

Middle Ages was already here in 451. So I would start it in 451, definitely.

Now the thing that we are interested in, after 451 is first how did these tribes become Christianized. And so for the next five centuries, we have constatn spreading of the Gospel from one tribe to another. But this spreading of the Gospel had already; begun before they had entered the Roma Empire. The representataves, missionaries, had gone to them and had won many of them to the Gospel. But here is the strange ~~thong~~ thong. The missionaries that went to them were Arians, they were men who did not believe in the full deit/y of Christ. And the result was that when these hoardes of people came ~~into~~ into the Roman Empire, those of them who were already Christians held a heretical view of Christianity, a view which had been given up by the Christians when in the empire. And that made a sharp division between them and the Christians of the empire. The overwhalming mass of those who were already Christians were Arians.

Now ~~during~~ during this period we are interested in how many of them were converted, we are interested in how / Arianism disappeared among those who had already accepted it. We are interested in how they established a new civilization on top of the Roan Empire, taking up of course, many of the old features of the Roman Empire. And we find that by ~~800~~ 750, say, Rome was practically about to disappear. Rome was a town of no political/power, ~~standing~~ very little standing. It was the place where a bishop lived who had considerable authority over the Christian people in his area, it looked as if it would lose all importanae/ And then it had for political motives, perhaps, the French rulers raise the powers of the bishop of Rome, at about 800. ~~But~~ But after that the power of the bishop of Rome didn't amount to ~~my~~ much and it gradually sank until ~~about~~ by 100 years after that, about 900 to 1000, we find that in Rome the position of the bishop of Rome was held ~~by~~ by men of the lowest possible character, of no ability whatever, no character, utterly ~~sunk~~ sunk in degradation and immorality, it was a time when it looked, as an institution, the power of Rome, religiously or politically, to just ~~disappear~~ disappear completely. Well, now that was the situation