

handled everything so well that he established himself in an extremely great popularity with the people of Egypt. The people in Egypt stood solidly behind him from this time on. Constantius had spoken so very favorably to him that he refused to believe at first when people said that Constantius was working behind his back and against him. However the people in the West called for a new council to settle this matter. They had a council in the West near the border of the two areas and there they adopted a statement of standing by the Nicene formula and most of the Eastern bishops withdrew and held another council just across the border in which they took the opposite stand. I have a book here - a little thin book - called the Arian Controversy. In this book of 170 pages, you will find in the back, references to about 20 different councils and about 20 different creeds which were made during this period; Because they were constantly trying to make the new creed, that everyone would get together with, but they would get away from this idea that Christ and the Father are the same essence ~~but~~. So they were making all these creeds, one after the other, during this period. But the efforts came to an end because a usurper in the West killed Constantius in 350 and for three years this usurper reigned in the West but then in 353 Constantius met this usurper Magnansus and defeated him in battle and now Constantius was emperor of the whole empire in 353. So for 8 years Constantius was in control of the entire empire and now he really put the force on the followers of Athanasias. These 8 years represent the complete triumph outwardly at least, of Arianism.

To deal with all the vital things that happened in that century would take us at least a semester. It is a problem to know how to present it because if you try to take just a few generalizations and give just a sort of generalized picture of the important events, it is hard to do. On the other hand, it can easily become confusing and we do not have time to develop the details to any great extent. I am trying to go somewhere between the two and this is very difficult to know just where to go. I know that those of you who already