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Against Academicians And The Teacher



Synopsis

These new translations of two treatises dealing with the possibility and nature of knowledge in the face of skeptical challenges are the first to be rendered from the Latin critical edition, the first to be made specifically with a philosophical audience in mind, and the first to be translated by a scholar with expertise in both modern epistemology and philosophy of language.

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It is a great dialog between St. Augustine and his sixteen years old son Adeodatus about the concept of teaching. They answer a question, who is the real teacher in our life. A very theological and intellectual dialog and lecture at the same time, a new quality, a unique quality one may state.

This book was well done and exactly what I expected, being somewhat familiar with other of his works. As Augustine's other similarly titled works, it was a well thought out attack "AGAINST" philosophers and rationalists. The Teacher was very well written and I think properly translated.

What a teacher!

I am a novice philosopher. I found (like any Augustine work) to be instrumental in my development as a student of the scriptures, and philosophy. Things discussed mostly in this book are relevant to philosophy today and thought provoking. Mostly the first section of the book has very little discussion

by Augustine himself, rather, between two students of his who talk about if the wise man can know wisdom, what is wisdom and such (won't spoil the ending for you) and topics about the Academician views of philosophy where they state the wise man cannot know wisdom (or assent to anything at all for that matter). The second section, The Teacher, is Augustine's dialogue between him and a student over what things such as names are. What the purpose of talking is and signs. Although not the most exciting work out there, this book is a must for anybody who wishes to understand some basic philosophical concepts. Also, this book is not like The Confessions, The City of God, or The Trinity. This book is meant to be a philosophical, not theological book, although there is some theology contained in it.

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