

Pelagianism

Most signif. int. controversy. P is daughter of legalism +
but from deism.

British monk named Pelagius. Pelagius = pertaining to sea.

1. Denied view of race. Wrote at exco. X's making for failure.
2. Denied necessity of grace

- ∴ Men might be sinless if they chose.
- ∴ Doct of original sin not Scriptural
- ∴ Prevenient grace unnce.

Human responsibility implies human ability.

2 forms of Arminianism

a. Dutch - Faith is 1st cause of justification. 1st movement in
sal. is from us to God. Arminius lived + died a Calvinist.

b. Wesleyan: Total dep. Will depend, but
prevenient grace has led all men to place where they
may cooperate with God's grace.

Pelagianism traced orig. sin to bad example of Adam + all who
followed. Can't show that if you make 50 good decisions
you would make the 51st a good one. Seems there can
be no such thing as growth in character. Man is always in
state of equilibrium. But can't show you would do
either!

SLT - Almost all wrong preaching I hear is semi-Pelagian
(not P.d. bec it is evangelical). Assumes a freedom of a will
= has power of itself to turn to God. e.g. "God has done all He
can do; decision rests with you."

SLT man's will is free in sense that he makes decisions in accordance
with his disposition which is "bonds to sin". SLT bel. in
human responsibility

Aug. said free will OK, i.e. man can make a decision, but added that man predisposed to sin.

NT. doesn't use term free will. But neither Trinity.

Aug. said will free by grace. A \times man free will
Unborn man does not have free will except free to sin.

Semi-Pel is reaction in RC ag. Aug. will has some innate ability to turn to God. = Evangelical.

Theme is Semi-Pel - SLT SLT preaches that man is a free agent but doesn't have a free will.

Whitfield Mel^d in bondage of will & was greatest evangelist.

Dalton's biography, p 467

Pelagianism #2

Hist of The Controversy & Aug's answer

I. Intro.

A's Theol. worked out from Script. No middle line
bet. A. & Pelagianism.

II. Hist of The Controversy. Sa Warfield

Hydra - - a rejected

Aprin 416 - Condemned

Ephesus 431. Nestorian & Pel. condemned

Semi-Pel. Condemned 2nd Synd of Orange July 3, 529

III A's answer to Pel.

A. Necessity of grace. A. was a realist re Adam's

Sin, not federalist. A was seminal as was LSC

SLT is federalist. Will as a faculty is free but

people today understand free will as ability to decide.

Will is free but men are not free (A + SLT)

Free agency is ability to make decisions. Will as a
faculty is determined by sinfulness of man acc to A.

Effectual grace = infallible grace = irresistible grace.

Many Calvinists don't accept common grace at all

McC. denies effects of fall. Van Til argues for common
grace.

B. Nature of grace. It is assistance from God which acts
on free will & liberates it from bondage of sin.

It is prevenient & post-tetition

C. Effects of grace. Releases man from slavery to sin.

Some proof of election is that one perseveres to end - J. Edwards

Worfield on Augustine

I. Aug.'s life

334 AD. Modern Xa. further past page. N Africa (mod. Algeria) Int in school. 386 Skeptic. 386 converted at Milan. 388 ret to Africa 430 died as bishop.

II. Writings of Aug. 5 Masterpieces

1. Confessions: analyzes his rel. exp.
2. Concerning Xa doct.: principle of Bible expostion
3. On Faith, Hope & Charity
4. On Trinity
5. On City of God: foundation for rational plod of heart

III. Influence of Aug.

A. Aug as Theologian (?)
Division of RC ch into E & W done by him.
Dominated by principle of self-exist. GK
Subordinationist tendencies in its Theol.

B. Aug as Ch. Teacher.

Defended Catholic faith. True founder of RC by his doct of ch. A. had idea of ^{Congregation} Communion of saints but organized hierarchy of ch took precedence. A's confession helped by Donatists (if bapt. by priest who wasn't godly, bapt. didn't count). Ch is true instrument of know of God. RC. ch is movement to A.

C. Aug as Thinker

"I believe that I may understand" was founded by Anselm, but that was Aug's. Monism of A leads to mysticism. Misuse of Aquinas leads to scholasticism. From A. came Descartes. Ontological arg. traceable to A. Created science of plod of heart in his City of God.

