

men, and refused to believe anything against them, and his own Christian faith was not affected, / by the error that they held on this point. He did not carry it out logically, in such a way to interfere with his own Christian faith. And as a result of which that which he brought to the Goths was a true Go/spel, even though the ~~x~~ understanding was imperfect at this vital point.

But the result of the fact that Ulfilas was an Arian, and that the teaching ~~that which he brought to these Goths was an Arian teaching, was that when in the next century these Goths overran the Roman Empire, and conquered most of the sections of it, they felt themselves to be of a different religion from the people whom they conquered, who held to the orthodox view. And that the people whom they conquered ~~felt them to be of a different religion, x~~ although the conquest was altogether different than if they had ~~not been~~ Christians. In most sections of the empire they respected the churches and they showed a forbearance in their treatment of people, which would have been utterly contrary to the attitude they would have taken if they had not been converted to Christianity. It was tremendously helpful to the empire, the time of the conquest, that these people had been Christianized. But there was a barrier between them and the Christians of the empire, when they conquered the empire. And so it came about that the later conquerors, who came in, who had not been Christianized, were then Christianized by missionaries who held the orthodox view, and they, then, had a particular closer relationship with the Roman people than had the first conquerors. And they came to be the ^{among} leaders ~~of~~ the Christians and perhaps among the political leaders of Europe in a way which would not have been the case if it had not been for ~~his~~ barrier which came between the first conquerors, the Goths, and the people of the empire, ~~x~~ on account of their beliefs in Arianism. Now that is interesting, in showing how great effects follow, sometimes, from the situation which a person never dreams of. I certainly don't think we should ~~blame~~ blame Ulfilas at all for the situation, but I do think that it is extremely unfortunate that Ulfilas did not find opportunity in his youth to look into~~