

Kenneth M. Wilson

## Augustine's Conversion from Traditional Free Choice to "Non-free Free Will"

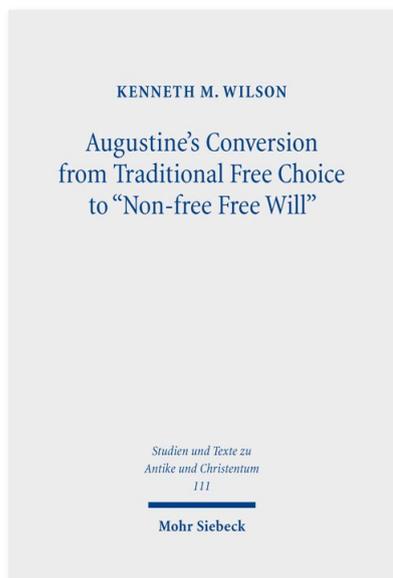
### A Comprehensive Methodology

[Augustine's Conversion from Traditional Free Choice to "Non-free Free Will"]

Published in English.

The consensus view asserts Augustine developed his later doctrines ca. 396 CE while writing *Ad Simplicianum* as a result of studying scripture. His early *De libero arbitrio* argued for traditional free choice refuting Manichaean determinism, but his anti-Pelagian writings rejected any human ability to believe without God giving faith. Kenneth M. Wilson's study is the first work applying the comprehensive methodology of reading systematically and chronologically through Augustine's entire extant corpus (works, sermons, and letters 386-430 CE), and examining his doctrinal development. The author explores Augustine's later theology within the prior philosophical-religious context of free choice versus deterministic arguments. This analysis demonstrates Augustine persisted in traditional views until 412 CE and his theological transition was primarily due to his prior Stoic, Neoplatonic, and Manichaean influences.

**Kenneth M. Wilson** Born 1956; 1981 Doctorate in Medicine from The University of Texas Medical School; 1989-95 Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Oregon Health Sciences University; 2003 M.Div.; 2006 Th.M.; 2012 D.Phil. in Theology from the University of Oxford; currently a Board Certified Orthopaedic Hand Surgeon in Salem, Oregon and Professor of Church History and Systematic Theology at Grace School of Theology in The Woodlands, Texas.



2018. XXIV, 388 pages. STAC 111

ISBN 978-3-16-155753-8  
sewn paper €99.00

ISBN 978-3-16-156286-0  
DOI 10.1628/978-3-16-156286-0  
eBook PDF €99.00

Order now:

<https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/book/augustines-conversion-from-traditional-free-choice-to-non-free-free-will-9783161557538/>

Phone: +49 (0)7071-923-17

Fax: +49 (0)7071-51104