

The pelagic argosy

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David Duffy — 07 May 2003, 22:10

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THAT Matt Weber — 08 May 2003, 00:58 · follows David Duffy

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Pelagius is usually seen as the counter of Augustine's views on free will and human perfectibility. Pelagius held that human beings could, through the exercise of free will, choose good over evil independent of God's help; Augustine's somewhat more pessimistic view was that without God's grace men were irredeemably depraved. Of course, Augustine's became the official Church party line and later led to the excesses of Calvin, Knox, et al.

Anthony Burgess is pretty obviously Pelagian in his view of human perfectibility, btw...

Matt

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Archilochus, fl. c. 650 B.C., in E. Diehl (ed.), Anth. Lyr. Gr.