

Reading of the Anti-Donatist Sermons: A Journey through Oxford Studies in Historical Theology

A Glimpse into the Donatist Controversy

The Donatist Controversy, a pivotal moment in the history of Christianity, emerged in North Africa during the 4th century. At its core lay the contentious issue of the validity of sacraments administered by clergy who had compromised their faith during times of persecution. This theological dispute ignited a fierce debate between the Donatists, who maintained the invalidity of such sacraments, and their opponents, led by the renowned theologian Augustine of Hippo.



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The Anti-Donatist Sermons: A Treasure Trove of Patristic Thought

Augustine, a prolific writer and influential thinker, left behind a vast body of work that continues to shape Christian thought and practice. His anti-Donatist sermons, delivered over the course of several years, offer a captivating window into the heart of the Donatist controversy. These sermons, meticulously preserved and studied by scholars, provide invaluable insights into Augustine's theological arguments and his profound understanding of the nature of the Church.

Reading of the Anti-Donatist Sermons: A Modern Exploration

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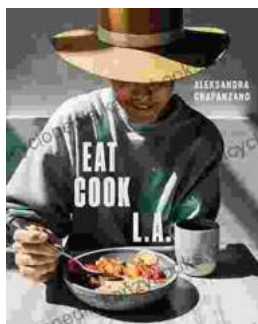
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