Christian Perfection
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Quiz on St. Augustine's Confessions

I. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false:

1. St. Augustine was born in the fifth century.  
2. Both of St. Augustine's parents were Christians.  
3. The mother of St. Augustine was St. Monica.  
5. Augustine became a monk before he was ordained a priest.  
6. The Manicheans denied the necessity of grace for salvation.  
7. The Pelagians claimed there are two gods, one good and the other evil.  
8. According to the Donatists, only good people belong to the Church.  
9. The Confessions were written about the year 400 A.D.  
10. Before he died, St. Augustine published a book of Retractions, correcting any errors that may have crept into his writings.  
11. Basically, the Confessions are St. Augustine's public manifestation of his sins.  
12. The Confessions are a whole volume of prayerful speaking to God.  
13. Before his conversion, Augustine became sick with a lung disorder.  
14. When Augustine became a Christian, he was completely alone in entering the Church.  
15. Augustine credits his mother's deep faith as leading to his conversion.  
16. During the period of his conversion, Augustine felt a deep affection for the Manicheans and, to the end, hesitated breaking with their philosophy.  
17. According to the Manichees, when a person sins it is some power of darkness outside of himself which causes a man to sin.  
18. Augustine recognizes that baptism remits sins.  
19. The dialogue between Augustine and his son Adeodatus is now a book called The Teacher (De Magistro).  
20. Our supernatural age is dated from the time of our baptism.

II. Match the terms in the following columns:

- 21. Christ Jesus  
- 24. Than all pleasure  
- 22. You had pierced our hearts  
- 25. But not to those who are lofty to themselves  
- 23. You are sweeter  
- 21. Not to will what I willed but to will what you willed  
- 26. What evil has there not been  
- 24. My Helper and my Redeemer  
- 25. Loftier than all honor  
- 22. With the arrow -of your love  
- 26. Now it was a joy to renounce  
- 22. In my deeds  
- 23. By your gift I had come totally  
- 27. What I had been so afraid to lose  
- 28. Our minds were pierced  
- 28. With the arrows of your words  
- 30. In you is that rest  
- 29. But the sin  
- 29. I had no part in that boy  
- 30. In which all cares are forgotten