

Lecture 24: Athanasius and Eastern Christianity

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Three Eras of Church History

A.D. 70 **Patristics**
Roman Persecution: Nero → Constantine
Barbarians – sack Rome (AD 410)

A.D. 600 **Medieval**
Pope—Kings—Mohammed
Philosophers & Monks/Mystics

A.D. 1500 **Modern**
Renaissance → Reformation
“Enlightenment”
Fact/Value Split

Remember: December 25, 800 – the crowning of Charlemagne
October 31, 1517 – the 95 Theses of Martin Luther

Three Branches of Christianity

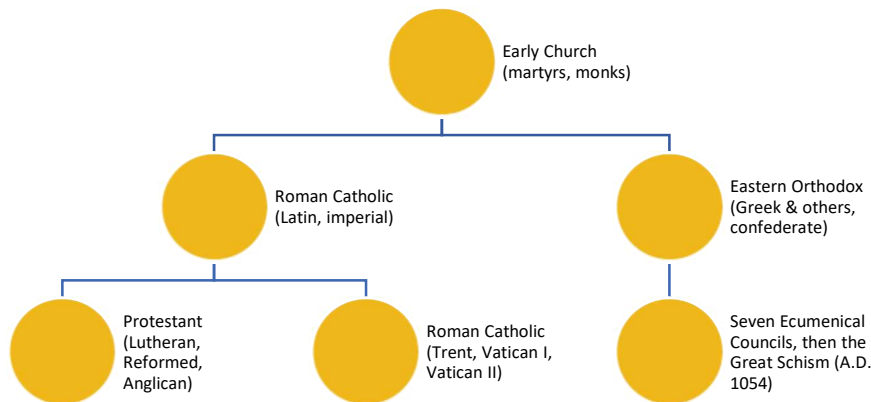
Eastern Orthodox – Athanasius, Cappadocians

Roman Catholic – Augustine, Anselm, Aquinas

Protestant – Luther, Calvin

Claim: The faith is that which has been believed *ubique, semper, ab omnibus* (Vincent of Lérins).

Illus. Reverse Engineering vs. the Gold Standard (cf. what is true Americanism?)



Athanasius of Alexandria (c. 299-373)

Arian Controversy

Arius: “There was a time when he was not.”

Council of Nicea (A.D. 325)

Arian Persecution

Five exiles

Western bishops, Egyptian monks

Arian Defeat

Prolific writer

Cappadocian settlement

Logos Trilogy

Against the Gentiles – the Logos in creation

On the Incarnation – the Logos in Christ

Corruption → restore to life] _____ *Why did the Logos become man?*

Ignorance → restore the image] *Do you see revelation and resurrection?*

Life of Antony – the Logos in a Christian