

Augustine & Manichaean Christianity

Programme



First South African Conference on Augustine of Hippo
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The African theologian and philosopher St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) is often considered to be the most influential person in Church history and, sometimes, even of the whole intellectual history of humankind. Before he became a member and bishop of the orthodox (Catholic) Christian Church, he was an adherent of Manichaeism for more than ten years. Did Manichaeism exert any lasting influence on his ideas? Already his contemporaries answered in the affirmative. Julian of Eclanum, for instance, a Catholic bishop from Italy, accused Augustine of still being a Manichaean: 'a leopard can't change its spots or a Black (! "Aethiops") its skin ...'.

Recent discoveries have brought to light highly important new Manichaean texts. From the Greek *Mani Codex*, an extremely small parchment booklet discovered in Egypt, it became clear that Mani (216-276) was raised in a Jewish Christian community near present-day Baghdad. The Codex reports that he received revelations from his heavenly Twin or Double (Greek: *Syzygos*) and after a decisive revelation in April 240 he became a missionary who considered himself Christ's Paraclete. Mani preached his Gnostic-Christian message in the Persian Empire and beyond. Millions of people were (and some still are) members of his Church. Soon Manichaeism spread to North Africa as well. Augustine became an adherent of this Gnostic-Christian Church in 373.

The many new discoveries of Manichaean texts (particularly from Egypt, for instance through the very recent excavations in the Dakhleh Oasis) call for a new reading of Augustine and for a re-interpretation of many foundational ideas of our common intellectual history. Did Augustine remain a Manichaean indeed? And if so, what did (and still does!) that bring about?

Tuesday 24 April 2012

Venue (near UP): Karee Bloem Guest House and Conference Center, 179 Marais Str., Brooklyn, Pretoria, 012 460 0677 / 082 574 7127

15:45 Coffee and Tea

16:00 Meeting and Press Conference
Welcome and brief commemoration of
24 April 387: The Night of St Augustine's Baptism in Milan: From
Manichaeism via Scepticism to Catholic Christianity

Presentation of *In Search of Truth: Augustine, Manichaeism and Other Gnosticism. Studies for Johannes van Oort at Sixty*. Edited by Jacob Albert van den Berg, Annemaré Kotzé a.o.

Presentation of researchers in the field and their recent books and discoveries (i.a. Prof. Gardner on the excavations and newly discovered Manichaean texts from the Dakleh Oasis, Egypt; Prof. BeDuhn on the new edition of the *Kephalaia* in the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin and on his trilogy *Augustine's Manichaean Dilemma*; Prof. Franzmann on her books *Jesus in the Manichaean Writings* and *Jesus in the Nag Hammadi Writings*).

17:00 Closure and refreshments

Free admission. All persons interested welcome!

Representatives of the press: please contact Ms Yolande Steenkamp at ysteenka@gmail.com or 0716736732.



Wednesday 25 April 2012

Venue (near UP): Karee Bloem Guest House and Conference Center, 179 Marais Str., Brooklyn, Pretoria, 012 460 0677 / 082 574 7127

9:00-9:15 Opening: Prof. Julian Müller, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria;
Introduction to the Congress theme:
Prof. Johannes van Oort (Nijmegen & Pretoria)

Chair: Dr Annemaré Kotzé, Dept. of Classics, University of Stellenbosch

9:15-10:00 Prof. Jason BeDuhn (Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, USA):
'Not to depart from Christ':
Augustine between 'Manichaeism' and 'Catholic' Christianity

10:00-10:30 Tea

Chair: Prof. Jurie le Roux, Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria

10:30-11:15 Prof. Therese Fuhrer (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany):
Night and Days in Cassiciacum: the anti-Manichaean Theodicy of
Augustine's *De ordine*

Wednesday 25 April 2012 (continued)

- 11:15-12:00 Prof. Iain Gardner (University of Sydney, Australia):
Mani, Augustine and the Vision of God
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch at Karee Bloem Guest House
- 13:30-14:30 Break
- Chair: Prof. Christina Landman, University of South Africa, Pretoria
- 14:30-15:15 Prof. Majella Franzmann (Curtin University, Perth, Australia):
Augustine's View of Manichaeism and Manichaean Practice
at Kellis (Dakleh Oasis, Egypt)
- 15:15-15:30 Break and Refreshments
- Chair: Prof. Johannes van Oort, Nijmegen & Pretoria
- 15:30-16:15 Dr Jacob Albert van den Berg (Groningen, The Netherlands):
Investigations into the Manichaean Bishop Faustus' Biblical Quotations
- 16:15-17:15 Invited meeting on Handbook of Manichaeism (two volumes, ca.
1000 pp.in series *Handbuch der Orientalistik / Handbook of Oriental
Studies*, Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden-Boston).

Thursday 26 April 2012

Venue (near UP): Karee Bloem Guest House and Conference Center, 179 Marais Str., Brooklyn, Pretoria, 012 460 0677 / 082 574 7127

Chair: Prof. Rodney Moss, St Augustine College, Johannesburg

9:15-10:00 Dr Annemaré Kotzé (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa):
Augustine and his Manichaean Audience:
Some Narrative Strategies in the *Confessions*.

10:00-10:30 Tea

Chair: Prof. Andries van Aarde, Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria

10:30-11:15 Prof. Nils Arne Pedersen (University Aarhus, Denmark):
Manichaean Exonyms and Autonyms (incl. Augustine's writings)

11:15-12:00 Prof. Johannes van Oort (University of Pretoria & University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands):
God, Memory, and Beauty: A Manichaean Analysis of Augustine's *Confessions*, Book X

12:30-13:30 Lunch at Karee Bloem Guest House



Thursday 26 April 2012 (continued)

13:30-14:30 Break

Chair: Prof Amie van Wyk, North-West University, Potchefstroom

14:30-15:15 Prof. Andreas Hoffmann (University of Siegen, Germany):
Die Wenigen und die Vielen: Ein Motiv in der Auseinandersetzung
Augustins mit den Manichäern.

15:15-15:30 Break and Refreshments

Chair: Prof. Graham Duncan, University of Pretoria

15:30-16:15 Prof. Otto Wermelinger (Université de Fribourg, Switzerland):
Augustine's Discussion with the Manichaean Bishop Faustus (*paper in
absentia*)
Drs. Gijs Martijn van Gaans MA (Oosterhout, NL):
The Capitula of Faustus of Milevis: Central Themes and Possible Sources
(*presentation PhD project*)

16:15-17:15 Meeting of the Board of the *Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies* (Brill
Academic Publishers, Leiden-Boston).



Friday 27 April 2012

Excursion

Registration: for the congress proper (25-26 April):
please contact Ms Yolande Steenkamp at ysteenka@gmail.com or 0716736732.

Admission fee (to be paid on arrival at Karee Bloem):
R 100 per day (incl. coffee, tea, muffins etc.; additional lunch available at Karee Bloem)

Book display: During the conference, most important and recent scholarly books both on Augustine and Manichaeism will be on a display organized by Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden-Boston. These and many other books are available at reduced conference prices. Scholars of all relevant fields of study are welcome to meet Ms Louise Schouten ([Schouten@brill.nl](mailto:schouten@brill.nl)).

The Conference Lecturers

Jason BeDuhn (Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, USA):

Prof. BeDuhn is involved in the publication of Coptic Manichaean codices in the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin. He published numerous articles and many book on Manichaeism, such as *The Manichaean Body in Discipline and Ritual* (Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press 2001) and a number of books on Manichaeism in the series Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies (Leiden-Boston: Brill 1997, 2001, 2007, 2009). Presently he is completing his trilogy *Augustine's Manichaean Dilemma*, the first volume of which is available since 2010 (*Augustine's Manichaean Dilemma: I: Conversion and Apostasy, 373-388 C.E.*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press).



Jacob Albert van den Berg (Groningen, NL):

Dr van den Berg is a Dutch Reformed pastor at the Martinikerk in Groningen. In 2009 he completed his PhD in Theology at Radboud University Nijmegen (*cum laude*): *Biblical Argument in Manichaean Missionary Practice: The Case of Adimantus and Augustine* (Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 70: Leiden-Boston: Brill 2010). His present research focuses on the Biblical quotations in the work of North African Manichaean Bishop Faustus. Did the North African Manichaeans use a Bible text that was different from the Bible of the Catholics and Donatists?

Majella Franzmann (Curtin University, Perth, Australia):

Apart from numerous scientific articles on Manichaeism (incl. the new text from the Dakleh Oasis) and related subjects such as Mandaeism, Prof. Franzmann published many books, for instance *The Odes of Solomon: An Analysis of the Poetical Structure and Form* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht 1991), *Jesus in the Nag Hammadi Writings* (London: Continuum / T&T Clark International 1996, 20042) and *Jesus in the Manichaean Writings* (Edinburgh: T&T Clark International 2003).

Therese Fuhrer (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany):

Prof. Fuhrer is a Swiss Classical scholar who started her career in Bern and, after Trier, Zurich and Freiburg, moved to Berlin. She published numerous articles and many books on Classical subjects and on Augustine, for instance: *Die Auseinandersetzung mit den Chorlyrikern in den Epinikien des Kallimachos* (Basel-Kassel: F. Reinhardt 1992); *Augustinus. Contra Academicos vel De Academicis, Bücher 2 und 3* (Berlin and New York: Walter de Gruyter 1997), and *Augustinus* (Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft 2004).



Gijs Martijn van Gaans (Oosterhout, NL)

Drs van Gaans MA studied Ancient History and Religious Studies at Radboud University Nijmegen. He first specialized in Nag Hammadi Studies and later in both Augustine and Manichaeism. A teacher of history at a Dutch College of higher education, he is preparing a dissertation on the Manichaean bishop Faustus. This year his first scientific publications appear in *Vigiliae Christianae. A Review of Early Christian Life and Language*.

Iain Gardner (University of Sydney, Australia):

Prof. Gardner authored and co-authored a great many of book and articles on Manichaeism and, as one of its main editors, published on the Dakleh Oasis finds and the Coptic Manichaean texts from Medinet Madi, *inter alia*: *Coptic Theological Papyri II. Edition, Commentary, Translation, with an Appendix: The Docetic Jesus*, I-II (Mitteilungen aus der Papyrussammlung der Österreichischen Nationalbibliothek – Papyrus Erzherzog Rainer, N.S., 21, Wien: Verlag Brüder Hollinek 1988); *The Kephalaia of the Teacher. The edited Coptic Manichaean Texts in Translation with Commentary* (Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 37, Leiden-New York-Köln: E. J. Brill 1995); *Kellis Literary Texts*, I (Oxbow Monographs; Monograph Dakleh Oasis Project 4, Oxford: Oxbow Press 1996); *Kellis Literary Texts*, II (Oxbow Monographs; Monograph Dakleh Oasis Project 15, Oxford: Oxbow Press 2007); etc.

Andreas Hoffmann (University of Siegen, Germany):

Prof. Hoffmann is a specialist in Patristics with focus on Roman North Africa. He extensively published on Cyprian (d. 258), and on Augustine and Manichaeism, for instance: *Augustins Schrift "De utilitate credendi". Eine Analyse* (Münsterische Beiträge zur Theologie 58, Münster: Aschendorff Verlag 1997); *Kirchliche Strukturen und Römisches Recht bei Cyprian von Karthago* (Rechts- und Staatswissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der Görresgesellschaft 92), Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh 2000.

Annemaré Kotzé (University of Stellenbosch, SA):

Dr Kotzé is a Classical scholar who specialized in Augustine. Apart from her 2003 Dissertation for the Degree of Doctor of Literature at the University of Stellenbosch, which was published as *Augustine's Confessions: Communicative Purpose and Audience* (Supplements to Vigiliae Christianae 71, Leiden-Boston: Brill 2004), she authored many articles on Augustine and the issue of a (possible) Manichaean audience. In most recent years she increasingly explored the problem of protreptic and/or paraenetic writing, both in Augustine and other ancient authors.

Johannes van Oort (University of Nijmegen; University of Pretoria)

Prof. van Oort authored and co-authored many articles and some 25 books, mainly on Augustine, Manichaeism, and Augustine's influence in the Reformation. Perhaps most well known became his doctoral dissertation (Dutch 1986; 4th ed. 1995; English: *Jerusalem and Babylon. A Study of Augustine's City of God and the Sources of his Doctrine of the Two Cities*, Leiden etc.: Brill 1991), his book on the Gospel of Judas (*Het Evangelie van Judas. Inleiding, vertaling, toelichting*, Kampen: Ten Have 2006, 4th ed. 2007), and *Mani, Manichaeism & Augustine: The Rediscovery of Manichaeism & Its Influence on Western Christianity*, Tbilisi: Academy of Sciences of Georgia 1996 (5th rev. ed. 2003).



Nils Arne Pedersen (University of Aarhus, Denmark):

Prof. Pedersen is a specialist in Coptic, NT studies, Manichaeism and Patristics. Apart from many articles, he authored the following books: *Studies in The Sermon on the Great War. Investigations of a Manichaean-Coptic Text from the Fourth Century* (Århus: Aarhus University Press 1996); *Demonstrative Proof in Defence of God. A Study of Titus of Bostra's Contra Manichaeos --- The Work's Sources, Aims and Relation to its Contemporary Theology* (Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 56, Leiden-Boston: Brill 2004); *Manichaean Homilies. The Manichaean Coptic Papyri in the Chester Beatty Library* (Corpus Fontium Manichaeorum, Series Coptica vol. 3, Turnhout: Brepols Publishers 2006).

Otto Wermelinger (Université de Fribourg, Switzerland):

Prof. Wermelinger specialized in Augustine and became famous for his book on Augustine's opponent Pelagius (*Rom und Pelagius. Die theologische Position der römischen Bischöfe im pelagischen Streit, Päpste und Papsttum* 7, Stuttgart 1975). He was the organizer of an Augustine conference in Algeria, the papers of which appeared in two volumes as: *"Augustinus Afer": saint Augustin: africanité et universalité* (Fribourg: Éditions Universitaires & Algér: Haut Conseil Islamique d'Algérie 2003). One of his most recent publications, together with J. van Oort and G. Wurst: *Augustine and Manichaeism in the Latin West. Proceedings of the Fribourg – Utrecht International Symposium of the IAMS* (Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies XLIX, Leiden–Boston–Köln: Brill 2001; repr. in paperback 2012).

