

I have mentioned already that in this century there were two developments. There was the development of the conflict with arianism, there was the development of the downfall\* of paganism and that was going on through this period and comes to a climax at the end of this century. This is the great century which we will speak about and I want to discuss that with you but will not take time at the present moment.

question

He banded the whole empire, but he proceeded to call a council. Theodosius felt that he was carrying out an interim measure, as emperor, reestablishing law and order. He was carrying out an interim measure by giving these orders. I am not sure how strictly he enforced them but they were an interim measure until a church council should meet and should determine what would be the proper attitude, which attitude should then be enforced.

question

Gregory of Nazianzus ? this is the man who preached in Constantinople and who had such a tremendous influence in bringing an end to Arianism in Constantinople, that is reducing its power, reducing the allegiance of the intelligent people of Constantinople to that which was the only view which they had been hearing.

question

I would say he thought of his ban as being in line with the scriptures and I don't think he had any doubt as to what the council would decide but he called the council in order that the church people who were trained in these matters could make the decision as to what was right. After the council was called, the ban would be in line with the action of the council. Now that leads us on to G. There are two titles we might give this point. I notice that three years ago I gave this the title of the First Council of Con. I think it would be a better title to say THE SECOND ECUMENICAL COUNCIL because while it is the first council of con. that is considered as an ecumenical council. There naturally were other councils in Con. as there have been in all important places but this which we call the first council of Con. became the first council which is considered as an ecumenical council. In Rome at the meeting of the so called 21st ecumenical council, a paper was handed out to all the important people there which listed the ecumenical councils, where held and under what place.