

Jesus Christ is man in the fullest sense. He is just as much man as you or I are except of course that he is a perfect man, not affected by sin as we are. Now the Arians would not have denied this. They felt that they could hold to the Atonement but the attempt which they made to explain the problem of the birth of Christ was one which ultimately would do away with any real authority because the Arians insisted that there is one God - the great absolute - the great unmoved one - the one who cannot create anything - cannot do things because that would mean changing God and God cannot change. God is fixed. God is absolute. Now that is not the scriptural God. To find out what the Christian God is we must study the scripture to see what it tells us about the Christian God. That is the God of the 11 ----- . That is the god of the Greek Philosopher. The God is ~~wh~~ absolutely unchanged and unmovable and who cannot have contact with matter because he is entirely distinct from matter. But then from this thought there comes one who is not matter but who is another God. You can call Jesus Christ God but he is God in a different sense than God the Father. Jesus Christ was- according to Arius, the first of all creations. He was created before anything else existed except God, the unmoved, absolute being and Jesus Christ being created then began to create the universe, so he created all the world, everything and is indeed the great God. But he certainly is secondary to the real God who was before he existed and Arius specifically said there was when he was not. He would not use the word time. He would not say there was a time when he was not but he said specifically and frequently that there was when he was not. Then of course it raised the question to whether you believed in a real manhood of Christ because Christ - this one who is between the real God and us. This one - did he really become a man or did he take on human flesh? That they did not go into fully but the impression is that he loses the real manhood as certainly as the real deity. question - Mr. Wales - No, I don't think they were holding with a changeless God in the way we would be but in a way that was different from an absolute God. That is to say he could feel sorrow. He wept, we read. He was grieved over things that went wrong. He had a sympathy for people. He did things.