

instead of 1073 I do care. That is one reason why I have not intended to give you exact dates on these things, because it doesn't make a great deal of difference to us whether it was ~~xx~~ a year earlier or a year later. It doesn't matter, but it matters tremendously whether it was fifty years earlier or fifty years later. There is no point ~~xxxx~~ in learning a lot of dates just as something that is arbitrary and meaning something, but if you learn them as a means of having an idea of how long there is between events, and whether events come at about the same time, that is a skeleton which is tremendously valuable. And therefore if you don't remember that this is 1073, and you say 1050 or 1100 I am going to be perfectly well satisfied, but if you say 973 I will be disappointed, and if you say 873 I will be greatly disappointed. (laughter) And I mention that because in our final exam I will ask you about a good many events in ch. hist. I will ask you not to tell what date they occurred in, but what cent. and what third of a cent. To give within say thirty years, that is of great value, knowing that ~~xxx~~ much, because then you know their relationship.

(question) So it is the same ~~xxx~~ with the date that ends this period, 1294, and you say, oh that is somewhere in the 1200's, but is that somewhere in the 1200's? It is just six years before ~~ix~~ 1300. I would much rather you say 1325 than you say 1225, you see it is approximately 1300, and if you want to remember 1294 I won't object, but if you want to remember it as 1300 it is equally as good. But just somewhere in the 1200's is equally off. It is approximately a 200 year period, the high mark of the papacy. That is when Barnabas VIII became pope, a pope who claimed, who made greater claims than any predecessor, but was ~~xx~~ unable to carry out his claims. People of the time said of him, he came in like a fox, he ruled like a lion, and he died like a dog. (laughter) That was ~~xxxx~~ their feeling about him. We of course will not go into any details about him now, but the next period from 1294 to 1517 is often called the period of the decline of the ~~Middle~~ papacy. It is a period when papal power was far less than in the previous years. I think more important than the decline of the papacy ^{during this period} is the fact that the renaissance