

Christians have held from the start, that Jesus was fully God, and that He was fully man. He was both of them. It is a fact. And that is how it ended, in the council of ~~xxxxxxx(21)~~ Chalcedon.

But these two great discussion, these two great controversies, threatened to tear the Christian world apart, and for a time, between 300 and 400, the overwhelming mass of the church leaders held that Jesus was not ~~really~~ truly God, He was created greater than anyone else, He was created ~~before~~ before the world, He made the ~~world~~ world, He had tremendous supernatural powers, but He was not actually the God. He was created by Him. He was the first and greatest of all of God's creatures, and yet he was a creature. That was held by the majority of the leaders of the church for maybe thrity or forty years between 300 and 400. But that view died out among the church in the Roman Empire by 400. It was a tremendous struggle of the discussion of whether Jesus was of the very nature of God, He was the God Who was from the beginning, or whether He was very similar to the nature of God and created by God before the creation of the world, the whole discussion was expressed with two different words, which were different by only one letter, And Carlyle, the great Scotch writer, said at one time, it is perfectly ridiculous for the church to have such a tremendous controversy ^{and divisions} /~~over~~ over one letter. And later on in his life, after Carlyle studied that matter ~~more~~ more carefully, he made the statement that actually though the difference~~s~~ was only over one letter, it was such a difference that the church would never have survived if the heresy had won out, the view which denied Christ.

(question)....you said that most church leaders at this time held this view?) Yes, of the leaders. (Is that true also of the council of Nicea?) No, the Council of Nicea was before that time . I am speaking of the time about thirty years afterward, about 350 to 380. During that time the leaders held this view, and many of them because they were coerced by the emperor.

(question) Now the reason that I put this council at the end, and I make this division point is because the views of the first four councils, of which