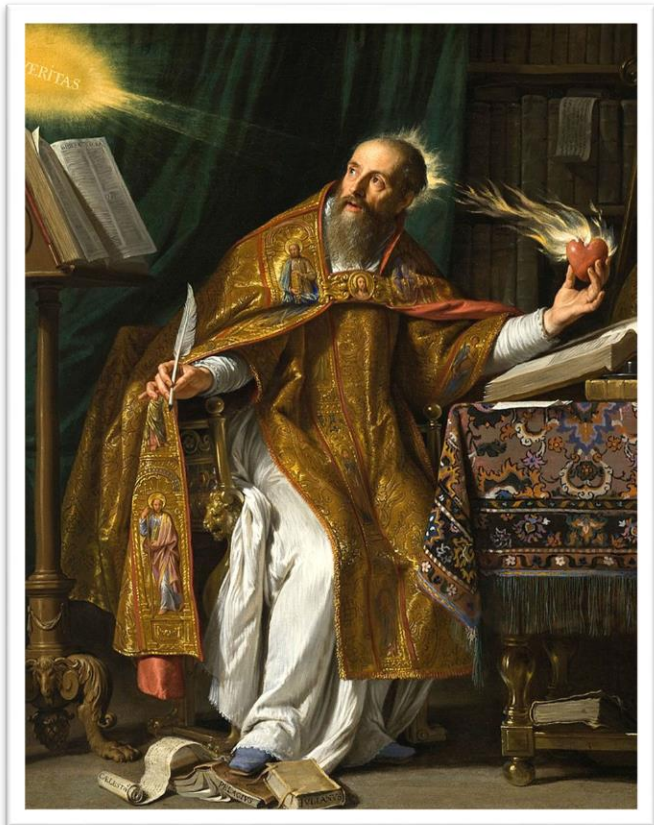


## Lesson 2: What does Augustine say about conscience?

In this lesson we are going to look at the theologian Augustine who lived over 1,600 years ago! A theologian is someone who studies God.



**Label the painting of Augustine with some of the interesting things we can learn about him just by looking at it.**



Augustine, even though he lived 1,600 years ago, acted in ways that we can probably all recognise as being naughty and, perhaps, against our own conscience.

**“O my God! What miseries and mockeries did I then experience when it was impressed on me that obedience to my teachers was proper to my boyhood estate”**

***Augustine, Confessions***

**“We were sinning by writing or reading or studying less than our assigned lessons. For I did not, O Lord, lack memory or capacity, for, by thy will, I possessed enough for my age. However, my mind was absorbed only in play, and I was punished for this”**

***Augustine, Confessions***

**Do you recognise any of yourself in these confessions?**



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God is perfectly good

People ignore God's voice and listen to others

People sin by making bad moral choices

### Augustine's view of how conscience works



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God is perfectly good

People must listen to God's voice

People make the right moral choices



A sin is .....



We have to decide whether we should share our birthday cake equally or whether we should eat most of it ourselves. How would Augustine say we could help make this **moral decision**.

Use the word **conscience** in your answer

I think Augustine would say .....

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