

I wrote a letter the other day and said. "I will now tell you what I think you ought to do about this" and somebody made a mistake in typing and instead of saying n o w - I will now tell you, there was just one letter changed to n o t instead of n o w but the one letter made quite a difference, so you can't say just one letter but the principle at stake was tremendously important and all investigators recognized this.

----- 5 more attention to that than to the Roman Catholic Church. Actually Constantine stopped the persecution by not making anything the state religion. Constantine stopped the persecution and favored Christianity but certainly there is no evidence that he ever dealt unfairly with any other religion and the old forms and ceremonies were maintained and the supposedly governing bodies of the Roman empire had their pagan sacrifices in connection with their meetings and the official things were carried on as if paganism was still the religion of the empire. Of course these official bodies were actually mere forms any more because the emperor was actually the one who ruled. The emperor did sneer a bit at these pagan ceremonies but he allowed them to continue. They went through the same forms. If anything, the state ~~was~~ religion under Constantine was paganism rather than Christianity but Constantine was anxious and favored Christianity in every possible way. That certainly is not making it the state religion. When a ruler begins to favor a religion there is a tendency toward it becoming a state religion. There is a great tendency in that direction and unless there is a deliberate effort made to make sure to tolerate all religions equally, such a development will inevitably come; but it did not come in Constantine's time because Christianity was -----
----- 4 when it began and because he was too busy with other things to have done the very serious things that would have been necessary to make it a state religion if he had wanted to do that. Now we can't say he didn't want to do so but we can't say he did. It would be far more true to say his son tried to make it a state religion than that he did. It does become what you might call the state religion by the end of the century but by that time there was hardly anybody left who was calling himself a pagan. Most people were nominal