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Saint Augustine of Hippo was one of the most famous theologians and philosophers. He was born on 13 November, 354 AD in Numida and died on 28 August, 420AD. His feast is celebrated on 28 august the day after his mother’s feast. His father was agnostic however he converted to Christianity before he died. His mother Monica was a pious Christian. When he 11 years old, he was sent to school at Madaurus to learn about Latin literature. To pursue his education further he was sent to Carthage when he was 17 years old. His mother always wished for him to marry a girl within his community however he fell in love with a girl outside his community and had a child with her named Adeodatus. He was the bishop of Hippo regius and his famous works include “The confessions” and “The city of God”.

Talking about his beliefs, he believed that God is the creator of the whole universe including humans and angels. He believed that God gave the right of free will to humans, however, he modified his idea by explaining that humans possess the right of free will to do sin but they have no free will to believe in Christ as it is pre-determined. He also believed in a hierarchy where God is the supreme authority and all other beings are dependent upon him. He further added that all beings are good because they always inclined back towards God who created them. He also believed that heaven is farther from any person’s reach because human beings have committed sins in their life and did not deserve God’s mercy yet God is merciful and is responsible for saving a person. Furthermore, he also had a firm belief that hell is for those who have sinned their life as it is an everlasting punishment.