

~~makx~~ take Arius away somewhere and prevent this. He said that he heard him praying like this. And he said this later on, and we don't have absolute evidence of it, but at any rate, the next day they had a big procession with all of Arius' friends there to go to the church where he was to be received into communion. And Arius was all excited, and they say that the veins on his face were just standing out, ~~xxxxxxx~~ in his excitement and joy over his being completely vindicated. And they say that ~~we~~ when Constantine invited him to come he wrote a letter to him in which he referred to his constant standing for what he believed and of his vindication which was now to take ~~his~~ place. Well, he was very happy about it, and the procession started toward the church where he was to be received. And on the way, they say, he was suddenly stricken ill, and he asked them, the procession, to stop and ~~w~~ excuse him a couple of minutes, and he retired the other side of one of the buildings, and they waited for him. And five minutes went by and ten, fifteen, quite a little time went, and they began to get very excited and they wondered what was wrong. And they went and looked for him, and they ~~xxxxx~~ found him lying there dead. One account said that he had burst assunder. And he was lying there dead. And all of the Nicean writers, in the next few years, make a great deal of this, as the judgment of God upon him.

And some, of course, today say that the reason was his excitement at his age, his happiness over all this, and of course what the circumstances were we have no way of knowing. But this ~~xxxxx~~ story is told by so many writers that there is no question of it, that Arius died just as he was on his way to be received in this fashion. And it was a great blow to his supporters, but they went on ~~gi~~ gaining more and more power and the next year ~~xxxxx~~ Constantine himself was baptised by Eusebius, the bishop who was their leader. Constantine...(end of record)

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Athanasius was in ~~xxxxx~~ exile. The supporters of Arianism had not yet won out, but they had gone a long way toward it. No change had been made in the creed, but Arius had actually been felt to have been received back into