

God did not permit the good Johian to have as long a reign as the wicked Julian had had before, in order that no one would stand for a truth and Christianity simply for the sake of the good things that he might get from it. Now that is, of course, a philosophic judgment of that, which is not necessarily true, but I think it is interesting.

The man who stood against Christianity had a few years, while the man who....(end of record)

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Well, ~~the~~ Johian, when he died, the empire was divided again. It was a pretty hard job to administer an empire as large as this anyway. It was very difficult. And of course in those days without telegraph, without telephones, without the transportation that we have today, it was particularly difficult, and of course the barbarians on the outside had been pressing in for three centuries, but more so in this last century than ever before. And ~~the~~ Diocletian, a century earlier, thought it wise to divide the empire. Now his two brothers, Valentinian and <sup>Valens</sup> ~~Valerian~~ became emperor. Valentinian ruled ~~in~~ in the west, Valens ruled in the east. Valentinian ruled in the west for eleven years. Valens, in the ~~the~~ east, lived longer. He ruled for thritean years. And Valentinian, in the west, favored the Nicean view, which was the view which was more preferred in the west. But Valens, in the east, was favorable to the Arian view. And the result is that during his life the Nicean party again began to come into difficulty. And again he setn Athanacius into exile. He had returned under Johian, five times ~~in~~ in his life he was sent into exile. He was from 374, I believe that was when he died, from 326 when he became bishop until 374, nearly fifty years he was bishop and five periods of anywhere from a year to five years he was in exile, ~~and~~ in the course of them.

(question) The exiles, there was one under Constantine, two under Constantius, one under ~~Julian~~ Julian, and one under Valens. But during this time, now, Athanacius' influence, ~~of~~ his writings, his teaching, his preaching, were bearing fruit. And there were three young men in the east who were