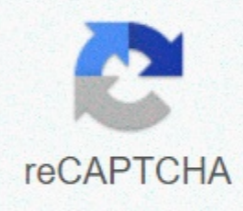




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Scot McKnight writes: Behind the Reformation is Augustine; behind much of modern evangelism, especially in today's reformed circles, is the Reformation. Therefore, at the bottom of the evangelical movement in the reformed circles is Augustine and his anthropology. And behind the anthropology of Augustine (understanding of humanity), which is described in Scot's post, there is a simple misunderstanding of a word in the Bible, a preposition consisting of only two letters. Scot is writing about the New Perspective on Paul, an interesting topic. But my point here is not about that, but about how a misleading biblical translation has led to Christian theology seriously diverted for 1600 years. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) was a great thinker and leader of the church. As a young man he had left his Christian origin and had become a maniman, a follower of an anti-Christian dualistic religion; finally returned to the Christian faith. But he wasn't a great linguist. He could speak and understand only his native Latin, not Greek. And so, to his understanding of the Bible he had to rely on Latin translations. Doug Chaplin recently explained how in Romans 5:12 Augustine took paul's phrase ἐφ ᾧ ἥμαρτον after the Vulgate in quo omnes peccaverunt to be in whom [Adam] they all sinned. (Greek can be transliterated ef ho pantes hemarton.) Well, Augustine didn't really use the Vulgate, which was being translated during his lifetime, but sometimes not very accurate translations into ancient Latin. But his Latin version seems to have been similar to the Vulgate here. Doug continues: Paul's Augustinous ἐφ ᾧ ἥμαρτον as in whom everyone sinned makes him the most disastrous preposition in history. All modern translations agree that their proper meaning is because. More precisely, the most disastrous preposition is ἐφ ᾧ ef', a contracted form of epi that means on. The Greek phrase ἐφ ᾧ ef' ho literally means in what, or possibly in whom, but it is commonly used to mean because, or perhaps in that. The problem is that the Latin representation of ἐφ ᾧ, in quo, is ambiguous between what and in whom (I'm not sure if it can also mean simply because or in that), and Augustine understood it as in whom, that is, in Adam. Thus, according to Augustine they all sinned in Adam, which understood as meaning that because Adam sinned all other human beings, each of his descendants, he counts himself as a sinner. This is his doctrine of original sin, which every human being is born a sinner and deserves death because of it. He may have accepted this idea because he agreed with his ancient Manchea theology. This teaching is fundamental to most Protestants, as well as Catholic teaching today. For example, it underlies the Protestant (not only Calvinist) teaching of total depravity, which the unsaved person cannot do anything good, a teaching for which there is little biblical basis apart from the misunderstanding of Augustine that was followed by Calvin. Augustine was right to oppose the teaching (or supposed teaching) of the British or Irish teacher Pelagius, that human beings are intrinsically good and can be made acceptable to God for good deeds. But Augustine's vision of the matter takes things too far in the opposite direction, beyond what the biblical text can justify. For the much more likely meaning of the Greek text of Romans 5:12 is that they are all counted as sinners because each person has sinned individually. In this view there may be some kind of tendency to sin passed down from Adam to others, but there is no real fault. This is consistent with the teaching of the Old Testament of Ezekiel in which the sinner is the one who will die. The child will not share the child's guilt, nor will the parent share the child's guilt. Ezekiel 18:20 (TNIV) Of course, this verse also undermines the theory of criminal substitute atonement. This post is not about that, but there is certainly a close link between the Augustinated doctrine of original sin and the various ideas of the Atonement. A corrected anthropology without Augustine's original sin probably requires a corrected understanding of the Atonement. But my real point here is the need to be very careful before basing any kind of doctrine on a translation of the Bible. It is almost impossible for a translation to be accurate and unequivocal in its representation of small words as prepositions. Augustine's Latin translation was not really inaccurate, was only overly literal and introduced an ambiguity that was not in the original, such as many translations into English and other languages today. Unfortunately, too many exegetes and preachers today base their teaching on similar misunderstandings of inappropriate translations, and don't bother learning the original languages. Not many of his mistakes will continue to be remembered 1600 years later, but there are serious consequences for bringing a single person diverted by the wrong teaching. Gustav Klimt painting, Death and Life. Source: Google Art Project. Genevieve Scheele's Essay* Introduction The history of biblical exegesis and hermeneutics is not without controversy, and the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Romans is no exception. It has more allusions and quotations from the Hebrew Bible than any other work of the New Testament, but it is not always covered in its Israelite context. References to Genesis play a particularly important role in the central section of Romans with hamartiology and justification. This essay will explore this relationship, also in conversation with Fathers of the Church. Within the Western tradition, Augustine's interpretation has dominated the exegesis of the text, especially with regard to the doctrine of original sin. And because of intertextuality, the exegesis of Augustine of Romans 5 has determined how the Church reads the figure of Adam in the book of Genesis. However, a layer of intertext that has been obscured by interpretive tradition is the cultural and theological meaning of apocalyptic thought, which is undoubtedly present in Paul's writing. If this apocalyptic lens is restored to the evaluation of Pauline Scripture, then the concept of inherited sin can be examined according to an apocalyptic metanarrative about fallen creation and its cosmic redeemer, beginning with the introduction of death and corruption into Eden. Read Paul These problems within the field of biblical interpretation arise from the fact that even in the modern period the Bible has been read not only as a historical document, but also as an authorized text on issues of morality, ethnicity and direct importation into the spiritual life of individuals and the community. As Hans Frei discusses in The Eclipse of Biblical, Premodern (or Pre-Cryptic) narrative, readers understood the Bible as a meta-narrative of which they were a part. Scripture was read literally and typologically, and these readings were unified because the individual is not separated from the text, but as a participant in the cosmic meta-up. Individual participation required typological explanations to explain and warn readers of their role in this metanarrative. It was not a spiritualization or ateliorization of the text, as many have read and read the Bible in the most recent centuries. Rather, it was a composition of individual and cosmic experience, and a unity of the present moment with the ancient narrative. Far from being a matter of mere academic interest, it follows that the interpretation of the Bible was a weighted enterprise with divine power and responsibility. By reinterpreting the text, one could change the very nature of the world as it was known. The natural result was the Catholic canon banning private interpretation of the Bible. Only by consensus, limited by tradition, that power—potentially disturbing of the whole fabric of reality—could be exercised safely. And yet, as Stanley Fish explains, the ambiguity of language is inherent in text. There does not need to be a singular correct reading, but rather that ambiguity is present. Due to the nature of the language, even if it was not the intention, ambiguity becomes part of the text immediately after its creation and, therefore, part of the reader's experience. For Fish, the reader experience is the text and physical text is simply the pattern from which the new text is derived. Consequently, on the basis of a chain of readers' experiences, new texts are formed that comprise an interpretive tradition and a principle/framework, which then determines the experience of the future reader. Against the pre-cryptic perspective of the Bible, this recognition of subjectivity puts into question the reliability of doctrine and dogma. The relevant interpretive focuses for reading Romans 5 are apocalyixism and original Augustinus sin. To examine the apocalyptic, it is necessary to define the apocalyptic worldview, which is not limited to eschatology. As J. Beker writes, modern neo-Orthodox set aside the apocalycology of Paul's theology, reading only its eschatological elements and ultimately summing it all up in Christology. This gives rise to an interpretive tradition between modern Christians driven by a gap between Christology and apocalyptic, through which lens eschatology would naturally be more evident and accessible. The difference between these two facets is that eschatological theology only refers to the events of the day of judgment, while apocalyptic theology is more widely cosmological and deals with the conflict between good and evil. Even if a modern Christian reader were informed of Paul's apocalypse, they most likely understood it eschatologically, and did not understand it as in its fullness. This theme is not limited to eschatological interpretation, but carries ramifications as far away as soteriology, as Douglas Campbell argues. Because of the loss of an apocalyptic lens, what Campbell calls the theory of justification (dominant in Western Christian tradition) reads soteriology through a fundamental timeline that begins with a rational and ethical humanity breaking his contract with God. This requires not only individual punishment, but also a final eschatological judgment, for which Christ's death is the propitiation and substitution of punishment, the effects of which the individual can receive on repentance and faith. In other words, the metanarrative of history is interpreted through the life of an individual, who effectively projects the individual's uproting onto the metanarrative of the cosmos. Eschatology is therefore an aspect within the soteriological life of individuals, a dimension of their hope in Christ as the final judgment over all humanity personally manifested. However, as discussed below, Paul's apocalyptic works disparately from this modern hermeneutic model. Therefore, the tension between apocalyptic and eschatology is another layer of complication after Paul's reception, as it drives hermeneutics, especially in the passage of the Romans being discussed here. While a eschatological, justification theory reads cosmology through anthropology, the apocalypse, on the other hand, reads anthropology through cosmology. There are variations in the details of how apocalism is but Beker sums it up in three basic ideas: (1) historical dualism; (2) universal cosmic expectation; and (3) the impending end of the world. The dualism of apocalyptic is not directly gnostic dualism, because it is rooted in God as the creator of all things, and therefore even evil has its place within the created order. This dualism extends beyond the conflict between good and evil, but extends to law and anarchy, righteousness and wickedness, and life and death. This is often manifested verbatim by the inclusion of the battle between angels and demons as forces for good or evil, for example, in 1 Enoch, where demonic/angelic figures are responsible for the corruption of man. This tradition continued even in the 2nd century, as in Justin Martyr's writings that connects the universality of sin with the devil as a source, rather than an original act in Adam or Eve. Apocalyptic dualism then translates into a doctrine of ages, the number of which for Paul is limited to two: the current fallen age, and the perfect eschatological age, which is inaugurated through cosmic redemption by a pre-existing redemptive figure. This type of messianism and cosmic expectation is not limited to Paul, but is also evident in works such as the Psalms of Solomon, 4 Ezra and 2 Baruch. It is clear that schatology is a critical element of apocalyptic. If there are ages of creation, there is necessarily a final age that, according to the messianism and cosmic expectation, would be the hope that is longed for and expected. The distinction between the apocalyptic and a eschatological lens is that for the first the final judgment is cosmological, while for the second (and the theory of justification) the judgment is anthropological. Moreover, the apocalyptic lens extends beyond the doctrine of the last age to include cosmogony and etiology for evil within the cosmos, and therefore the Messiah is a cosmic redeemer because creation itself is corrupted by evil. Man is redeemed because creation is redeemed, and man is judged because creation is judged. On the contrary, the theory of justification reads redemption and judgment as a collection of people who have confessed or rejected salvation in Christ. Beker argues that Paul's apocalyptic is not antithetical to Palestinian Judaism, but is actually an extension consistent with the Jewish apocalyptic. Although many advocate a distinction between apocalyptic Judaism and pharaic Judaism, this is neither necessary nor necessarily productive. Dietrich Rossler, for example, sees the Tor in an apocalyptic context as mastery of God's faithful covenant promise to Israel. Since many of the Pharisees expected the Messiah to allow man to observe the law perfectly, as well as lead to the common biblical and apocalyptic doctrine of all nations gathered with Israel, the promise to Israel is not a limited redemption, but can extend beyond Israel as a means of cosmic redemption. Apocalyicisim was also the motivation for Jewish revolts against the Romans in both the first and second century. Therefore, it would naturally be part of Paul's phariseal worldview, the central climate and the focus of his thinking. Despite this, he has been repeatedly denied by New Testament scholars. Even E.P. Sanders argues that Paul was only apocalyptic after conversion. This assessment is understandable, since Paul's writing does not strictly follow the conventions of other apocalyptic texts. However, Paul is not writing a narrative, nor prophecy, not even literature of wisdom. Paul's works are epistolary, exe hypothetical and exhibition. There is necessarily a difference in style, and yet the themes of apocalycticity presented above are definitely present and dominant in Paul's writing. Paul's apocalyptic discourse is characterized by prolepsis, in which the present era not only foreshadows the future era, but the new creation is already present in the old age through the event of Christ. N.A. Dahl also observes the correlation of schatology and protology, not only in Paul's writings, but in the early parents: Irenaeus wrote about recapitulation, and taught the apocatastasis of all things. This means that the beginning and the end are united not only in typology, but rather the final expectation was already part of the cosmos from the beginning. In other words, the protos include the eschatos. In fact, the original creation already contains the eschatón, such as the full realization of God's purposes. The new creation is seen as the final establishment and perfection of the former, rather than as an independent and parallel act. This is exemplified in 1 Enoch, where the Son of Man is appointed on the day of judgment as [he] was appointed before creation, which parallels the Adam-Christ doctrine of Romans 5 and 1 Corinthians 15. Therefore, for Paul's apocalypse, there is not simply a parallel between these two ages, but a concurrency of functionality. Creation, the event of Christ and the eschatón are present at the same time. This is demonstrated by the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist: the washing of water distributes the new creation, but it conforms it to the first, and bread and wine mediae the effects of Christ's event. Both use the elements of the old ones to distribute the new, while the eschatón has not yet been realized. This concurrency is present in Judaism, for example, in which the Sabbath points differently to God's original rest, the weekly experience of the devotee, and the Sabbath The observances of Rosh Hoshanah and Yom Kippur also follow this pattern. This unity and unification is not simply temporal, but spatial and relational. The man is to creation, and the restoration of man is the restoration of creation. Nations—specifically Jews and Gentiles, and even the division between man and woman—reconcile with each other. And so, in apocalyptic vision, the individual is not ignored, but subsumed and even instrumental for cosmic redemption. The individual is redeemed because creation is not isolated from it. It follows that the Christ event drives Paul's exegesis and apocalyptic exposure, because Christ is the solution and apocalyptic hope that requires the need to establish for what problem the solution is. Martinus de Boer argues that Paul's mythology explains why the Law is no longer, or is no longer a viable option for those who have come to believe in Christ. Although precisely what elements of Judaism Paul opposes, in all Paul's writings it is clear that he contrasts with Christ and the Law. This dichotomy is part of its inherent apocalyptic lens, as we see it extend to the other dualities already mentioned above: righteousness and sin, life and death, as well as spirit and flesh. The dualism of the apocalyptic is thus reinterpreted through the event of Christ, as Paul illustrates throughout the Roman Charter. Paul sees Christ as the redemptive figure who inaugurates the new age, and just as the eschatón is the type of protos, he must illustrate and explain how Christ corresponds to the initial creation. The solution lies in Adam, who for Paul is not simply a mythical figure, but the true, physical, original progenitor of humanity. In Hans Frei's thinking, Paul would have seen Adam and Christ as part of a narrative in which history is not incidental and unrelated. Literal reading and typological reading are united, so Adam is simultaneously a first literal human, and also a type of Christ. Because creation and final judgment are united, Paul does not strictly read Adam according to Christ or Christ according to Adam, but rather interprets each one in the light of the other. As he articulated in 1 Corinthians, Christ is the author of life through the resurrection, and therefore on the contrary Adam is necessarily the agent of death. Similarly, as Adam is the first created man of the old order, Christ is the first man of the new order. Moreover, Adam represents humanity itself, and so, in contrast to the old and new creation, Paul is also describing old and new humanity, which only adds to the apocalyptic doctrine of cosmic redemption. By extension, if Christ correlates with the new age, the labels of the old and the new also apply to creation, not simply to ages and time. In an apocalyptic sense, if the new creation rectifies and replaces the old one, then there are in the triumph of justice over sin, and the spirit over the flesh. As a result, instead of focusing on demonic powers as other apocalyptic texts do, Paul Paul of the ontological powers of sin and death. His reign is first over the cosmos, and yet also on the individual, and Christ's victory is effective for the individual precisely because it is for the cosmos. While apocalyicisim is essential to understanding Paul, the impact of Augustine's doctrine of original sin is essential to understanding Paul's reception. The exegesis of Augustine of Romans 5 became a fundamental principle of Western doctrine. In short, the doctrine of original sin holds that all men sinned in Adam (as in a mass of bulk) and therefore inherit the sin and guilt of Adam, including the unborn and the babies. His exegesis is based on the Latin translation of Greek, and a particular construction that is problematic to translate into any language. As Naomi Seidman argues, once a word has been translated, its meaning range is limited. So when the ambiguity of the Greek text lends itself to a variety of interpretations, Latin translation significantly limited understanding. However, as discussed below, previous Latin and Greek parents did not write any doctrine of origin of sin as explicitly as Augustine did. In addition, the Orthodox Church continued without its formulation and remains in modernity without it. Catholicism and its descendant interpretive traditions, on the other hand, have inherited and maintained the doctrine of Augustine as a paradigm through which the whole Bible is read, and especially Genesis 3 and Romans 5. Although theologians such as Erasmus and Luther began studying the Greek text in the 16th century, they were so entrenched with the doctrine of Augustine that they could only extrapolate the original sin of Romans 5:12. Erasmo at least fought with him and discussed some alternative interpretations, but in the end, as a faithful Catholic, he was obliged to say that Augustine's doctrine was the best reading. Even now in the 20th and 21st centuries, the paradigm of original sin governs the work of those who are scholars of Greek. In addition, traditions of Latin origin also have Augustine to greatly appreciate the transition from an apocalyptic/cosmic lens to an individual approach to reading all of Scripture and especially the Romans. There are two general ways in which Augustine and his interpretive tradition are understood. The first is in line with what Benjamin Myers argues in his article, A Tale of Two Gardens, that Christians read Paul to ease a troubled conscience, not for matters related to the great drama of the history of salvation, and that all this comes from augustine's rereading of Romans in his Confessions. Robert Jewell says it even louder than Myers, claiming that the Augustin tradition... interprets the as an individual pardon. Confessions of Augustine, Myers argues, is simply his interpretation of the Romans recounted through story of his own life. This is the extreme end of what Frei discusses as the unity of the literal and typological readings of Scripture. Augustine not only participates in the meta-leveling of Scripture, but his life is the meta-leveling of Scripture. Paula Fredriksen, however, struggles for a different reading of Augustine that is not so self-centered, but still individual and anthropocentric. For Augustine, the inner life of man is the sovereign sand of God's work of redemption, and the main problem Paul addresses in the Romans is the work of law and grace. The heart of the epistle for him is Rom 7, the torment of the saint in the face of his divided will, which only God can heal. In other words, Fredriksen argues that Augustine is not filtering Paul through his own life, as many have argued. However, he reads the Romans through the lens of the individual man and his struggles, rather than the apocalyptic perspective Paul and the apologists shared. The doctrine of original sin is thus crucial and explains why Adam's sin is shared with all men: it is essential that every man break God's original commandment. Being to blame for this action, every man will be judged (eschatology), therefore every man requires that God's grace be redeemed from sin and avoided from such judgment. However, we understand this now, this Augustinian lens is another layer added to the Latin interpretive tradition, since most readers understand Paul's works individually, even with the consequence that many writers have exhibited about Paul's psychology. (For simplicity, I will refer to this as Augustin tradition or Christianity.) Therefore, readers are bound by this perspective, and without unlearning their paradigms, they are unable to read out of that box and even consider the cosmic narrative of the apocalypse. It is not that the apocalyptic lens excludes the individual, since as a universal narrative it naturally includes the individual as part of the collective. Individualistic reading, on the other hand, necessarily excludes cosmic reading. Romans 5 The second half of Romans 5 is a summary of what is understood as the Gospel. Man's need for a redeemer is demonstrated by the universality of sin and death, and therefore man is helpless and therefore requires salvation. But Christ, who is a type of Adam, has come to reverse the condition caused by Adam. Sin is triumphant by righteousness, and death is triumphant by life. There are several ways to systematize the Romans, but each of them is, of course, contingent on the paradigms by which the text is read. Chapters 1–4 are typically read as a summary of justification, particularly in with the individual. Beker argues that Romans 1–5:11 could be understood as addressing the Jewish nomistic audience of the Roman Church, while Romans 6–8 are addressed to Gentiles/Gentiles Section of the Church. In this case, 5:12–21 is a summary and transition between these sections. Douglas Campbell, however, argues that Paul's purpose in writing the letter to the Romans is to protect against hostile counter-missionaries, and therefore contains not only the gospel of Paul, but criticism of his adversaries. This is significant because it indicates that Paul's writing is not only cataphasic, but also an apophasic

apologetic to draw the boundaries of proper doctrine, which is why it is salvation. Campbell summarizes what he calls the theory of justification and his modern reading of Romans 1–4 in five critical principles: 1) humanity is individual, rationalistic, and self-interested; 2) God is a figure of authority of strict justice; 3) humanity is ethically incapacitated; 4) Christ's Atonement is the mechanism of satisfaction of justice; and 5) faith is the stipulation to receive salvation. The following explanation of Romans 5:12–14 tends toward Campbell's systematic decomposition of the structure of the Romans and far from the theory of justification. Διά τοῦτο ὥστερ δὲ ἔνός ἀνθρώπου ἡ ἁμαρτία εἰς τὸν κόσμον εἰσῆλθεν καὶ διὰ τῆς ἁμαρτίας ὁ θάνατος, καὶ οὕτως εἰς πάντας ἀνθρώπους ὁ θάνατος διήλθεν, ἐπὶ ᾧ πάντες ἥμαρτον. (Romans 5:12 NA28) Therefore, just as through a man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sins (NASB) I will argue that according to an apocalyptic framework and more faithful understanding of the Greek text, the importation of this segment is less concerned with the origin of sin than by the origin of death. Death here refers at least to physical death, but it is likely to also refer to something heavier: a total death of the tangible and intangible. The problem with the strict use of this segment to discuss sin is that its grammatical ambiguity can be manipulated to argue anything eisegetically, as exemplified in the disagreement between Augustine and Pelagius. Even Erasmus argued that the text could be read in such a way as to support the reading of Pelagius, and therefore concludes that it is a weak text text for the traditional doctrine of original sin. And so, considering that Paul soon compares Adam's death to the life caused by Christ, rather than being the concern of Paul's proposal, the emphasis here is death. Even compared to 1 Corinthians 15, which focuses on christ's resurrection, dualism is between life and death. The enemy in that passage is death, and the resurrection is the means of victory. His thesis is that if Christ does not rise, then death is not conquered, and there is nothing to preach. The enemy you submit isn't just but the final enemy is death. By proxy, righteousness and sin are corollaries with life and death, not principlal agents. This distinction exemplifies the division between an apocalyptic reading and an anthropological reading, the latter of which necessarily emphasizes sin to teach the need for justification. It is significant that Paul indicates that it was sin that entered the cosmos, and the death that passed on to men. If there is no distinction between the points of the word, then the point is debatable. However, some early interpreters distinguished between these statements, so in order to maintain the ambiguity of the text, it is important that we maintain the distinction between these propositions. Although sin is undeniably a companion to death, Paul begins this section of his letter by articulating the need for a savior to distribute life, and with it righteousness. With this perspective, ἐνός ἀνθρώπου ἡ ἁμαρτία εἰς τὸν εἰσῆλθεν is subordinate to εἰς ἀνθρώπου: ὁ διήλθεν. Simply starting with a man who entered sin does not mean that Paul is discussing his origin. What it does mean is that in an apocalyptic way, it is making creation the beginning of the cosmic condition of Death and Sin for which a redeemer is needed. As described above, for apocalyptic, creation and redemption are timeless united, present at the present time. The remaining transition between these two propositions is, διὰ τῆς ἁμαρτίας ὁ, which could be read as through the act of death by sin entered, through the condition of death by sin introduced, or even because of death by sin introduced (as a result of sin). Whatever way this is read, the general meaning of prayer can be understood that sin is involved in the activity of introducing death to all mankind, due to one man. In other words, death is the active agent, while sin is only instrumental. Also, note that Paul does not present this segment with The Transgression of a Man, but simply through a man. His focus is on who from the source of death, contrasting the who from the source of life. Even when Paul mentions parabasis (transgression), it is within the καὶ ἐπὶ τοὺς μὴ ἁμαρτήσαντας ἐπὶ τῷ ὁμοίωματι τῆς Ἀδοῦ. He is not necessarily making a point about an original act of sin that initiates sin in humanity. Because Paul is discussing the universality of death, then it could be understood that he is referring to the universality of both death and sin. It begins not through Adam, but through man. If I wanted to emphasize sin as you enter through Adam as a person, he could have used Adam's name as he does in the next line. However, for one man he emphasizes both the individual (hay) and the humanity of Adam. Consequently, the entry of sin depends on Adam's humanity and his individuality. And according to Bultmann, in most passages, anthropo means man in his creature humanity, and that also means man in his relationship with God. In addition, Bultmann defines A as specifically referring to the creator, who configures Paul's representation of the messiah as a cosmic redeemer. Moreover, because God is creator, and Christ is God, He is necessarily the author of life. As Paul connects the redeeming moment with creation, he defines the opposite of the apocalypics of life as death, for which Adam must be the source as the picture of Christ. In this light, sin is the companion of death in the sense that it is contrary to God's will, replacing a relationship with God with a relationship with oneself. So death cannot also be understood as a disturbance of a basic human state? If humanity is both man's relationship with the self and with God, consequently death is not only the end of physical life, but ontologically a corrupt existence. The lapse of man cannot be strictly read as an individual experience, but rather as the initiation of a cosmic condition of separation from the creator. This would be the condition of which not only man, but all creation would require a redeemer. The most controversial and ambiguous phrase in Romans 5:12 would be the ᾧ ἐπὶ ᾧ ἥμαρτον, as it is the critical phrase for Augustine's original sin, as well as the greatest variable among the interpretations of the other early parents. It's clear that everyone has sinned. But is sin the reason death passed to all men? Or has everyone sinned something? And if so, what have they sinned about? Many have taken the first line of interpretation, that men die because they sin. This would be in accordance with what Paul says in Romans 3:23, that death is the wage for sin, which clearly implies physical death. But is that the most faithful interpretation yet? Comparing this example of ἐπὶ ᾧ with the other three Pauline uses (2 Corinthians 5:4, Philippians 3:12 and 4:10), because it appears to be the weakest possible translation. It is not necessary, as several of the Fathers of the Church interpreted it as such. On the other hand, if it's a prepositional phrase, what's the antecedent of ho? Granted that the antecedent is a noun, the only possibilities are a o, since it is feminine. It's the nearest choice, which makes it more likely than the election, however, it still doesn't necessarily rule it out. If it's the it must take death as more than physical death, because physical death as the cause of sin is illogical, because the dead cannot act in any way, let alone sin. If the antecedent is the antecedent, then Augustine's interpretation is not impossible, nor would it be Pelagius's, as Adam's would be the pattern upon which all other men sin. The antecedent could also be one of three propositions: through a man, sin entered the cosmos; death entered through sin; death passed to all men. Or even so, the ᾧ could refer to the whole of this idea, as the conclusion of the entire sentence. However, as because of the syntactic distance it was less likely than, the first two clauses are unlikely. And so we have three options left for the ᾧ: ἐ; spread to all men; or the concept composed of a man as the source of death, as well as sin, for all men and creation. ἄχρι γὰρ ἁμαρτία ἦν ἐν κόσμῳ, ἁμαρτία δὲ οὐκ ἔλλογεῖται μὴ ὄντος, (Romans 5:13 NA28) For until the Sin Law was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. (NASB) Just as Stanley Fish argues that the experience of re-reading creates the text, much of the interpretation and translation in verse 12 is contingent on the way verse 13 is read. What does Paul intend for him? The most likely possibilities are mosaic law or natural law, both of which have been argued. Mosaic law is a natural interpretation, considering that it was the standard representation of the Torá in the LXX. And yet, if it is understood that it is the Tor, then there is an enigma for verse 12: Why do men die if there is no law, and no charges are attributed? Paul is including a time before the Torá, and then how can men be punished for their failure to observe something that has not yet been instituted? Due to the lack of an article for the text, natural law provides a less worrying reading of the text. This is probably an expected ambiguity. Paul's understanding of the relationship between sin and the law is expanded in chapter 7, in which he argues that the law is the means of knowledge of sin, and that the law is what makes sin functional. And yet sin through the law causes death, and the commandment remains holy and just. This at first seems like a paradoxical statement. This passage supports interpreting the law as something broader than simply the law of mosaic, which is what Origin argues when reading this text. For if knowledge of sin comes by law, how could Adam and Eve have known that they had done wrong without mosaic law? Every transgression is sin, according to its biblical use. If there really is a form of law since principle, even before Moses, then Romans 7 could be read not only biographically concerning Paul, but even Adam. Adam. Sin, opportunity through the spoken command, engued me and through it put me to death (7:11). If Romans 7 is read not only as the experience of Paul, but also that of Adam and each individual, then the apocalyptic pattern of prolepsis continues. ὅλλ' ἐβασίλευσεν ὁ θάνατος ἐπὶ Ἀδοῦ μέχρι Μουούσεως καὶ ἐπὶ τοὺς μὴ ἁμαρτήσαντας ἐπὶ τῷ ὁμοίωματι τῆς παραβάσεως Ἀδοῦ ὃς ἐστὶν τύπος τοῦ μέλλοντος, (Romans 5:14 NA28) However, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even on those who had not sinned in the likeness of Adam's offense, who is a type of The One who would come. (NASB) Turning to verse 14, it seems that verse 13 is best understood as a paraphrasis, as Paul continues to use his main approach to death. Death reigned from Adam to Moses. This seems to contradict the earlier statement that sin is not considered, if it is understood that death is the punishment for sin. And yet what if death and sin are taken as related but separate realities? Because if it is understood that the law is mosaic, how can there be death if sin is not counted? If the meaning of the Torá is emphasized, then death must mean something other than judgment for sin, or the result of sin. This would also complicate a reading in verse 12 that insists that sin is the cause of death, because if death is the consequence of sin, and is judged by the Tor, but there is still no Torá, how can there be death from Adam to Moses? He then continues to demonstrate that natural law is a much better understanding of the page in verse 13. Imputation in this context must be something other than punishment, whatever it is. Here in verse 14, Paul is demonstrating the mastery of death to contrast it with The Dominion of Christ. The middle part of this verse has also been read in a diverse and ambiguous way. Isn't about those who sinned according to the likeness of Adam's transgression, or those who did not sin according to the likeness? Both possibilities have been taken, but in the end, the push is that death reigned regardless of transgression. The last sentence leads to his comparison between Adam and Christ: the kind of one to come. It should be noted that particples could be masculine or neutral, and similar phrases have been interpreted in rabbinical circles as the age to come. However, since for Christian hermeneutics the age to come and Christ are functionally synonymous, there is little need to expand that possibility. Given an apocalyptic point of view, there is no need to distinguish between any of these possibilities. For some Pauline cross-references, in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul's position on the resurrection, the actual existence of Adam, and the claim that events that occurred in Genesis 3 are essential to Christ's Resurrection. All people have their humanity through Adam, as Adam's own name means, human or humanity. Similarly, all men receive death because of that humanity shared with Adam. It is therefore because of Christ that everyone becomes alive. The resulting motto would be that if everyone is dead through Adam because of their humanity, then they are all alive through Christ because of their humanity. And just as humanity participates in Adam's sin, all mankind can, or does, participate in the e of Christ. However, those who receive the resurrection do so only on the last day, as Paul says, will be made alive, even though they all died (ἀποθνήσκουσιν οἱσὶν) with Adam (1:15:22). Their containment is not only about humanity, but about time. Adam's death is a current reality, and the life of Christ is a future reality. Here, as in the Romans, the main contrast is between death and life with sin as a corollary, but not the focus. Paul later illustrates in this chapter that Adam's death is essential to the resurrection of Christ, or of any man: In this way it is the resurrection of the dead. What is shown in corruption arises in incorruptibility (1 Co 15:42). This line of thought is also demonstrated in the work of Solomon's Second Temple of Wisdom, in which it is written that God made man incorruptible, the same word used here in Corinthians, and that death is the opposite of incorruptibility (Wisdom 2:24). Adam's death is not merely physical, but is administered to the soul as understood by the word corruption. Adam's flesh, the body passed on to him, is dishonor and weakness. What is unclear about verse 44 is whether Paul argues that the ψυχικός becomes the, that man has both, or whether there are separate types of men for ψυχικός and. His prooftext is Genesis 2:9, proving once again that Christ's redemptive work is based on his humanity. Because Adam became a living soul, the Adam eschatos is a life-making soul. This comparison immediately emphasized Christ's humanity in relation to Adam, but designates him as a creator of life, and highlights his divinity. The following line might clarify verse 44, in which as you draw a timeline between Adam and Christ, there is a timeline between the ψυχικός and the. Similarly, the first man is physical—of dust—and the second man is spiritual, of heaven. Early parents Due to the ambiguity of the Greek text, where there were uniform interpretive patterns, there were actually a variety of ways in reading Romans 5. And yet no father—Greek or before Augustine exempts a doctrine of inherited sin. As David Weaver argues, Weaver, their opinion on the grammatical issue, Greek writers without exception understood that this inheritance was an inheritance of mortality and corruption, without an inheritance of guilt, which for them could only result from a freely committed personal act. The first Greek parents were not concerned about the origin of sin, so they did not look at this passage for that resolution. And as previously considered, the fathers of the second century were especially concerned apocalyptically, focusing on demons as the source of evil and sin between creation. It is not necessarily that they would not exstrate inherited sin, but was not a question they were trying to answer. The oldest exegesis of Romans 5 is by Justin Martyr, in which man is referred to as fallen to the power of death and... in the mistake of the snake from Adam. In defense of the statement made above, we can see the pattern of death and corruption even in this first brief. And so are the beginnings of an interpretive tradition to read both Genesis 3 and Romans 5, and particularly through an apocalyptic lens. This pattern is demonstrated again in Against Inherited from Irenaeus, in which he wrote that man was destroyed by disobedience and fallen under the power of sin, the first statement demonstrating the principle of death as a cosmic power, and the second of sin as a cosmic power. It also says of man, who had been dragged by sin into slavery, but was sustained by death. Slavery is essentially the concept of sin in itself, but the corruption that unies with men. And still Irenaeus is not talking about man as inherently having sin, but rather under slavery drawn by sin, not for sin itself. Moreover, death in this formulation remains the most powerful force, even worse than corruption and sin. And so, in that apocalyptic sense, even Irenaeus explains that death is the reason why man needs a redeemer. The interpretation of Origin of Romans 5, as well as all its commentary on the Romans, is unique, as well as broad and detailed. First, it defines the nalo or carnal aspect of man, so sin entering the cosmos means sin in the flesh. Consequently, it is this part of man to which the saint dies when crucified with Christ. Likewise, he is man, for he realizes that he is created in the image of God. This is not too far from Bultmann's explanation of the Pauline vocabulary, as discussed above. However, although Bultmann strictly reads the Thanatos as physical death, Origin employs a concept of death that is beyond the physical, his reasoning being that Christ had no sin and yet died. Thus, although all physically die, death passes through those who know that they are in the image of God— who have become anthropoi—so that don't die spiritually. Another unique interpretation of Romans 5 in Origin is verse 13, in which he argues that sin is not imputed without law because it is not until an individual has conscious awareness of the law that sin is imputed, thus interpreting the law to be not only natural law, but natural law in a personal context. In general, in an apocalyptic pattern, Origin sees material existence as sinful and corrupted for two reasons: first, because it assumes that pure intellects had strayed from God's contemplation; and secondly, because material existence was itself a product of this fall, and therefore had an inherently lower order of existence in which intellects had tarnished. The only exception was the divine Logos, the only un fallen intellect that voluntarily entered the world and assumed a material existence for the purpose of returning fallen intellects to his natural contemplation of God. The difficulty of evaluating the reading of Origin of the Romans is that the Greek original is no longer extension, so we can access the problematic Latin translation of Rufinus. In addition, much of our perception of Origin has been shaped by post-originit criticism. Still, what is accessible in terms of reading Paul's Origin follows the apocalyptic pattern, with Christ as a cosmic redeemer and man as totally helpless. The interpretation of Origin in verses 12 and 13 also naturally fits within its paradigm of redeeming the mind, which is why nomos and thanatos would be interpreted psychologically. This also shows that Origin received and propagated the Alexandrian tradition that Origin had received and propagated, which included Philo's hermeneutics of reading literally and allegorically side by side. So it is not surprising that Didymus speaks of a similar way of corruption transmitted from Adam, not sin. Write: Adam was uncorrupted before transgression, after transgression, he became corrupt; and therefore successive generations had corruption. Therefore, the Savior had the likeness of this flesh, unless His flesh saw no corruption. Corruption is the status of humanity after lapse, with sin as inevitable. The significant view for the Greeks was that sin was necessarily individual, and one man could not be held responsible for another man's guilt. And so corruption has fallen, material ontology for humanity, but every man naturally produces sin if he is judged, and for which he dies. In light of the apocalyptic contrast in Romans 5, Didimus depicts Christ as the reverse of the fallen condition, in order to inaugurate redemption. Didymus' Commentary on Genesis even more about the origin of the fallen condition, and we can see this pattern of corruption before sin. Though Didymus speaks of Adam being uncorrupted before transgression, in his of Eve, she necessarily suffers some state of corruption before acting, because she heard, processed, and was persuaded of the snake's lie. Write in his Commentary on Genesis: This was the devil's intention to deceive the woman; He leads her to think that God is jealous, and makes promises of lavish with the intention of deceiving her in the word: You will be like gods, knowing good and evil (v. 5). And, After being thirsty, in the word of the serpent he took with full consent and ate to bring the writing to term. Therefore, according to an Alexandrian and oratoru perspective, she represents meaning and emotion as corrupted to mind and reason. In other words, man is ontologically corrupted before making the conscious decision to put his hand to sin. The closest vision to original sin among Greek writers would be Cyril of Alexandria, who describes the effects of sin being inherited, which still conforms to the Greek pattern of thought. For Cyril, salvation was necessary because of man's corruption and passibility, and therefore why Christ was incarnated so that through union and union with Christ, man would be impassive. Sin is thus a natural result of corruption and passibility, so if man is restored to impassibility and incorruption, redemption of the patterns of sin would be included. This would be in line with the doctrine of the resurrection of 1 Corinthians, in which Paul states that what is sown corruptible arises incorruptible. Therefore, Cyril speaks of inherited corruption. Weaver summarizes Alexandria's position as the impetus for the effects of sin using the analogy of billiard balls. The impulse or movement of the ball is passed from one ball to the next, but the movement is not inherently a quality of the ball, and yet it determines the behavior of the ball, and can be transmitted by it to another ball. And so the Greek position can be summed up in that sin is not a status that is transmitted to all mankind. Rather, the material fallen nature of humanity, which in turn is the result of initial Edenic transgression, inevitably leads to personal acts of sin for which man is punished and accountable. The pre-Augustinian views that come closer to its doctrine are mainly African parents, particularly Tertullians and Cyprians. Weaver writes: Tertullian, more than any of his predecessors, underlines the participation of all mankind in Adam's sin and the resulting tendency toward the sinful that humanity has inherited. And yet, even if he maintains that mankind participates in Adam's sin, he does not speak of mankind inheriting Adam's sin. In fact, he still claimed the emphasized the weight of individual sin, not emphasizing an inherited sinful state or its guilt. Even Tertullian speaks of a which is not explicitly inherited sin, however, it still aligns with the tradition of Alexandria. We have little Cipriano, but what he says is in the context of child baptism: [the child] has not sinned, except in that, at birth physically according to Adam, he has contracted the contagion of the ancient death by his first birth. The child comes much easier to receive forgiveness of sins because the sins remitted are not his own, but those of another. Since it is not an exegesis on Romans or Genesis, but a text on child baptism, it should be read differently from texts that are explicitly exegetic. Still, we see that the Cyprian first emphasizes that man inherits Adam's death, and then that the baptism a baby receives is for the sins of another, not his own. Does this imply that it is adam's sin? Not necessarily, but chances are you're referring to some concept of inherited sin. Before examining the reading of the text by Augustine, it is important to understand the Latin translation. Although Augustine was a little familiar with Greek, he was not skilled enough to exeger Scripture in Greek, so he relied entirely on the Latin text. propterea sicut per unum hominem in hunc mundum peccatum intravit et per peccatum mors et ita in omnes homines mors pertransiit in quo omnes peccaverunt. There are two key things about the Latin translation of Romans 5:12 that affect Augustine's doctrinal development. The most important is the in quo, which translates the ambiguous ὁ ἐπὶ ἔσ discussed above. Although ἐπὶ's original ᾧ means about or a sense of cause and reason, Latin translation into reduces a broad local and logical preposition to a very limited semantic possibility within. This removes all ambiguity from the ᾧ of ἐπ. The in quo doesn't translate correctly as because, or about anything. Without this semantic rank, Augustine had to establish what was the antecedent of the quo, in what have they all sinned? I knew it wasn't a sin, because I knew Greek enough to recognize that she's grammatically feminine and that the history of the quo is necessarily masculine. The only other options were death and man. If death is only understood in the physical sense, then it is a difficult reading to support. Thus Augustine concluded that all men sinned in Adam, sharing Adam's sin and guilt. The second problem with translation is that it is very likely that the text with which Augustine was working has set aside the second reference to death, and therefore it would seem that sin, not death, passed over all men. And so for Augustine, his doctrine was fully validated by the Latin text, especially against the individualistic doctrine of Pelagius. Depending on the context of the apocalyptic, the largest with the reading of Augustine and the resulting Latin tradition it is not the doctrine or interpretation itself, but rather the forced and artificial limitation of interpretive possibility along with the change of perspective that accompanied individual men rather than a cosmic metanarrative. Theodore of Antioque, a tough contemporary of Augustine, wrote about this doctrine as an heresy. I didn't know it directly like Augustine's, but through Jerome. The points of this heresy are articulated as such: 1) the sins of mankind by nature, not by will, 2) babies are not exempt from sin, 3) no one has ever been just, 4) even Christ Himself was not pure of sin and was therefore incarnated only in appearance, and 5) marriage, sexual desire, etc. are the result of fallen and sinful nature. [48] With this reception, the consequences of the paradigm of original sin on the text are already manifesting contemporaries to its development. Because of Augustine's reading of the Romans, Adam's sin is not his, but must be shared with all the individuals of mankind, and is therefore a nature that men must repent of. Practically, it is then a basis for child baptism, as individual babies necessarily require forgiveness of Adam's sin that they have inherited, while among the Greeks there was an ongoing debate about the validity and necessity of the practice. Human righteousness would be of particular importance in interpreting Genesis, as it would affect the understanding of imago Dei, which was a central focus of Greek soteriology. If no one has ever been righteous, that Adam and Eve have not either before they sinned. What then leads to the fourth point: if no one has always been righteous, then Christ had not been born free of sin and corruption either. So the natural conclusion for a Greek theologian would be that Christ was not pure of sin, or not truly embodied. And therefore this would affect soteriology, for the incarnation of Christ is fundamental to the functionality of salvation and. The question of sin and death as coming from Adam is not an independent and separate idea from the rest of theology. Because even if it is treated in isolation without regard to the metanarrative, it will affect an entire theological system. Christology depends on it, and that is exactly why Paul passes chapter 5 of Romans comparing Adam and Christ. According to Paul, Christ's salvation depends on his identity as a descendant of Adam and heir to mankind. If Christ as a human receives sin, he cannot be a redeemer. By the logic of Alexandria, then it must not have been truly human if it were truly pure of sin. What happened in Genesis 3 is the reason for Christ and the opposite of his work. If Christ Messiah is not free from this fallen condition, how can he be the cosmic redeemer? And so Adamology through Pauline theology is critical soteriology and Christology. When all these factors are considered with the apocalyptic metanarrative, the individual is a participant, and therefore included, but not the focus. Conclusion And, therefore, it is important to consider interpretive communities when evaluating any text, because they tell us how the text has been read and how it has been read on. Over time they create layers of interest that need to be sifted for a proper explanation. As presented above, amongst all Catholic and Protestant scholars are affected by Augustine, as they inherit an interpretive tradition in which Adam's sin and guilt is native to all mankind. However, this would be unthinkable for Greek parents. And yet modern scholars, even reading the Greek text, do not reach the same reading of the early parents. There is a unified reading of different readers of the Augustinian tradition, but several readings among those of the Orthodox Church that avoid the doctrine of Augustine. As Stanley Fish would say, it makes an objective reading inaccessible. The reader cannot read the text without presumption, and on that basis he will read in the text what he has been taught, not necessarily what the text says. It complicates obtaining intentional reading, and in a Fishian sense, now there is only the reader experience of this text. And it is a text that has shaped Latin Theology for 1600 years, how we see sin, Adam and Christ. *Thank you goes to Professor Layton, who so kindly oversaw this newspaper and all the hours of Greek reading that went into it. And especially my dear Blake, without whom I would not have found my love for theology and patriotic writings. 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