

about 950 A.D. And a hundred years later you will find the bishop of Rome
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Well, that was a tremendous change. Well, what brought that change about? But that change which was brought about then, put the bishop of Rome into the position from which he has never altogether lost. By 1070, it would be you have the bishop of Rome making tremendous claims and these claims accepted by great masses of people. And from that time on, then you have a period of about two hundred years in which the bishop of Rome claimed to be the head of the Christian world. Not only in the religious sphere, but in the secular sphere. He would put down kings, and he would put up kings. Sometimes he would fail, but sometimes he succeeded. And he was widely recognized as the high point of the papacy, during these periods of about two hundred years, from about 1070 to about 1300. This period is the high point in the medieval papacy.

Well, now, we will not ~~xxxx~~ spend a great deal of time on that period, but I want to give you a general idea of the way things proceeded then, and you can see why the catholic church today looks back to that period as a very very great period. The pope came to be recognized that way. And yet he was not recognized that way through the whole Christian world, because the whole eastern half, the eastern empire, the area around Constantinople, and on into Asia, never recognized the pope as the head of the church. There is no evidence of any time at which they as a whole so recognized him, and hardly ever a few ~~xxxx~~ years when a few of them recognized him. But in western Europe the pope achieved this great supremacy at this time, and the result was that naturally most of the bishops became interested in the great secular advances, and the great worldly things that they could secure, rather than in the spiritual work.

(question) Well, I am not trying to give definite dates at this period, but I am trying to give a general idea of this immediate period. We don't have time now to do this. ~~451 to about~~ 451, I'd say, the Middle Ages