

Augustine's Beautiful mind

• doesn't solely retain images/sounds - They are replaced in the memory (p.188)

"We do not draw images through our senses, but discern them inwardly as they really are"

* process of learning: p.189

• conversion (p.140): a matter of will

↳ will to choose: (p.113)

• Evil + suffering: (p.115)

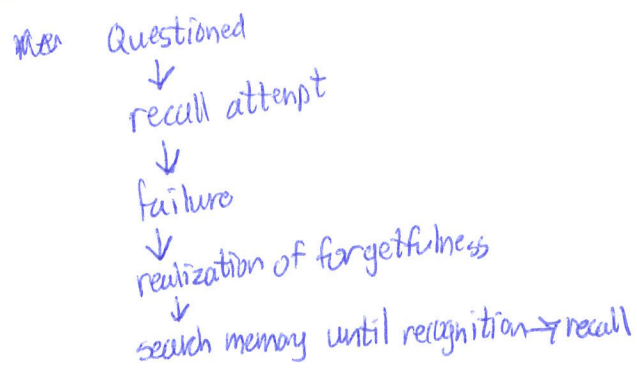
• Forgetfulness: (p.193)

Memory of Ambrose's sermons

- huge impact on him
- struggling to realize what he didn't believe
- eloquent & interesting
- listening to him made him want to learn more
- Pg 88 "My pleasure was in the charm of his language" "In content there could be no comparison" "Ambrose taught the sound doctrine of salvation"

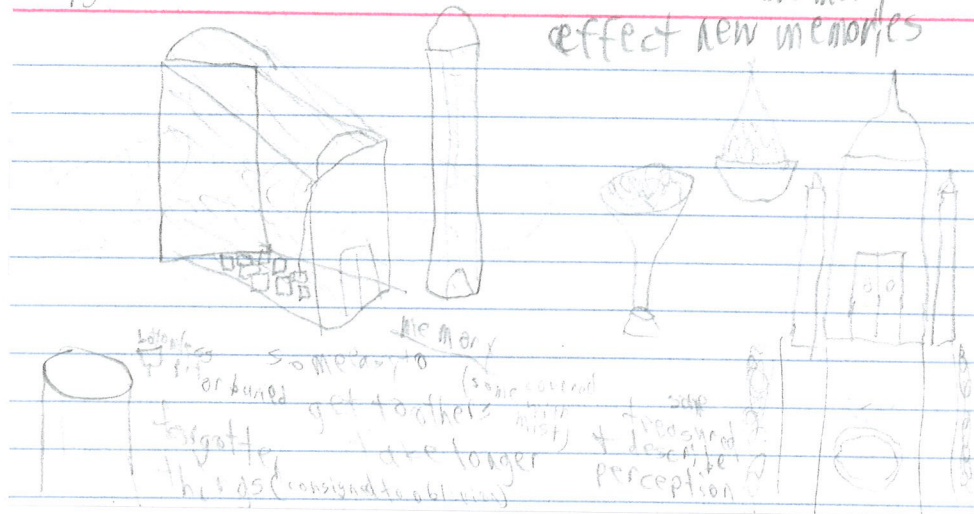
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Mechanism of recall



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Senses + memory
effect new memories



Augustine's Memory

• His Conversion

- self examination
 - turning point
 - learned that will to change is needed
 - learned that habits had to be broken & his passiveness changed to activeness
- p. 140-141

Augustine's Memory

- Approval of friends/brothers
 - Christian brother is always supportive
 - now he trusts these people and now he can reveal himself to them
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- colours & light p186
- perceptions
- images of perceived objects b/ not objects themselves
- sounds & odors
- ideas signified by senses
- they have to be gathered
- principles are different than senses
- "the way i hold them in my memory is the way i learnt them"
- memory itself is the mind, of the stomach of the mind

Augustine and his memory.

But these things are not the only things carried by the vast capacity of my memory. Here also are all the skills acquired through the liberal arts which have not been forgotten. They are pushed into the background in some interior place - which is not a place. In their case I carry not the images but the very skills themselves. p187-188 ¶16

Memories of fatal sickness, and his mother's prayers. Memories of the skepticism during his time at the academy. Memories of Alypius telling him not to marry.

Augustine's Mind/Memory

Forgetfulness p.193
"unless we could recall forgetfulness, we could never hear the word & recognize the thing which the word signifies."
"Memory retains Forgetfulness"

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"I remember forgetfulness itself, & yet forgetfulness destroys what we remember"

Minds retains the impletive images

"I recall myself to have searched for and found many items. Unless I had it in my memory, whatever it was, I would not have found it because I would not have recognized it"

"The object was lost to the eyes but held in the memory"

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- nothing is lost if you still remember it
& if you don't remember losing it, then it isn't lost

MEMORY:

"sometimes, however, by taking excessive safeguards against being led astray, I err on the side of too much severity."

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- remembers bishop Athanasius
- mean over extremes
- recovering faith
- importance of bigger picture = God > self

"With the hand of my heart I
chased them away from the face
of my memory until what I want
is freed of mist and emerges from
its hiding place" pg 185

Important memories that emerge.

Memory

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- Personal experience
- Mind glad though memory is sad
- Gladly remember past suffering
- Like Dante: must remember suffering
- Seeks to find something lost
- Only recognize it when it is found

Augustine Memory

"that is why Christ died for all, so
that those who live should not
live for themselves, but for him
who died for them"

- 2 Cor. 5:15