

The most energetic of the emperors of the eastern empire who decided to remove all of the images and he reigned from 716-741 and during those years he did everything he could to destroy all the images in the churches of the eastern empire and to demand that they be destroyed in the western section for after all theoretically there was still one empire and theoretically he was the emperor over Rome and in the previous century an emperor had sent and taken Martin I prisoner off the Constantinople for disobeying the emperor. (question) the boundary line - at this time there was no eastern or western church, at this time there was one church. You mean today? Yes I was speaking in this time in general terms like you would say the southern Christians and the northern Christians? What is the line between westerners and easterners? in the U.S. They eventually became two churches but it was not at that time, but there are two at that time. There is a center in Constantinople where there was a patriarch and there was another patriarch in Alexandria and another in Antioch, so there were three centers which happened to be in the east, but they were more or less near each other and they are all near enough to the eastern emperor that he could exert a great deal of control over them and then there is a ^{fourth} ~~third~~ center which is in Rome, honored more than any of the other three, but the other three never recognized any ^{inferiority} ~~superiority~~ to it in the four, but it was honored more because after all Rome is the city that established the whole empire originally and so in Rome there is a center and from Rome the control of the bishop and his influence is going out even as the interest of those others is going out from the other area and the emperor being in Constantinople is able to tell the eastern church what to do and they have to either do it or resist pretty strenuously and ^h ~~he~~ ~~try~~ to make the people in the western part of the world do what he says but the western part is so largely under control at this of Germanic tribes that had conquered various areas of it that they all recognized him as the emperor and theoretically they are under him, actually most of them paid no attention to anything he said, and so all through contraversies we have