

no persecution and no evidence that there would be any, people would simply ask what is your religion, if they were asked that in 300 AD we cannot tell what the census would be but it would be rather likely that about 75% of the people or a little less than that, would have said I follow Jupiter or I follow the old gods, I follow the historic religion of the empire. They might differ in one detail but probably 75% would be nominally followers of the old religion. Now that is not saying how intensely they believed; there were probably a good many more that believed now than 100 years earlier. The number who would go along, that was their practice, their leaning. Now the people who would attend church more or less regularly and be ready to say I am a Christian would probably be about 1/4 of the empire at 300, but at 400 the only people left who would say that they were followers of Jupiter were way out in some little village in the country and these villages, the Latin word was ----- and so they came to call the great old religion of the empire that had been established for centuries, they came to call it the religion of the little village, in other words Paganism, and of course we think of it at the time of its great strength, paganism but that is the way the word came to change, because it had almost completely disappeared at the very end of the century. So this is the century of the downfall of paganism.

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My guess is that of the whole roman empire, if someone could have asked everyone what are you? - a christian, pagan or what? No more than 1% would have declared they selves pagans.

question

Perhaps we should exclude the Jewish people from these figures. I don't think the jews would put themselves under either of these two categories but I doubt if they would be over 5% but I really don't know. There would be some sources on Jewish history which would give an indication. Thank you for the calling attention to that. Those are a very few of the important developments at this very important century. I would like you to be able to take either and trace it through the century and note the important events in connection with it. Now there are other events in this century which are of very considerable importance. One of those naturally is