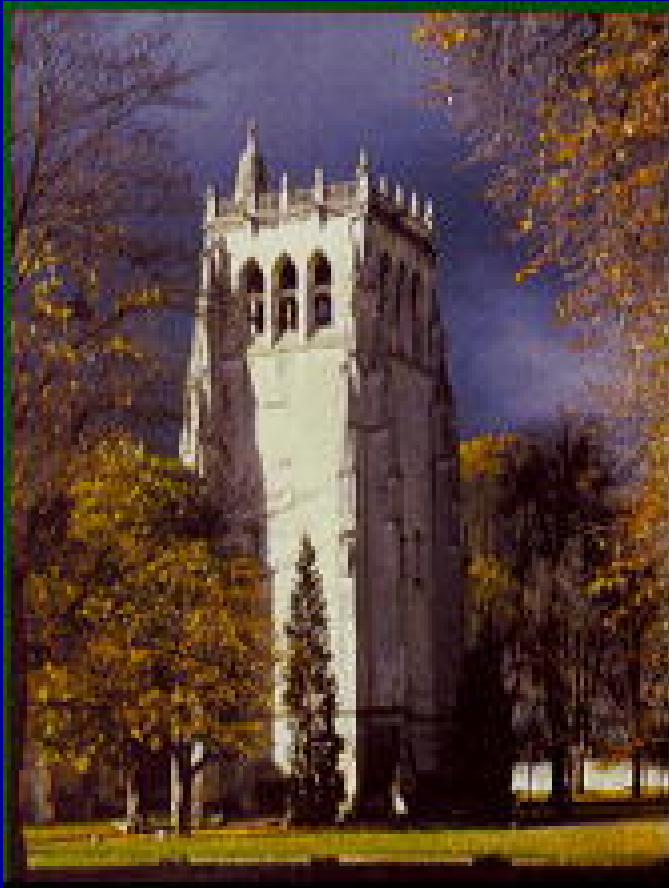
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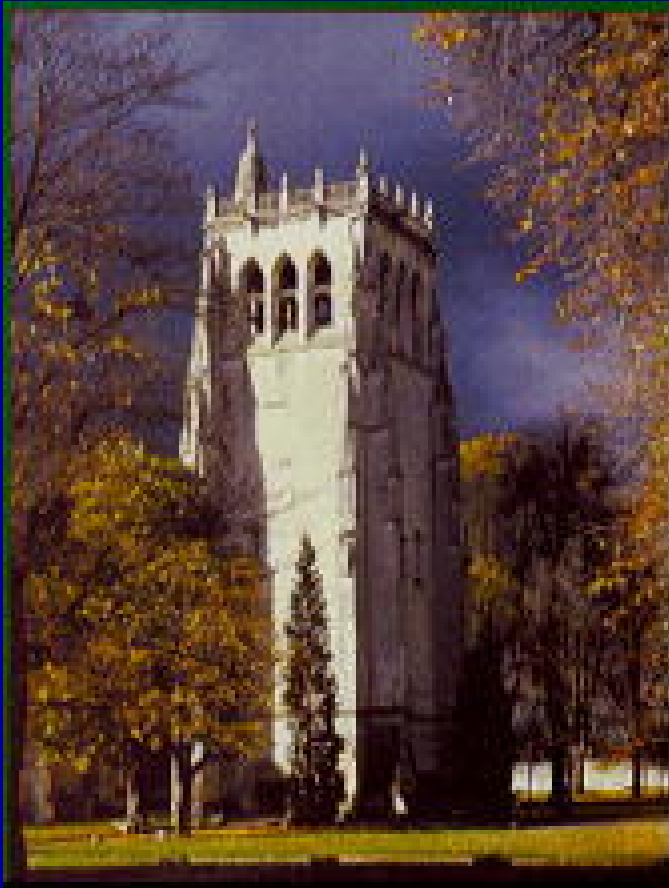
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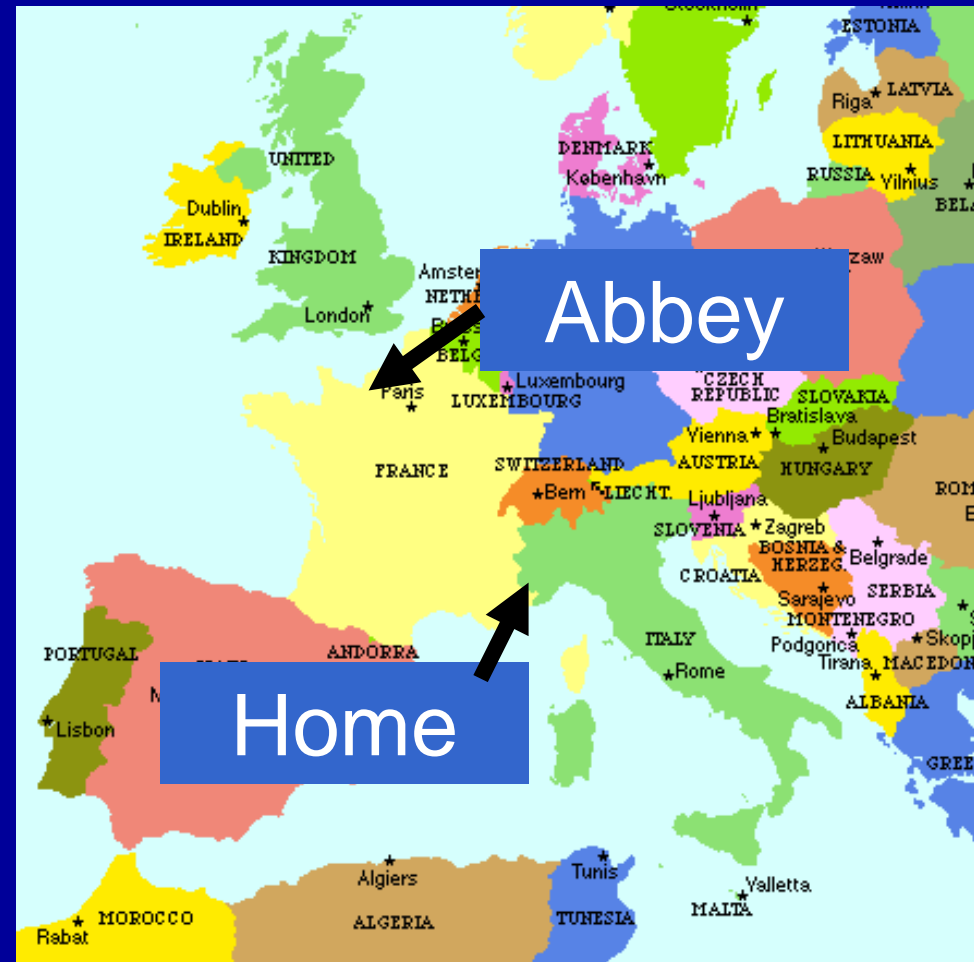
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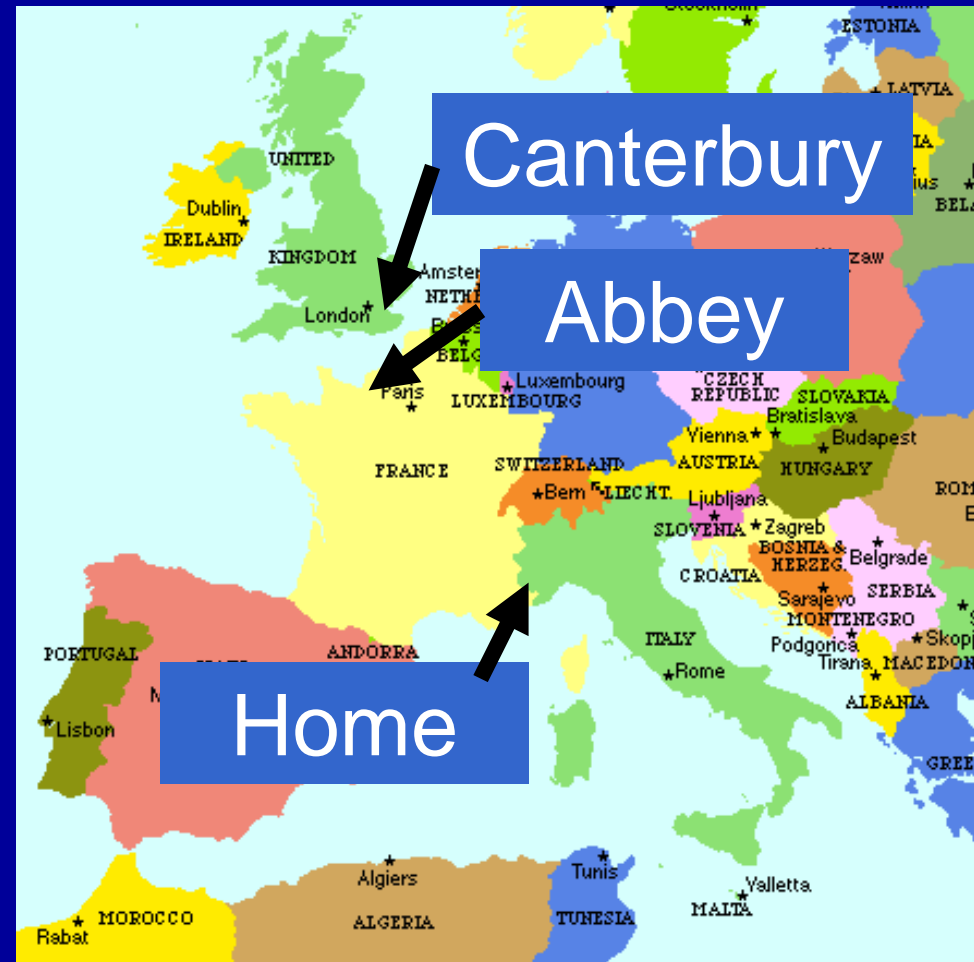
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Anselm Archbishop at Canterbury



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Why study Anselm?

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Why study Anselm?

A close-up photograph of a fountain pen nib writing on a piece of paper. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a soft, out-of-focus texture. The pen is dark, and the nib is in contact with the paper, creating a small pool of ink. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the paper and the metallic sheen of the pen.

Discourse on the
Existence of God

Why study Anselm?

Discourse on the
Existence of God

Why God Became
Man

Anselm's Approach

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Anselm's Approach

A close-up photograph of a fountain pen writing on aged parchment. The pen is positioned diagonally from the top right towards the bottom left. The word "and" is written in a cursive script on the left side of the frame. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with soft lighting.

Scripture is
absolute truth

Anselm's Approach

A close-up photograph of a fountain pen resting on an open book. The pen is dark and positioned diagonally across the frame. The book's pages are visible, and the background is a warm, golden-brown color, suggesting a lamp or candle light. The overall mood is scholarly and contemplative.

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So we can use logic
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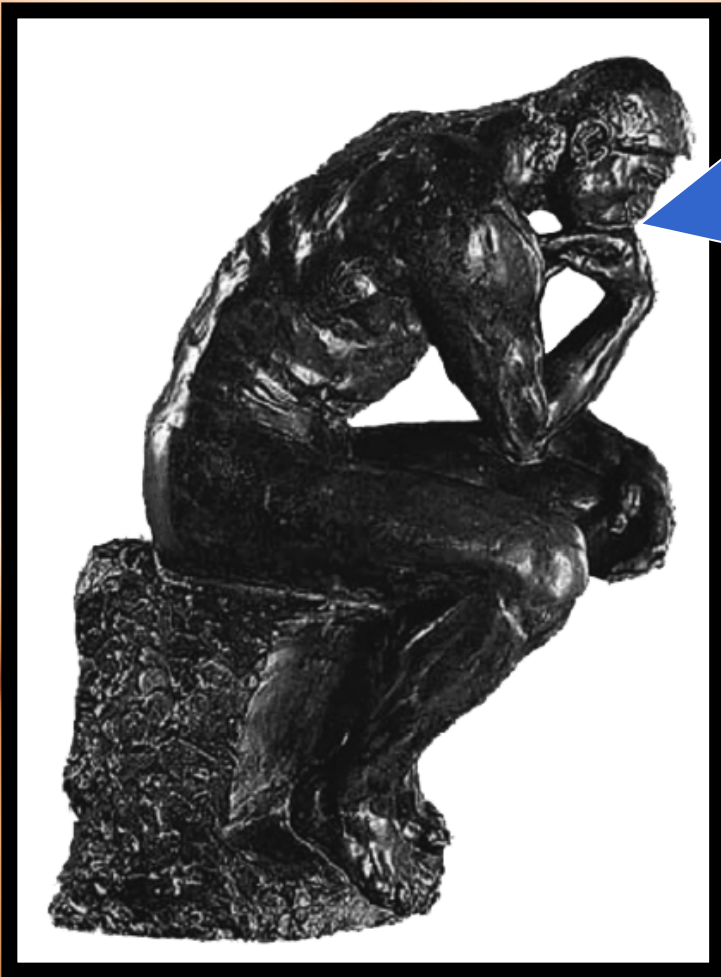
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“If I say something
that unquestionably
contradicts Sacred
Scripture, I am
certain that it is
false”

On the Existence of God

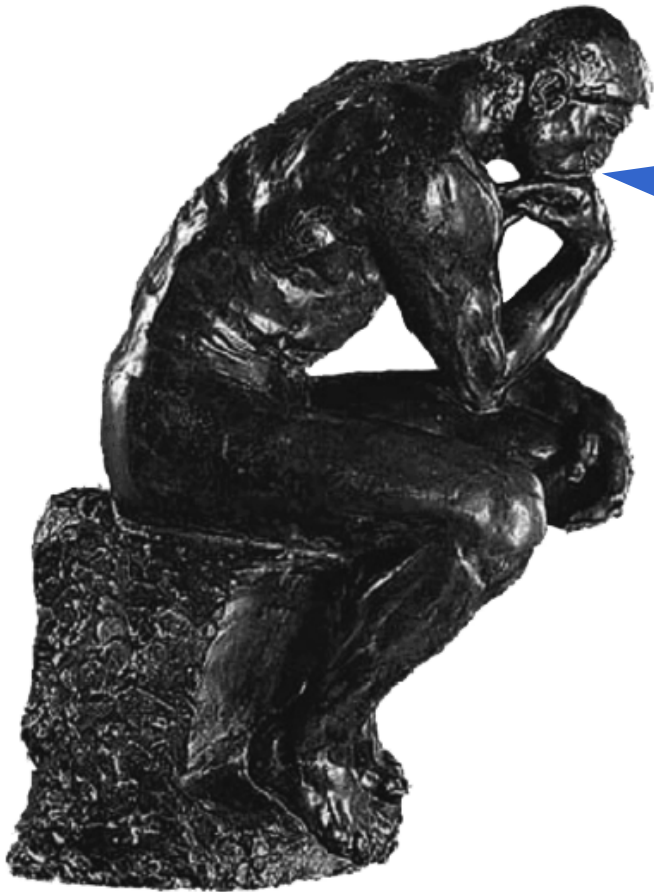


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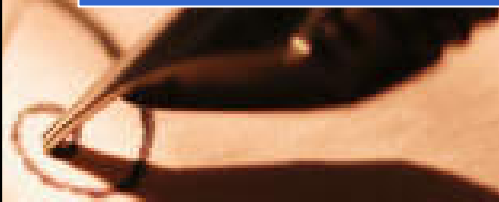


“I hold it to be a failure in duty if after we have become steadfast in our faith we do not strive to understand what we believe.”

On the Existence of God




“Christians ought to study to understand why they believe!”





I'm envisioning the Mona Lisa!
I believe I will paint her!



A woman with short grey hair and glasses is sitting at a table in what appears to be an art studio. She is wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and a white shawl. Her right hand is resting on her chin, and she has a thoughtful expression. On the table in front of her are several tubes of paint and brushes. The background shows a window with light coming through.

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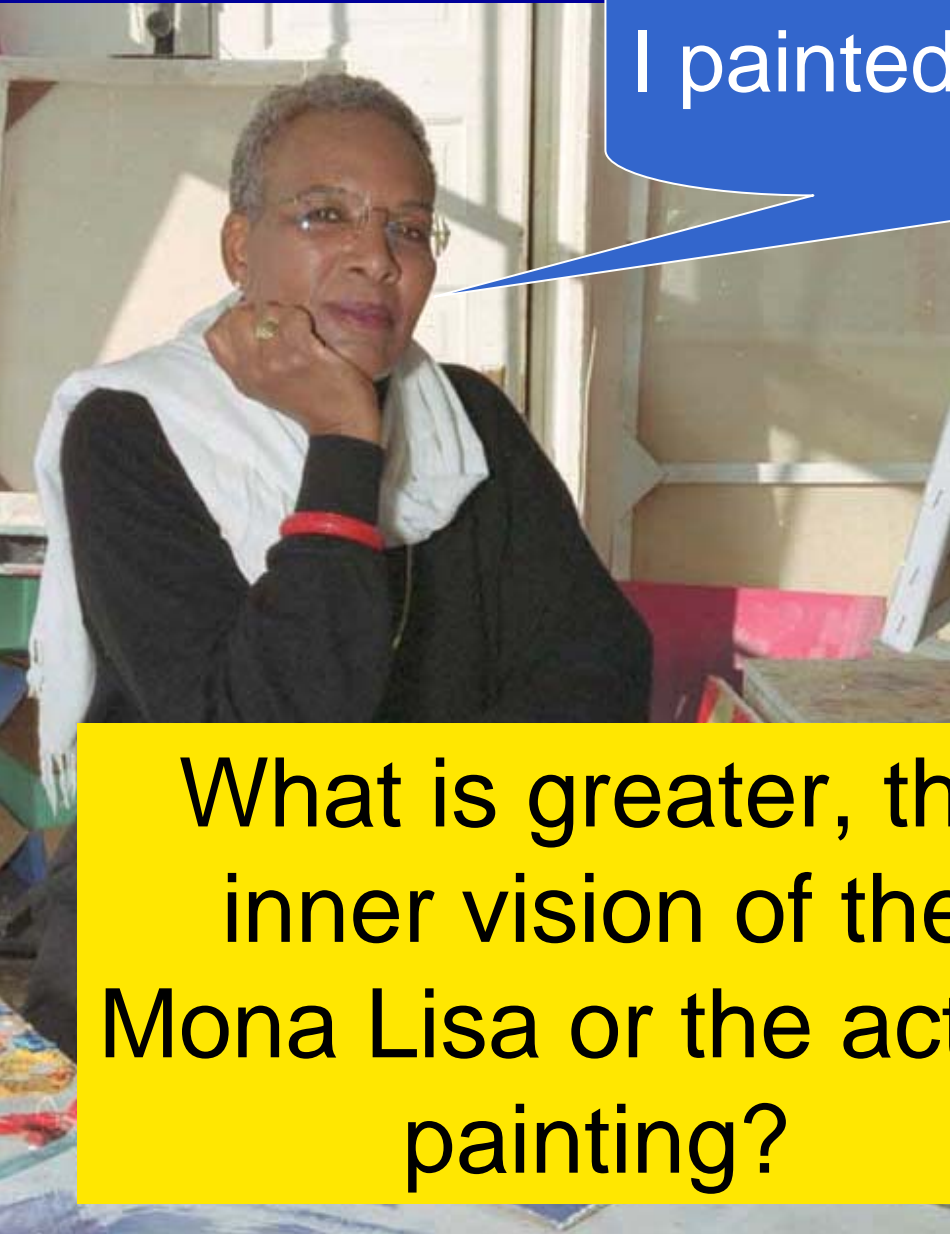
She thinks of the Mona
Lisa, so she
“understands” or
“perceives” the Mona
Lisa



I painted her... She is perfect!!!



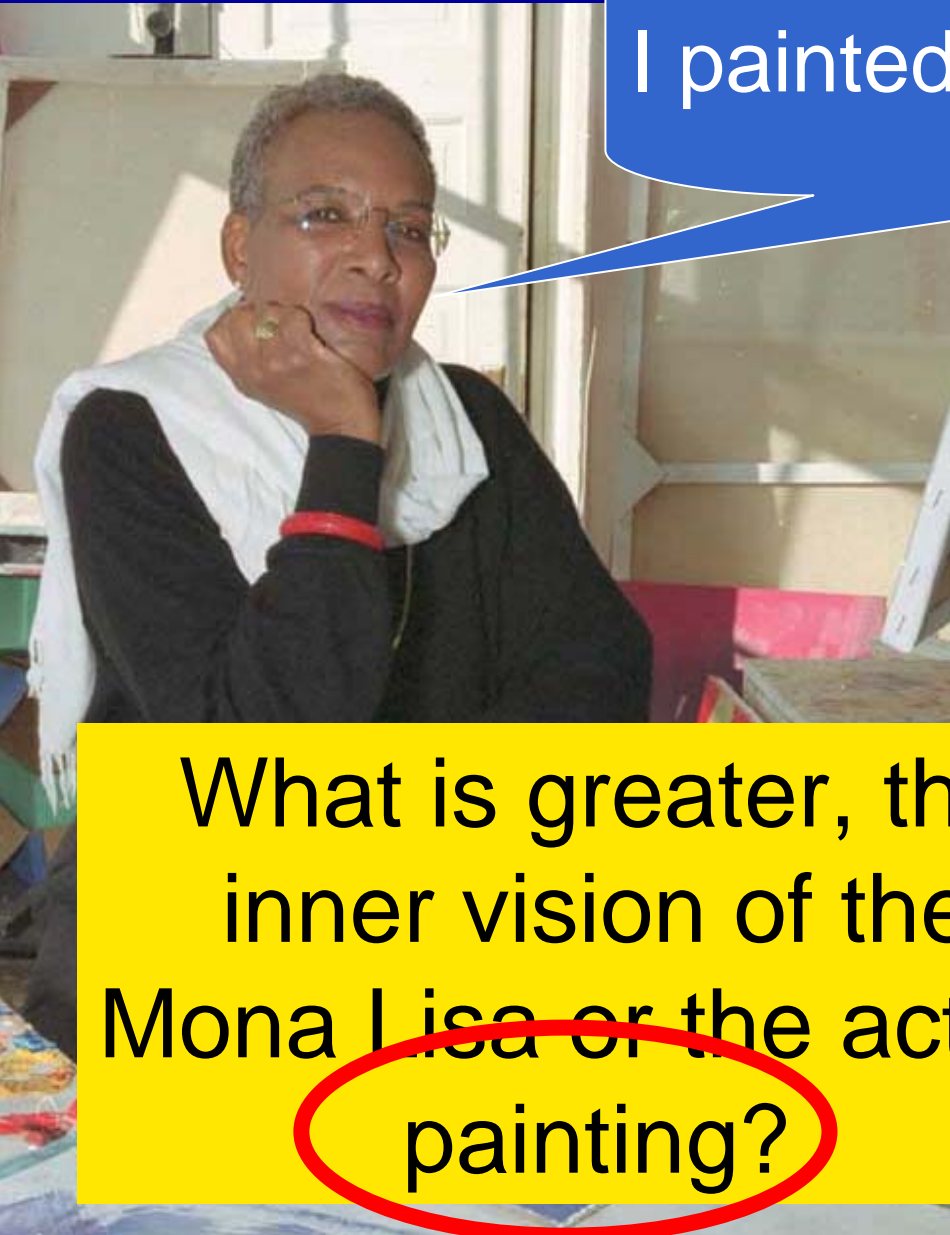
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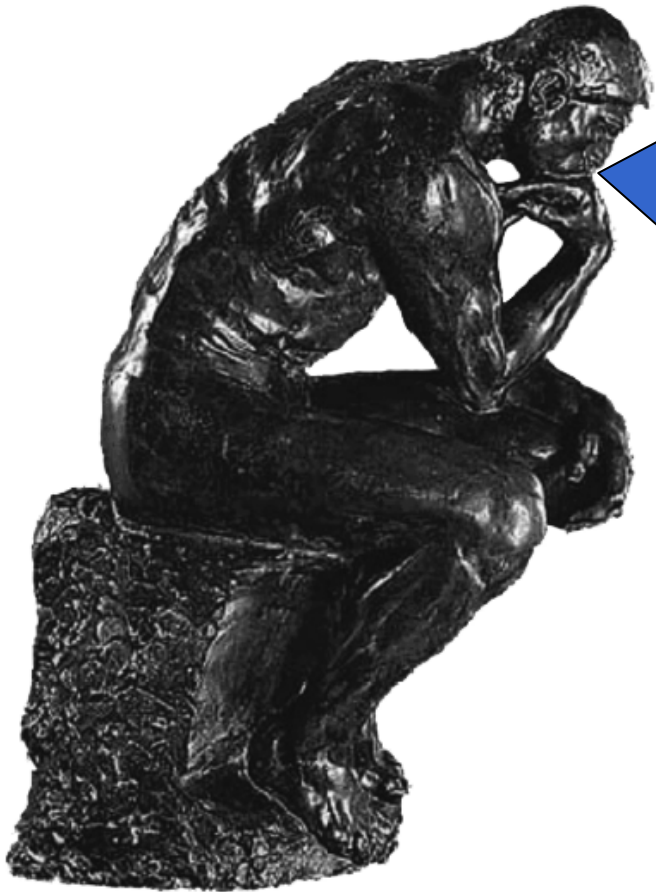


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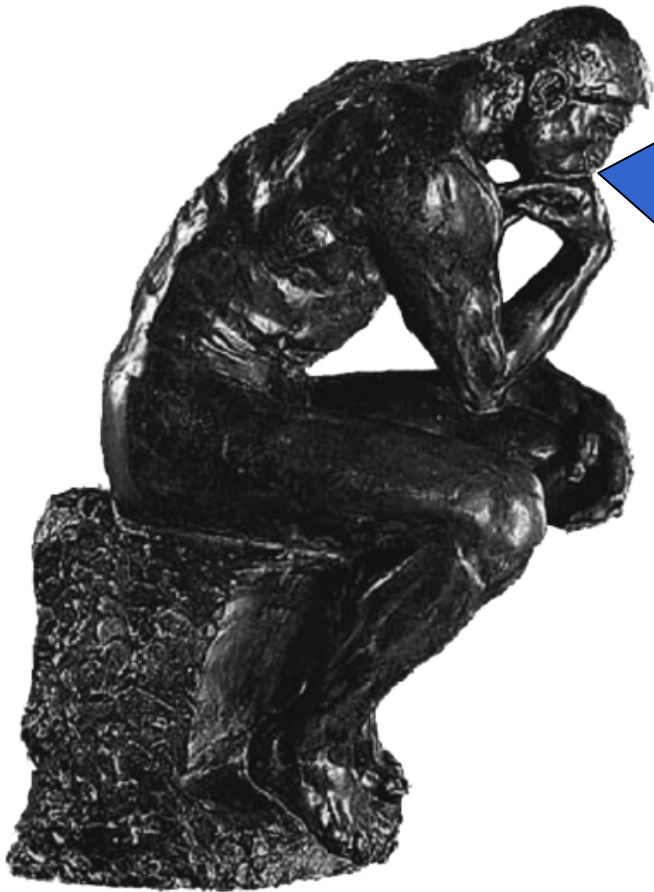
God: the greatest thing
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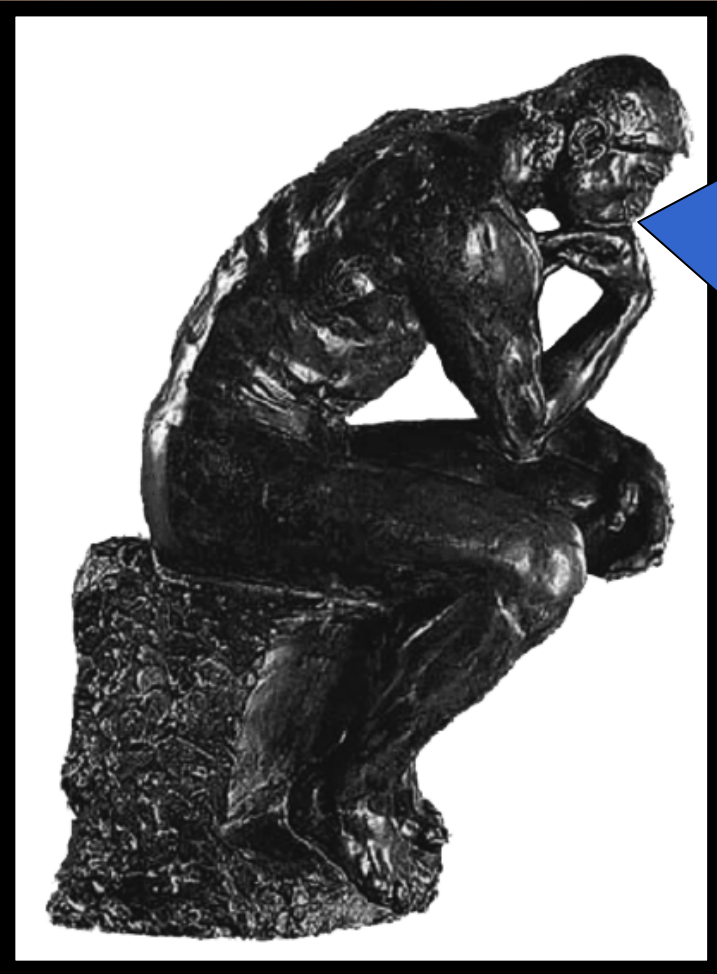
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So these people
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One More Time!!!




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If still in doubt



Why study Anselm?

Discourse on the
Existence of God

Why God Became
Man

Why God Became Man

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Why God Became Man

A close-up, low-angle shot of a fountain pen nib writing on a document. The pen is dark, and the nib is in contact with the paper, creating a small puddle of ink. The background is a warm, golden-brown color, possibly a wall or a light source, creating a soft, atmospheric glow. The pen's shadow is cast onto the paper below it.

Written for two
reasons:

Why God Became Man

Written for two reasons:

1. Believers should delight in understanding our doctrines

Why God Became Man

Written for two reasons:

1. Believers should delight in understanding our doctrines

2. "Be ready to give a satisfactory answer to everyone who asks a reason for our hope"



Could God have redeemed man another way?



Could God have redeemed man another way?

1. Sin



Could God have redeemed man another way?

1. Sin

2. God's Justice



Could God have redeemed man another way?

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2. God's Justice

3. "Vicarious Satisfaction"



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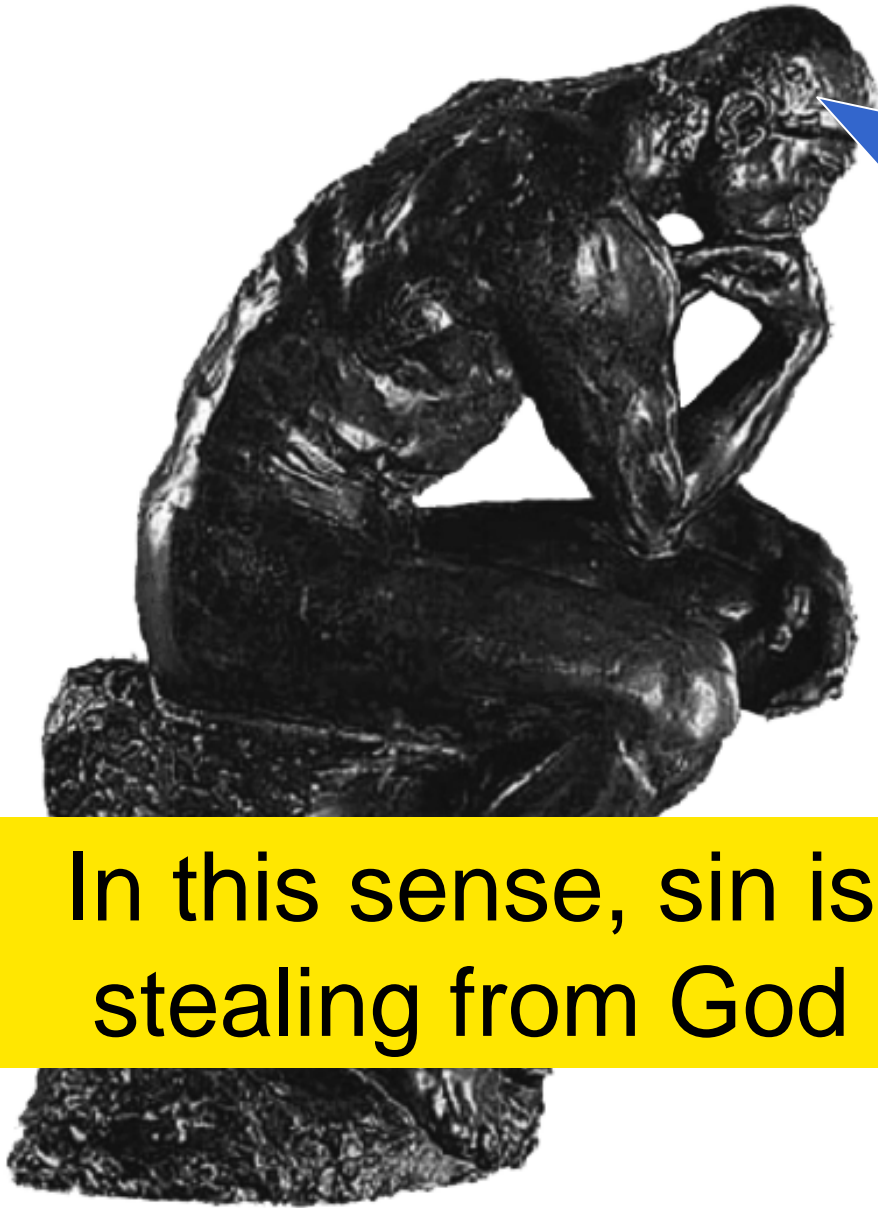
Sin is the problem



Could God have redeemed man another way?

1. Sin

Sin is the failure to give infinite **God** what is His, what He is due



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In this sense, sin is stealing from God

Sin is the failure to give infinite **God** what is His, what He is due



Could God have redeemed man another way?

2. God's Justice



Could God have redeemed man another way?

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God does what is "fitting" ...



Infinite stealing
demands infinite
justice

Could God have
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2. God's Justice

God does what
is "fitting" ...



Could God have redeemed man another way?

3. "Vicarious Satisfaction"



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God pays an infinite price (no other is infinite, therefore no other can pay an infinite price)



Could God have redeemed man another way?

3. “Vicarious Satisfaction”

To be “fitting” for man’s atonement, a man must pay the price



Could God have redeemed man another way?

3. “Vicarious Satisfaction”

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God as Man in Jesus offers a sinless life in voluntary sacrifice



Could God have redeemed man another way?

3. “Vicarious Satisfaction”

To be “fitting” for man’s atonement, a man must pay the price

An infinite meritorious deed that satisfies infinite justice

Points for Home

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“The mind of sinful man is death”
(Rom 8:7)

Points for Home

2. Jesus is our atonement

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“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 Jn 4:10)