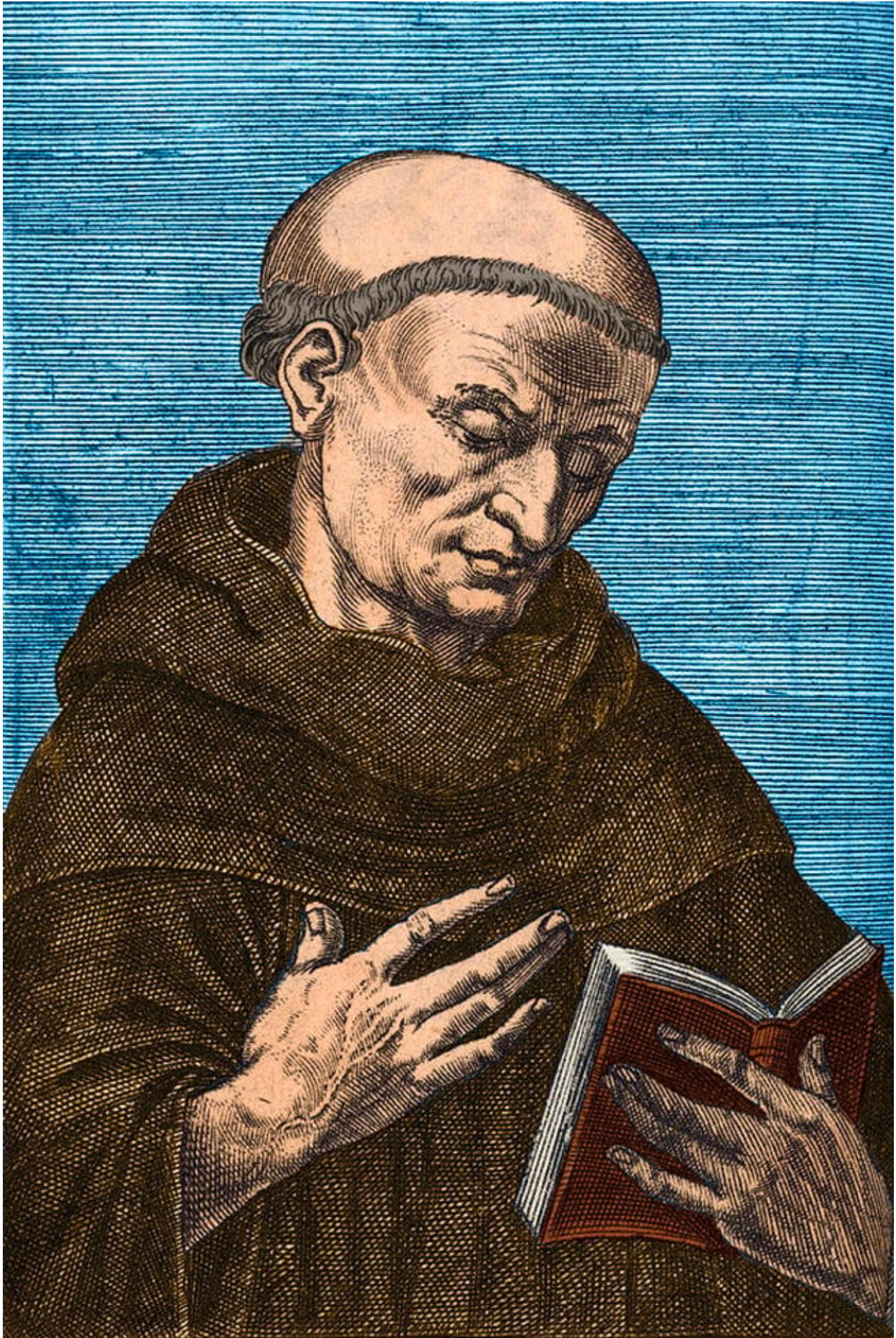


# A Taste of Riches

by [Walt Garlington](#) (August 2024)





Gildas the Wise



Rich and gleaming,  
Wealth unseemly,  
Wales from Grace is falling.

Saxons raiding,  
Many slaying,  
Britons now bewailing.

Modern cities  
Awfully gaudy—  
Leprous sores are spreading.

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Wise and holy Gildas,  
Resting quietly in Rhuys,  
The pure sea breezes blowing  
Gently on the shores of Brittany  
Are your constant friends at the church  
Where your body lies still, enclosed.  
Send them throughout the West  
To cool the passions deep within our bones.  
And with the resounding waves,  
Lift up your voice to God unceasingly  
That we be freed from spiritual bonds  
And infirmities, able to join the chorus  
Of all creation in praise of the Holy Trinity.

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