

# The Mysterious Life of the Heretic Who Became a Saint



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The life of Saint Pelagius was full of twists and turns. He was born into a wealthy family in Gaul, and he received a classical education. However, he also became interested in the teachings of the heretic Pelagius. Pelagius denied the doctrine of original sin, and he believed that humans could achieve salvation through their own efforts.

Pelagius's teachings were condemned by the Church, and he was excommunicated. However, Pelagius continued to teach his beliefs, and he gained a large following. Pelagius's followers were known as Pelagians, and they were considered to be heretics.

Saint Pelagius was one of the most prominent Pelagians. He was a brilliant theologian and a gifted orator. He wrote several books defending

Pelagius's teachings. Saint Pelagius's writings were widely read, and they had a significant impact on the development of Christian thought.

In 418, Saint Pelagius was summoned to Rome to answer for his beliefs. He was interrogated by Pope Zosimus, and he refused to renounce his teachings. As a result, he was excommunicated.

Saint Pelagius spent the rest of his life in exile. He continued to teach his beliefs, and he gained a large following among the laity. He died in 429, and he was buried in Jerusalem.

After his death, Saint Pelagius's followers continued to spread his teachings. Pelagianism became a major heresy in the early Church. However, it was eventually condemned by the Church, and it is no longer considered to be a valid Christian doctrine.

### **Saint Pelagius's Legacy**

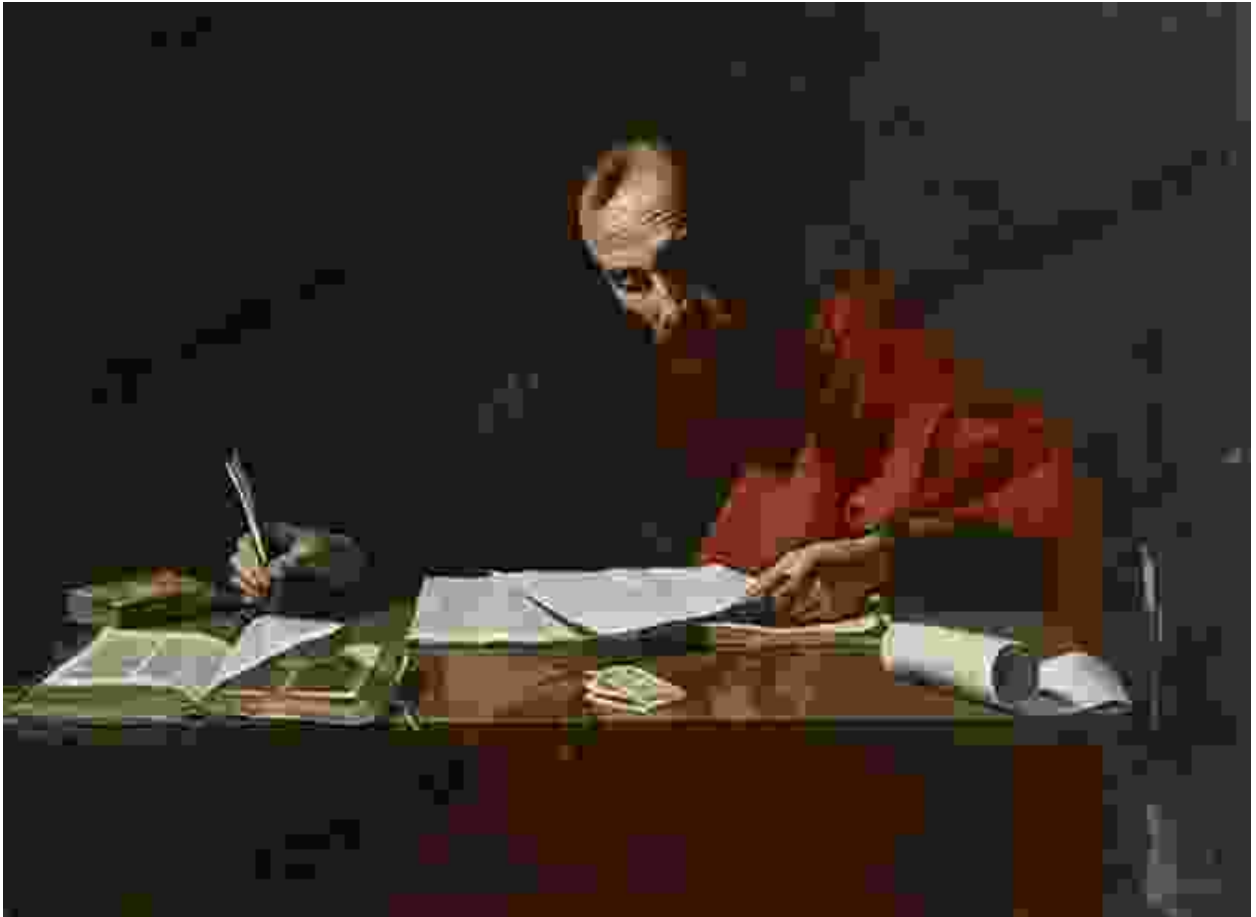
Saint Pelagius was a controversial figure in his own lifetime. He was condemned as a heretic, but he also had a large following among the laity. His teachings had a significant impact on the development of Christian thought, and they continue to be debated today.

Saint Pelagius's legacy is complex and multifaceted. He was a brilliant theologian, a gifted orator, and a devoted Christian. However, he was also a heretic who was condemned by the Church. His teachings continue to be debated today, and they offer a valuable insight into the development of Christian thought.

### **Further Reading**

- Saint Pelagius in the Catholic Encyclopedia
- Pelagius in the Encyclopedia Britannica
- Pelagius and the Origins of Medieval Heresy by R.A. Markus

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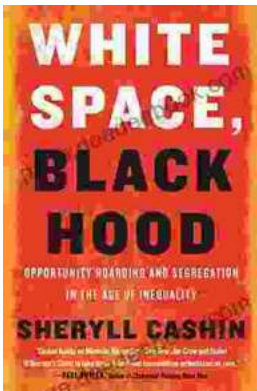
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