

1: Patrick (Author of St. Patrick, His Writings and Life)

1. Foreword. St Patrick is a complex figure who continues to fascinate scholars and commentators as his yearly celebration comes round on March 17th.

Patrick is honored throughout the world today. Although perhaps only Catholics offer prayers to him, even non-Christians are aware of him. Everyone knows that St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, and on his feast day, March People around the world, from Rwanda to Hong Kong, suddenly wear green and pretend to be at least a wee bit Irish. Pubs flow with green tinted beer and Irish brands of whiskey. American cities, like Irish cities, hold parades. Greeting card companies market cards with leprechauns and pots of gold and shamrocks and putative old Gaelic blessings. Patrick, Erected at Tara If anything is remembered about St. Some sources suggest that he lived to be years old. But, as with many early saints, there are lots of other stories about him too. For example, he was born in England towards the end of the fourth century, was abducted by Irish pirates, and, after escaping back to England, dedicated the rest of his life to bringing Christianity to the Irish. This story was almost certainly true. It is not clear whether one or two books were intended, since existing manuscripts of the work only partially overlap. The text of Muirchu presented here is based on an early XXth-century translation which I have slightly reformatted and reannotated. The on-line source is: It appears that the paper original is: His writings and life. In modifying the text here and there, I have been dependent upon a more recent, more readable, and altogether preferable but electronically unavailable bilingual edition: Patrick Skip to chapter: However, lest I seem to make a great thing out of what is small, I shall assay, in obedience to the command of thy holiness and authority, to unfold, piecemeal and with difficulty, these few out of the many actions of St. My skill is small; my authorities are uncertain; my memory is treacherous; my intelligence is worn out; my style is poor; yet the feeling of my love is most pious. Of the birth of Patrick and of his first captivity Patrick, who was also called Sochet, was of the British race and born in Britain. He was the son of Cualfarnus [Calpurnius], a deacon, who, as he tells us himself, was the son of Potitus, a presbyter, who belonged to the town of Bannavem Thaburinde [Bannavem Taburniae], not far distant from our sea. We have ascertained repeatedly that this town is unquestionably [now called] Ventre. When a lad sixteen years old, he was with others carried captive into this island of barbarians [Ireland], and was kept in slavery in the house of a certain chieftain, a heathen man and a harsh. He spent six years [in that captivity], as was the custom of the Hebrews; [he lived] in the fear and dread of God, according to the maxim of the Psalmist [Psalms There he endured many tribulations, suffering hunger and thirst, cold and nakedness, the work of tending cattle. He had visits from the angel Victoricus, who was sent to him from God, and there were great miracles which are known to nearly everybody, [including] answers from God, of which I shall cite only the one or two following, as examples: After all these things, as we have said, things which it is scarcely possible for anyone to reckon up, he forsook the cruel heathen man and his works, and sailed to Britain in the twenty-third year of his age in the ship made ready for him, with strange, barbarous, and heathen men, who worshipped many false gods; yet taking into holy companionship the heavenly and everlasting God. Of his voyage with the heathen, and his sufferings in the wilderness; of the food providentially brought to him and to the heathen And so for three days and as many nights, like Jonah, he was storm-tossed with the ungodly; and after that, for twenty-eight days he had a weary journey through the desert " like Moses, and yet unlike him " the heathens, who were well nigh perishing from hunger and thirst, murmuring as did the Jews. He was urged and tempted by the ship master, and he was requested to pray to his God for them, lest they should perish; he was prevailed on by mortals; he had compassion on the multitude; he was troubled in spirit, crowned for his worthiness, magnified by God; he supplied to them abundance of food from the herd of swine sent to him by God, as [the Israelites of old were supplied] from the flock of quails, by the help of God. There was wild honey, too, such as once supplied the needs of John. But the holy Patrick tasted naught of this food, for it had been offered in sacrifice to idols; yet he remained unharmed, neither hungry nor thirsty. But while he was asleep the same night, Satan assailed him sorely, fashioning huge rocks, and [with them] crushing his limbs; but he called twice upon Helias; and the sun rose upon him, and with its beams drove away all the mists

of darkness, and his strength came back to him. Of the second captivity which he endured for sixty days at the hands of his enemies And again, after many years, he suffered captivity at the hands of foreigners. This time, on the first night, it was vouchsafed to him to hear an answer from God: Of his reception by his relatives, when they recognized him And again, after a few years, he found rest as beforetime in his own native land with his relatives, who received him as a son; and they entreated him, that after such tribulations and trials, he should never leave them for the rest of his life. But he consented not. And there many visions were shown to him. He set forth then to visit and pay his respects to the Apostolic See, the head of all the churches of the whole world, as one that was already wise in sacred mysteries to which God had called him, to learn and understand and fulfill them; and that he should preach and impart the grace of God to foreign nations, converting them to the faith of Christ. How he found St. Germanus in Gaul, and therefore went no further And so he crossed the southern British sea, and began his journey, intending to cross by the Gallic Alps to the furthest point, as he had purposed in his heart. Then he found the choicest gift [of God]: With him he stayed no little time, just as Paul sat at the feet of Gamaliel. And in all submissiveness, patience and obedience, [Patrick] learnt, loved and kept with all his heart all knowledge, wisdom, chastity, and everything that is profitable to the spirit and the soul, with great fear and love of God, in goodness and singleness of heart, a virgin in body and mind alike. Of his age when the angel visited him, to the end that he might come hither When he had spent there a long time, which some reckon as forty years, some as thirty, that ancient and very trusty one, [the angel] named Victoricus, who, when he was in slavery in Ireland, had told him all things before they came to pass, visited him in frequent visions, saying that the time had arrived for him to go, and with the Gospel to net fish for the wild and savage tribes to whom God had sent him to teach them. Of his return from Gaul, and of the consecration of Palladius and his death soon afterwards At the bidding therefore of a fitting occasion, and accompanied by his divine helper, he set forth on the journey which he had begun, to the work for which he had long since been prepared, the work, to wit, of the Gospel. And Germanus sent an elder with him, that is, Segitius a presbyter, that he might have a witness and a companion, because he had not yet been ordained to pontifical rank by the holy lord Germanus. They knew that Palladius, the archdeacon of Pope Celestinus, bishop of the city of Rome, who then held the Apostolic See, the forty-fifth from Saint Peter the Apostle had been consecrated and sent to convert this island [of Ireland], lying under the rigor of winter. But God prohibited him; because no one can receive anything from earth unless it were given to him from heaven. Neither did those wild and rough people readily receive his teaching, nor did he himself desire to spend a long time in a land not his own; but he returned to him that sent him. Returning then hence, [Palladius had] crossed the first sea; and, continuing his journey by land, he died in the country of the Britons. Of his consecration by Bishop Amathorex after Palladius was dead When tidings came of the death of St. Palladius in Britain because the disciples of Palladius, viz. Augustinus and Benedictus and the rest, returned and spoke in Eboria of his death, Patrick and they who were with him turned aside to a certain famous man, a chief bishop, Amathorex [Amator] by name, who dwelt in the neighborhood. Patrick, knowing the things that were to happen to him, received the rank of bishop from Amathorex, the holy bishop. Moreover, Auxilius and Isernius and others received lower degrees of the ministry on the same day that Patrick was consecrated. Then, having received the benedictions, and all things having been accomplished according to custom. Moreover, with a special appropriateness to Patrick, this verse of the Psalmist was sung: Then, in the name of the Blessed Trinity, the venerable traveler got on board a ship prepared for him, and arrived in Britain. Dispensing with everything that could delay his journey [on foot], except what the requirements of ordinary life demand for no one seeks the Lord by sloth, with all speed and with a favoring wind, he crossed our sea. Of the heathen king who dwelt in Temoria, when St. Patrick came bringing baptism The Unexcavated Citadel of Tara Temoria Now in the days in which these things happened, there was in the aforesaid country a certain great king, a fierce and heathen High King of barbarians, reigning in Temoria [Tara], which was the capital of the kingdom of the Irish. He was Loiguire [Loegaire] by name, the son of Neill [Niall], who is the ancestor of the royal stock of almost the whole of this island. Now he had about him wise men and magicians and augurs and enchanter and inventors of every evil art, who through their heathenish and idolatrous religion had skill to know and foresee all things before they came to pass. And of these there were two who were preferred

beyond the others, whose names were, Lothroch, otherwise Lochru, and Lucetmael, otherwise Ronal. And these two by their magical arts frequently foretold the coming of a certain foreign religion, in the manner of a kingdom, with a certain strange and harmful doctrine, brought from a long distance across the seas, proclaimed by a few, accepted by the many, and honored by all; one that would overturn kingdoms, slay kings that resist it, lead away multitudes, destroy all their gods, and, having cast down all the resources of their art, reign forever and ever. Moreover they identified and foretold him who should bear and advocate this religion. And they prophesied in the following words cast into poetical form, words frequently uttered by them, more especially in the two or three years which preceded the coming of Patrick. Now these are the words of the poem, which are somewhat obscure, on account of the different idiom of the language. Adze-head will come And his house [chasuble] with a hole in its head. He will chant impiety from his table In the east of his house. His whole household will respond to him. This can be more plainly expressed in our language. When therefore all these things come to pass, our kingdom, which is a heathen one, will not stand. And so it afterwards came to pass. For the worship of idols having been overturned on the coming of Patrick, the faith of Christ " our Catholic faith " filled the whole land. But let this suffice on this matter. Let us return to our subject. Of his first journey in this island, to the end that he might ransom himself from Miliucc before he rescued others from the devil So, the holy voyage having been finished and completed, the ship of the Saint, laded with wonderful and spiritual treasures from beyond the seas, was borne, as to a convenient harbor, to the country of the Coolenni [Cualann], to a harbor famous in our country, which is called the Mouth of the Dee [Inverdee]. And when here, it seemed to him that there was nothing better for him to do than to ransom himself in the first instance. So he sought thence the north country, carrying a twofold ransom from slavery " to wit, an earthly and a heavenly " to that heathen man Miliucc, in whose house he had once lived in captivity, that he might deliver from [spiritual] captivity him whom he had formerly served as a captive. So he turned the prow of his ship to the most easterly island which to this day is called by his name. Proceeding thence he left Breg [Breg] and the Conaille country, and also the Ulaid country on the left, and he entered the furthest point of an inlet which is Brene [Strangford Lough]. And he and they that were with him in the ship landed at the mouth of the Slain. And they hid their skiff, and went a very short distance into the country to rest there. And a swineherd discovered them; he belonged to a certain man named Dichu, who, although a heathen, was of a good natural disposition. Now the swineherd, supposing that they were thieves and robbers, went and told his master Dichu, and brought him upon them without their being aware of it. Now he had purposed in his heart to slay them; but when he beheld the countenance of St. Patrick, the Lord turned his thoughts to good. And Patrick preached the faith to him; and there he believed in Patrick before anyone else did; and there the Saint rested with him for a few days. But wishing to go with all speed to visit the aforesaid Miliucc, and bring him his ransom, and thus convert him to the faith of Christ, he left his ship in charge of Dichu, and began a land journey into the country of the Cruidneni [Cruiyhne], until he reached Mount Mis [Slemish]. Now, long before, in the time when he was a captive slave, he saw the angel Victoricus ascend from this mountain into heaven in his sight, with hurried step, leaving the print of his foot on the rock of a second mountain. Having collected around him every article of his property, he was burnt up in the house in which he previously had lived as king. Patrick was standing in the aforesaid place on the southern side of Mount Mis, where, coming with such gracious purpose, he first caught sight of the country where he had been a slave, a spot which is now marked by a cross. And at the first view of that country, there, under his eyes, he beheld the burning pyre of the king. And so, stupefied at this deed, he spoke not a word for two or three hours. As for this man, this king who hath committed himself to the flames, lest he should become a believer at the close of his life, and serve the everlasting God " I know not; God knoweth " none of his sons shall sit as king upon the throne of his kingdom from generation to generation; moreover his seed shall be in servitude for evermore.

2: Saint Patrick - Wikipedia

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Apostle of Ireland; b. Patrick Patricius, as he himself relates, was born in Roman Britain, son of the decurio alderman, and later deacon, Calpornius. The dates of his birth and death are disputed, as is his chronology generally. For the worldly youth that he had been, though a nominal Christian, captivity had become a means of spiritual conversion. A desire to preach the Christian faith to the Irish grew within him to the certainty of a vocation. Once in a dream he even heard the "voice of the Irish" calling him back. He went to the Continent to train for the priesthood and probably stayed for some time as disciple of St. His desire for converting the Irish did not find favor with his superiors, mainly because of his defective education, for which he had never been able to compensate properly. Upon the death of Palladius, whom Pope Celestine I had sent to the Irish as their first bishop in 431, Patrick was appointed his successor. His mission concentrated on the west and north of Ireland, where nobody had preached the gospel before. Having secured the protection of the local kings, he toured the country extensively and made numerous converts. Church organization had to be adapted to the political and social conditions of Ireland. Since there were no towns on the Roman pattern, Patrick established episcopal churches with quasimonastic chapters as were found not infrequently on the Continent, especially in Gaul. The clergy was originally recruited on the Continent, Gaul and in Britain, but later increasingly from among the native converts. Patrick also propagated monasticism in the primitive form as practiced in the islands off the Mediterranean coast of Gaul. In his missionary work he had to face frequent dangers to his freedom and even to his life. The Druids were probably his chief opponents. To his critics Patrick replied with his *Confessio*, written in his old age. Autobiographical and historical detail are merely incidental and often difficult to interpret. The letter is directed partly against the raiders and Coroticus, their leader, partly against the higher clergy of Britain and their scornful attitude toward the Irish bishop. Both works are written in an unusual mixture of Biblical and Vulgar Latin, which often results in strained and obscure language. Opinion is divided about the authenticity of the *Dicta Sayings of Patrick* in the Book of Armagh, especially the first one, which refers to a sojourn on the Tyrrhene Islands, and the last one, which urges the chanting of *Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison* at all canonical hours. The canons of a circular letter issued by Bishops Patricius, Auxilius, and Iserninus after the so-called synod of St. Patrick, are probably substantially genuine. Ecclesiastical life as implied in this document, and in particular the frequent references to diocesan jurisdiction of bishops and to canonical discipline, are consistent with a 5th-century date and would not fit into the pattern of the Irish monastic Church of later times. Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination for learning. His writings are proof of his firm belief in his vocation, of his devotion to his cause, and of his courage and humility. His "voices" foretelling his escape from captivity, calling him to the Irish apostolate, comforting him when in disgrace are for the most part capable of a perfectly natural explanation; only the experiences related in the *Confessio* ch. Of his doctrine, little can be stated beyond its orthodoxy. A certain emphasis in his teaching regarding grace might possibly be interpreted as anti-Pelagian. The credal statements in his *Confessio* ch. Germain and Palladius in the *Chronicle of Prosper of Aquitaine*. The former are, unfortunately, not precise enough for even approximation of an absolute chronology of the events referred to; they merely place Patrick within the 5th century. The *Confessio* does contain elements of a relative chronology: On the other hand, the precise dates given by Prosper of delegation of St. Germain to Britain in 429, mission of Palladius to Ireland in 431 bear on the chronology of Patrick only on the assumption that a document from the church of Auxerre, embedded in some lives of St. According to this document, Patrick succeeded Palladius after a very short time; this would bear out the Irish annals, which date the beginning of his mission as of 432. These annals, however, record the death of a Patricius senex in 463, and the death of the "apostle" Patrick in 461 or thereabouts. However, the value of the Irish annals as sources for the early Christian period has been questioned by J. The Latin and Irish Lives of St. Patrick from the 7th century onward are written mainly with a view to promoting the territorial

and juridical claims of the See of Armagh. They portray a powerful miracle worker, in the manner of Irish hagiographical legend, who has little in common with the author of the *Confessio*. How much genuine tradition in regard to persons and places they may contain is largely a matter of speculation. This conflicting evidence has been differently interpreted. He was followed, in the main, by E. Carney allows for only one Patrick, whose mission he dates from to Accordingly, he maintains that Palladius was sent to Scotland, not to Ireland, and the first mission to Ireland, including the foundation of Armagh, was the work of St. Secundinus annalistic date of arrival: Patrick is ascribed in later manuscripts. Esposito would make Patrick precede rather than succeed Palladius. A cult of St. Patrick is attested in the 6th century. The day of his death is first recorded in the 7th-century *Life of St. Gertrud*, who died on March 17, In the 9th century Ferdomnach, scribe of Armagh, testified to the celebration of St. The cult of St. Fursa middle of 7th century ; the cult soon spread over France, Italy, and Germany. When the Anglo-Normans established themselves in Ireland, they took over the cult of St. Patrick and of other Irish saints. In relics of SS. Patrick, Brigid, and Columcille were solemnly deposited in the cathedral of Down under the patronage of John de Courcy and Bishop Malachy. Patrick, and this became the standard text of later times. With the recent Irish emigration the cult has spread over many parts of the New World. The earliest pictorial representation of St. Patrick dates from c. *Patricii Episcopi in Classica et mediaevalia* 11 1â€”; 12 79â€”; repr. *Rerum Britannicarum medii aevi scriptores* 89; London ; repr. New York , critical ed. Patrick New York Patrick, Apostle of Ireland London ; 2d ed. Patrick of Ireland Wilmington, Del.

3: St. Patrick, His Writings and Life - Scholar's Choice Edition by St. Patrick

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See Article History St. Patrick, flourished 5th century, Britain and Ireland; feast day March 17 , patron saint and national apostle of Ireland , credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and probably responsible in part for the Christianization of the Picts and Anglo-Saxons. He is known only from two short works, the *Confessio*, a spiritual autobiography, and his *Letter to Coroticus*, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians. Life Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At age 16 he was torn by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, Calpornius, a deacon and minor local official, and carried into slavery in Ireland. He spent six bleak years there as a herdsman, during which he turned with fervour to his faith. Upon dreaming that the ship in which he was to escape was ready, he fled his master and found passage to Britain. There he came near to starvation and suffered a second brief captivity before he was reunited with his family. Thereafter, he may have paid a short visit to the Continent. Even on the eve of reembarkation for Ireland he was beset by doubts of his fitness for the task. Once in the field, however, his hesitations vanished. Utterly confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal. In diplomatic fashion he brought gifts to a kinglet here and a lawgiver there but accepted none from any. On at least one occasion, he was cast into chains. On another, he addressed with lyrical pathos a last farewell to his converts who had been slain or kidnapped by the soldiers of Coroticus. Careful to deal fairly with the non-Christian Irish, he nevertheless lived in constant danger of martyrdom. Since his writings have come to be better understood, it is increasingly recognized that, despite their occasional incoherence, they mirror a truth and a simplicity of the rarest quality. Augustine of Hippo had any religious diarist bared his inmost soul as Patrick did in his writings. Binchy, the most austere critic of Patrician i. There are, however, a number of pointers to his missionary career having lain within the second half of the 5th century. One of these would have it that he drove the snakes of Ireland into the sea to their destruction. Patrick himself wrote that he raised people from the dead, and a 12th-century hagiography places this number at 33 men, some of whom are said to have been deceased for many years. He also reportedly prayed for the provision of food for hungry sailors traveling by land through a desolate area, and a herd of swine miraculously appeared. Another legend , probably the most popular, is that of the shamrock , which has him explain the concept of the Holy Trinity , three persons in one God, to an unbeliever by showing him the three-leaved plant with one stalk. Traditionally, Irishmen have worn shamrocks, the national flower of Ireland, in their lapels on St.

4: St. Patrick: His Writings and Life - Logos Bible Software

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Patrick", derived from "The Lorica ", both traditionally attributed to St. Written in response to a massacre and enslavement of newly baptized Christians, it heavily quotes Christian scriptures. Patrick I am Patrick, yes a sinner and indeed untaught; yet I am established here in Ireland where I profess myself bishop. I am certain in my heart that "all that I am," I have received from God. So I live among barbarous tribes, a stranger and exile for the love of God. He himself testifies that this is so. I never would have wanted these harsh words to spill from my mouth; I am not in the habit of speaking so sharply. I speak out too for love of my neighbors who are my only sons; for them I gave up my home country, my parents and even pushing my own life to the brink of death. If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God so as to teach these peoples; even though some of them still look down on me. I am not addressing my own people, nor my fellow citizens of the holy Romans, but those who are now become citizens of demons by reason of their evil works. They have chosen, by their hostile deeds, to live in death; comrades of the Scotti and Picts and of all who behave like apostates, bloody men who have steeped themselves in the blood of innocent Christians. The very same people I have begotten for God; their number beyond count, I myself confirmed them in Christ. Because of all this, I am at a loss to know whether to weep more for those they killed or those that are captured: In truth, they will bind themselves alongside him in the pains of the everlasting pit: Sufficient to say, greed is a deadly deed. You shall not murder. A homicide may not stand beside Christ. Even "He who hates his brother is to be labeled murderer. For by descent I was a freeman, born of a decurion father; yet I have sold this nobility of mine, I am not ashamed, nor do I regret that it might have meant some advantage to others. In short, I am a slave in Christ to this faraway people for the indescribable glory of "everlasting life which is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Far away from the love of God is the man who betrays my Christians into the hands of the Scotti and Picts. I grieve for you, how I mourn for you, who are so very dear to me, but again I can rejoice within my heart, not for nothing "have I labored," neither has my exile been "in vain. You gave away girls like prizes: All for some petty temporal gain that will pass in the very next instant. But the just will feast for sure" with Christ. My chief request is that anyone who is a servant of God be ready and willing, to carry this letter forward; may it never be hidden or stolen by anyone, but rather, may it be read aloud before the whole people " Yes, even when Coroticus himself is present. May God inspire these men sometime to come to their senses in regard to God again, so that they may repent, however latter day, of their grave crimes, namely homicide against the brothers of the Lord, and that they free these baptized women whom they have taken, so that then they may deserve to live to God and be made whole once more, here, now and for eternity. Patrick ISBN I cannot keep silent , nor would it be proper, so many favours and graces has the Lord deigned to bestow on me in the land of my captivity. There was a voice prophesying: Let anyone laugh and taunt if he so wishes. I am not keeping silent , nor am I hiding the signs and wonders that were shown to me by the Lord many years before they happened, who knew everything , even before the beginning of time. I, Patrick, a sinner, a most simple countryman, the least of all the faithful and most contemptible to many, had for father the deacon Calpurnius, son of the late Potitus, a priest, of the settlement of Bannavem Taburniae; he had a small villa nearby where I was taken captive. I was at that time about sixteen years of age. I did not, indeed, know the true God; and I was taken into captivity in Ireland with many thousands of people, according to our deserts, for quite drawn away from God, we did not keep his precepts, nor were we obedient to our priests who used to remind us of our salvation. And the Lord brought down on us the fury of his being and scattered us among many nations, even to the ends of the earth, where I, in my smallness, am now to be found among foreigners. I cannot keep silent, nor would it be proper, so many favours and graces has the Lord deigned to bestow on me in the land of my captivity. For after chastisement from God, and recognizing him, our way to repay him is to exalt him and confess his wonders before every nation under heaven. For some time I have thought of writing, but I have hesitated until

now, for truly, I feared to expose myself to the criticism of men, because I have not studied like others, who have assimilated both Law and the Holy Scriptures equally and have never changed their idiom since their infancy, but instead were always learning it increasingly, to perfection, while my idiom and language have been translated into a foreign tongue. But who will believe me, even though I should say it again? A young man, almost a beardless boy, I was taken captive before I knew what I should desire and what I should shun. I am, then, first of all, countryfied, an exile, evidently unlearned, one who is not able to see into the future, but I know for certain, that before I was humbled I was like a stone lying in deep mire, and he that is mighty came and in his mercy raised me up and, indeed, lifted me high up and placed me on top of the wall. And from there I ought to shout out in gratitude to the Lord for his great favours in this world and for ever, that the mind of man cannot measure. Therefore be amazed, you great and small who fear God, and you men of God, eloquent speakers, listen and contemplate. Who was it summoned me, a fool, from the midst of those who appear wise and learned in the law and powerful in rhetoric and in all things? Me, truly wretched in this world, he inspired before others that I could be "if I would" such a one who, with fear and reverence, and faithfully, without complaint, would come to the people to whom the love of Christ brought me and gave me in my lifetime, if I should be worthy, to serve them truly and with humility. I used to stay out in the forests and on the mountain and I would wake up before daylight to pray in the snow, in icy coldness, in rain, and I used to feel neither ill nor any slothfulness, because, as I now see, the Spirit was burning in me at that time. And it was there of course that one night in my sleep I heard a voice saying to me: And shortly thereafter I turned about and fled from the man with whom I had been for six years, and I came, by the power of God who directed my route to advantage and I was afraid of nothing, until I reached that ship. After three days we reached land, and for twenty-eight days journeyed through uninhabited country, and the food ran out and hunger overtook them; and one day the steersman began saying: You say your God is great and all-powerful; then why can you not pray for us? For we may perish of hunger; it is unlikely indeed that we shall ever see another human being. And after this they gave the utmost thanks to God, and I was esteemed in their eyes, and from that day they had food abundantly. A second time, after many years, I was taken captive. On the first night I accordingly remained with my captors, but I heard a divine prophecy, saying to me: On the sixtieth night the Lord delivered me from their hands. In a vision of the night, I saw a man whose name was Victoricus coming as it from Ireland with innumerable letters, and he gave me one of them, and I read the beginning of the letter: Thanks be to God, because after so many years the Lord bestowed on them according to their cry. It is tedious to describe in detail all my labours one by one. I will tell briefly how most holy God frequently delivered me, from slavery, and from the twelve trials with which my soul was threatened, from man traps as well, and from things I am not able to put into words. I would not cause offence to readers, but I have God as witness who knew all things even before they happened, that, though I was a poor ignorant waif, still he gave me abundant warnings through divine prophecy. Whence came to me this wisdom which was not my own, I who neither knew the number of days nor had knowledge of God? Whence came the so great and so healthful gift of knowing or rather loving God, though I should lose homeland and family. How is it that in Ireland, where they never had any knowledge of God but, always, until now, cherished idols and unclean things, they are lately become a people of the Lord, and are called children of God; the sons of. So I hope that I did as I ought, but I do not trust myself as long as I am in this mortal body, for he is strong who strives daily to turn me away from the faith and true holiness to which I aspire until the end of my life for Christ my Lord, but the hostile flesh is always dragging one down to death, that is, to unlawful attractions. What is more, let anyone laugh and taunt if he so wishes. I am not keeping silent, nor am I hiding the signs and wonders that were shown to me by the Lord many years before they happened, [he] who knew everything, even before the beginning of time. The Lord took pity on me thousands upon thousands of times, because he saw within me that I was prepared, but that I was ignorant of what to do in view of my situation; because many were trying to prevent this mission. They were talking among themselves behind my back, and saying: And I was not quick to recognize the grace that was then in me; I now know that I should have done so earlier. You know, as God does, how I went about among you from my youth in the faith of truth and in sincerity of heart. As well as to the heathen among whom I live, I have shown them trust and always show them trust. I testify in truthfulness

and gladness of heart before God and his holy angels that I never had any reason, except the Gospel and his promises, ever to have returned to that nation from which I had previously escaped with difficulty. But I entreat those who believe in and fear God, whoever deigns to examine or receive this document composed by the obviously unlearned sinner Patrick in Ireland, that nobody shall ever ascribe to my ignorance any trivial thing that I achieved or may have expounded that was pleasing to God, but accept and truly believe that it would have been the gift of God. And this is my confession before I die. The Lorica of Patrick[edit] I arise today Through the strength of heaven Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. I arise today Through a mighty strength , the invocation of the Trinity, Through belief in the Thrones, Through confession of the Oneness Towards the Creator. Also known as "St. Patrick, though his authorship is not certain. It is quoted in many publications, including Christian Spirituality: Through the strength of heaven:

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The Confession of St Patrick is mostly the Confession of God's greatness as Patrick has experienced it in his own life, despite all his limitations. There are several translations of the writings of St Patrick available, one of them is the Saint Patrick's Confessio Hypertext Stack Project.

Saint Patrick Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick is traditionally associated with the Shamrock plant, which he used to explain the concept of the Trinity. This name cannot be placed on any current map of England or Wales. Although his father was a deacon, Patrick was not a believer: I did not, indeed, know the true God Saint Patrick, Confessio, translated from Latin Enslaved by pirates In his teens, Patrick was captured by a gang of Irish pirates and taken as a slave to Ireland. Patrick came to believe that this was a punishment for his lack of faith. He was put to work for six years herding sheep and pigs on Slemish mountain in County Antrim. While he was a shepherd, Patrick spent much of his time praying. I used to stay out in the forests and on the mountain and I would wake up before daylight to pray in the snow, in icy coldness, in rain, and I used to feel neither ill nor any slothfulness, because, as I now see, the Spirit was burning in me at that time. Saint Patrick, Confessio, translated from Latin Escapes after six years In an escape bid while he was a captive in Ireland , Patrick stowed away on a boat bound for Britain, and it landed not far from where his parents lived. Patrick decided to follow his vocation to become a priest, and after a dream he was inspired to return to Ireland. I seemed to hear the voice of those who were beside the forest of Foclut which is near the western sea, and they were crying as if with one voice: Saint Patrick, Confessio, translated from Latin Patrick spent several years studying before he felt ready to take up the life of a missionary. As a missionary Patrick baptised many thousands of people. It was not an easy task. Patrick tells how his life was at risk, and how he was sometimes imprisoned by the local pagan chiefs. We know that Patrick sometimes made things easier by giving gifts to the chiefs. Poignantly, Patrick also writes of his longing to leave Ireland. How I would have loved to go to my country and my parents, and also to Gaul in order to visit the brethren and to see the face of the saints of my Lord! Patrick had problems not only with himself, and the local pagans, but suffered from some backbiting by fellow clergy who accused him of seeking to win personal status. The claim nearly broke his heart, but anyone who reads his Confessio will soon realise that Patrick was the last person to think that he deserved any glory for himself. I ought unceasingly to give thanks to God who often pardoned my folly and my carelessness, and on more than one occasion spared His great wrath on me, who was chosen to be His helper and who was slow to do as was shown me and as the Spirit suggested. Seeing the world like that is as much a matter of theology as geography. Jerusalem was believed to be the centre of the world and around Jerusalem were countries which were occupied by the Romans. On one particular far-flung corner was the island of Ireland - the last bastion of paganism as Patrick saw it. Just how much Latin would have been used in Ireland so far away from Rome by that time is uncertain, but in his own writing there is evidence that he was well read in both secular writing and the Scriptures. I am the sinner Patrick. I am the most unsophisticated of people, the least of Christians, and for many people I am the most contemptible I was taken into captivity in Ireland - at that time I was ignorant of the true God - along with many thousand others. This was our punishment for departing from God, abandoning his commandments, and ignoring our priests who kept on warning us about our salvation When he was a child, raiders from Ireland came and took him from Britain. In Ireland, he was sold as a slave, and spent about six years tending sheep and pigs around Slemish a mountain formed from the plug of an extinct volcano just outside Ballymena in what is now Co Antrim. As a stowaway, he returned to his parents, but felt called by God to return to preach to the people of Ireland. Did St Patrick bring Christianity to Ireland? Pope Celestine had sent Palladius to that part of the world years before. Anyway, it would be unlikely that a country with such strong trading links with the Roman Empire would have remained untouched by Christianity. Did St Patrick drive the snakes out of Ireland?

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Biography Youth This section needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. October Learn how and when to remove this template message Jonathan Swift was born on 30 November in Dublin , Ireland. His maternal grandfather, James Ericke, was the vicar of Thornton, England. In the vicar was convicted of Puritan practices. Some time thereafter, Ericke and his family, including his young daughter Abilgail, fled to Ireland. He said that there he learned to read the Bible. His nurse returned him to his mother, still in Ireland, when he was three. Swift graduated in , when he was The four-year course followed a curriculum largely set in the Middle Ages for the priesthood. The lectures were dominated by Aristotelian logic and philosophy. The basic skill taught the students was debate and they were expected to be able to argue both sides of any argument or topic. Swift was an above-average student but not exceptional, and received his B. He had retired from public service to his country estate to tend his gardens and write his memoirs. He was appointed to the prebend of Kilroot in the Diocese of Connor in , with his parish located at Kilroot , near Carrickfergus in County Antrim. Swift appears to have been miserable in his new position, being isolated in a small, remote community far from the centres of power and influence. While at Kilroot, however, he may well have become romantically involved with Jane Waring, whom he called "Varina", the sister of an old college friend. Temple died on 27 January This failed so miserably that he accepted the lesser post of secretary and chaplain to the Earl of Berkeley , one of the Lords Justice of Ireland. However, when he reached Ireland, he found that the secretaryship had already been given to another. He had abundant leisure for cultivating his garden, making a canal after the Dutch fashion of Moor Park, planting willows, and rebuilding the vicarage. As chaplain to Lord Berkeley, he spent much of his time in Dublin and travelled to London frequently over the next ten years. In , he anonymously published the political pamphlet A Discourse on the Contests and Dissentions in Athens and Rome. Writer Swift had residence in Trim, County Meath , after He wrote many of his works during this time period. Although the tone of the letter was courteous, Swift privately expressed his disgust for Tisdall as an "interloper", and they were estranged for many years. During his visits to England in these years, Swift published A Tale of a Tub and The Battle of the Books and began to gain a reputation as a writer. Swift became increasingly active politically in these years. He found the opposition Tory leadership more sympathetic to his cause, and, when they came to power in , he was recruited to support their cause as editor of The Examiner. In , Swift published the political pamphlet The Conduct of the Allies , attacking the Whig government for its inability to end the prolonged war with France. The incoming Tory government conducted secret and illegal negotiations with France, resulting in the Treaty of Utrecht ending the War of the Spanish Succession. Swift was part of the inner circle of the Tory government, [24] and often acted as mediator between Henry St John Viscount Bolingbroke , the secretary of state for foreign affairs "15 , and Robert Harley Earl of Oxford , lord treasurer and prime minister " Swift recorded his experiences and thoughts during this difficult time in a long series of letters to Esther Johnson, collected and published after his death as A Journal to Stella. The animosity between the two Tory leaders eventually led to the dismissal of Harley in With the death of Queen Anne and accession of George I that year, the Whigs returned to power, and the Tory leaders were tried for treason for conducting secret negotiations with France. Swift has been described by scholars as "a Whig in politics and Tory in religion" and Swift related his own views in similar terms, stating that as "a lover of liberty, I found myself to be what they called a Whig in politics But, as to religion, I confessed myself to be an High-Churchman. Swift furnished Esther with the nickname " Vanessa " derived by adding "Essa", a pet form of Esther, to the "Van" of her surname, Vanhomrigh , and she features as one of the main characters in his poem Cadenus and Vanessa. The poem and their correspondence suggest that Esther was infatuated with Swift, and that he may have reciprocated her affections, only to regret this and then try to break off the relationship. Their uneasy relationship continued for some years; then there appears to have been

a confrontation, possibly involving Esther Johnson. Maturity Jonathan Swift shown without wig by Rupert Barber, , National Portrait Gallery, London Before the fall of the Tory government, Swift hoped that his services would be rewarded with a church appointment in England. However, Queen Anne appeared to have taken a dislike to Swift and thwarted these efforts. Her dislike has been attributed to A Tale of a Tub, which she thought blasphemous, compounded by The Windsor Prophecy, where Swift, with a surprising lack of tact, advised the Queen on which of her bedchamber ladies she should and should not trust. Much of the material reflects his political experiences of the preceding decade. During his visit he stayed with his old friends Alexander Pope , John Arbuthnot and John Gay , who helped him arrange for the anonymous publication of his book. First published in November , it was an immediate hit, with a total of three printings that year and another in early French, German, and Dutch translations appeared in , and pirated copies were printed in Ireland. Swift returned to England one more time in and stayed with Alexander Pope once again. The visit was cut short when Swift received word that Esther Johnson was dying, and rushed back home to be with her. Swift could not bear to be present at the end, but on the night of her death he began to write his The Death of Mrs Johnson. In he wrote Verses on the Death of Dr. Swift, his own obituary published in In , his good friend and collaborator John Gay died. In , John Arbuthnot, another friend from his days in London, died. In Swift began to show signs of illness, and in he may have suffered a stroke, losing the ability to speak and realising his worst fears of becoming mentally disabled. To protect him from unscrupulous hangers on, who had begun to prey on the great man, his closest companions had him declared of "unsound mind and memory". However, it was long believed by many that Swift was actually insane at this point. In his book Literature and Western Man , author J. In , guardians were appointed to take care of his affairs and watch lest in his outbursts of violence he should do himself harm. In , he suffered great pain from the inflammation of his left eye, which swelled to the size of an egg; five attendants had to restrain him from tearing out his eye. He went a whole year without uttering a word. Then on 19 October , Swift, at nearly 80, died. Aitken and from other sources. Jonathan Swift wrote his own epitaph: Hic depositum est Corpus.

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These are the Declaration Latin: Confessio [3] and the Letter to the soldiers of Coroticus Latin: Epistola , [4] from which come the only generally accepted details of his life. In it, Patrick gives a short account of his life and his mission. Most available details of his life are from subsequent hagiographies and annals , which have considerable value but lack the empiricism scholars depend on today. Hagiography records other names he is said to have borne. Harvey argues that Cothraige "has the form of a classic Old Irish tribal and therefore place-name", noting that Ail Coithrigi is a name for the Rock of Cashel , and the place-names Cothruigu and Catrige are attested in Counties Antrim and Carlow. His own writings provide no evidence for any dating more precise than the 5th century generally. His Biblical quotations are a mixture of the Old Latin version and the Vulgate , completed in the early 5th century, suggesting he was writing "at the point of transition from Old Latin to Vulgate", [10] although it is possible the Vulgate readings may have been added later, replacing earlier readings. In "the elder Patrick" Irish: Patraic Sen is said to have died: Supporting the later date, the annals record that in "the relics of Patrick were placed sixty years after his death in a shrine by Colum Cille " emphasis added. Palladius was not the only early cleric in Ireland at this time. Ciaran, along with saints Auxilius , Secundinus and Iserninus , is also associated with early churches in Munster and Leinster. By this reading, Palladius was active in Ireland until the s. The appointment of Palladius and his fellow-bishops was not obviously a mission to convert the Irish, but more probably intended to minister to existing Christian communities in Ireland. This activity was limited to the southern half of Ireland, and there is no evidence for them in Ulster or Connacht. The Palladian mission should not be contrasted with later "British" missions, but forms a part of them; [26] nor can the work of Palladius be uncritically equated with that of Saint Patrick, as was once traditional. Calpurnius, his father, was a decurion and deacon , his grandfather Potitus a priest , from Banna Venta Berniae, [27] a location otherwise unknown, [28] [29] [30] though identified in one tradition as Glannoventa, modern Ravenglass in Cumbria, in what is now England; claims have been advanced for locations in both present-day Scotland and Wales. According to the Confession of Saint Patrick, at the age of sixteen he was captured by a group of Irish pirates. Patrick writes in the Confession [33] that the time he spent in captivity was critical to his spiritual development. He explains that the Lord had mercy on his youth and ignorance, and afforded him the opportunity to be forgiven his sins and convert to Christianity. While in captivity, he worked as a shepherd and strengthened his relationship with God through prayer, eventually leading him to convert to Christianity. Fleeing his master, he travelled to a port, two hundred miles away, [34] where he found a ship and with difficulty persuaded the captain to take him. After Patrick prayed for sustenance, they encountered a herd of wild boar ; [35] since this was shortly after Patrick had urged them to put their faith in God, his prestige in the group was greatly increased. After various adventures, he returned home to his family, now in his early twenties. Patrick recounts that he had a vision a few years after returning home: I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut , which is beside the western sea€”and they cried out, as with one voice: Hood suggests that the Victoricus of St. Saint Germanus of Auxerre , a bishop of the Western Church , ordained him to the priesthood. Bury , his landing place was Wicklow , Co. Wicklow , at the mouth of the river Inver-dea, which is now called the Vartry. He rested for some days at the islands off the Skerries coast, one of which still retains the name of Inis-Patrick. The first sanctuary dedicated by Patrick was at Saul. What these charges were, he does not say explicitly, but he writes that he returned the gifts which wealthy women gave him, did not accept payment for baptisms , nor for ordaining priests, and indeed paid for many gifts to kings and judges, and paid for the sons of chiefs to accompany him. It is concluded, therefore, that he was accused of some sort of financial impropriety, and perhaps of having obtained his bishopric in Ireland with personal gain in mind. He writes that he "baptised thousands of people". He converted wealthy

women, some of whom became nuns in the face of family opposition. He also dealt with the sons of kings, converting them too. This is partly because, as he says at points, he was writing for a local audience of Christians who knew him and his work. There are several mentions of travelling around the island, and of sometimes difficult interactions with the ruling elite. He does claim of the Irish: Never before did they know of God except to serve idols and unclean things. But now, they have become the people of the Lord, and are called children of God. The sons and daughters of the leaders of the Irish are seen to be monks and virgins of Christ! His refusal to accept gifts from kings placed him outside the normal ties of kinship, fosterage and affinity. Legally he was without protection, and he says that he was on one occasion beaten, robbed of all he had, and put in chains, perhaps awaiting execution. Across the sea will come Adze-head, [50] crazed in the head, his cloak with hole for the head, his stick bent in the head. He will chant impieties from a table in the front of his house; all his people will answer: The letter describes the followers of Coroticus as "fellow citizens of the devils" and "associates of the Scots [of Dalriada and later Argyll] and Apostate Picts". His obituary is given in the Annals of Ulster under the year Patrick also worked with the unfree and the poor, encouraging them to vows of monastic chastity. In the same period, Wilfred, Archbishop of York, claimed to speak, as metropolitan archbishop, "for all the northern part of Britain and of Ireland" at a council held in Rome in the time of Pope Agatho, thus claiming jurisdiction over the Irish church. These sources have conflated Palladius and Patrick. This is a seventh-century document, once, but no longer, taken as to contain a fifth-century original text. It apparently collects the results of several early synods, and represents an era when pagans were still a major force in Ireland. The introduction attributes it to Patrick, Auxilius, and Iserninus, a claim which "cannot be taken at face value. In pagan Ireland, three was a significant number and the Irish had many triple deities, a fact that may have aided Patrick in his evangelisation efforts when he "held up a shamrock and discoursed on the Christian Trinity". Icons of St Patrick often depict the saint "with a cross in one hand and a sprig of shamrocks in the other". Patrick to banish", says naturalist Nigel Monaghan, keeper of natural history at the National Museum of Ireland in Dublin, who has searched extensively through Irish fossil collections and records. He thrust this stick into the ground wherever he was evangelising and at the place now known as Aspatia ash of Patrick, the message of the dogma took so long to get through to the people there that the stick had taken root by the time he was ready to move on. Patrick seeks to convert the warriors to Christianity, while they defend their pagan past. The heroic pagan lifestyle of the warriors, of fighting and feasting and living close to nature, is contrasted with the more peaceful, but unheroic and non-sensual life offered by Christianity. At the age of 16 in AD Patrick was captured and enslaved by the Irish and was sent to Ireland to serve as a slave herding and tending sheep in Dalriada. After six years, Patrick escaped captivity after hearing a voice urging him to travel to a distant port where a ship would be waiting to take him back to Britain. During his short captivity within France, Patrick learned about French monasticism. At the end of his second captivity Patrick had a vision of Victorinus giving him the quest of bringing Christianity to Ireland. When the flood had subsided the Ui Neill and the Ulaid united on terms of peace, to bring the body of Patrick with them. It appeared to each of them that each had the body conveying it to their respective territories. The body of Patrick was afterwards interred at Dun Da Lethglas with great honour and veneration; and during the twelve nights that the religious seniors were watching the body with psalms and hymns, it was not night in Magh Inis or the neighbouring lands, as they thought, but as if it were the full undarkened light of day. It is also used by Down District Council which has its headquarters in Downpatrick, the reputed burial place of Patrick. A saltire was intermittently used as a symbol of Ireland from the seventeenth century, but without reference to Patrick. Surviving examples of such badges come in many colours [] and they were worn upright rather than as saltires. The bell was part of a collection of "relics of Patrick" removed from his tomb sixty years after his death by Colum Cille to be used as relics. A stir was caused in when two kings, in some dispute over the bell, went on spates of prisoner taking and cattle theft. The annals make one more apparent reference to the bell when chronicling a death, of The shrine is an important example of the final, Viking-influenced, style of Irish Celtic art, with intricate Urnes style decoration in gold and silver. The bell itself is simple in design, hammered into shape with a small handle fixed to the top with rivets. Originally forged from iron, it has since been coated in bronze. The rear of the shrine, not intended to be seen, is decorated with crosses while

the handle is decorated with, among other work, Celtic designs of birds. The bell is accredited with working a miracle in and having been coated in bronze to shield it from human eyes, for which it would be too holy. The folklorist Jenny Butler [] discusses how these traditions have been given new layers of meaning over time while also becoming tied to Irish identity both in Ireland and abroad. In some portrayals, the saint is symbolically synonymous with the Christian religion itself. There is also evidence of a combination of indigenous religious traditions with that of Christianity, which places St Patrick in the wider framework of cultural hybridity. Popular religious expression has this characteristic feature of merging elements of culture. Later in time, the saint becomes associated specifically with Catholic Ireland and synonymously with Irish national identity. Subsequently, Saint Patrick is a patriotic symbol along with the colour green and the shamrock. They have persisted in such a way that they have become stalwart traditions, viewed as the strongest "Irish traditions". Sainthood and modern remembrance St. Relatively soon after the death of people considered very holy, the local Church affirmed that they could be liturgically celebrated as saints. As a result, Patrick has never been formally canonised by a Pope; nevertheless, various Christian churches declare that he is a Saint in Heaven he is in the List of Saints. He is still widely venerated in Ireland and elsewhere today. Saint Patrick Visitor Centre is a modern exhibition complex located in Downpatrick and is a permanent interpretative exhibition centre featuring interactive displays on the life and story of Patrick. It provides the only permanent exhibition centre in the world devoted to Patrick. One theory is that he herded sheep in the countryside around Slemish. Another theory is that Patrick herded sheep near Killala Bay, at a place called Fochill.

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And having pitched his tent there, St, Patrick with his companions paid to the most high God the due vows of the Paschal feast and the sacrifice of praise with all devotion, according to the words of the prophet.

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