

emperor. He had agreed with Ambrose in opposing Arianism, and the people of the west had never been largely taken over into Arianism, and so all the churches in the land, all the large buildings, used for religious purposes, were in the hands of presbyters/ under the direction of Ambrose, and what they ~~xxx~~ called the Catholic religion, the religion of the church as a whole. The Catholic church, those who were ~~xxxx~~ in cooperation with one another, as the term Catholic was intended, and is historically used. These were the people who were giving the preaching and holding....(end of record)

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(Question) Gratian invited Theodosius to become emperor of the eastern half of the empire. That meant that Theod. went to Constantinople and he reigned over the eastern half while Gratian continued to reign in the west. Then when Gratian was murdered his younger brother succeeded him, and Theod. was still in the east, until a usurper seized the power, after Valentinian. And then Theod. came with an army and went over to him, and from that time on he held the whole empire, with the remaining two or three years that he lived.

(question) I don't think it is necessary that you get all the details of all these emperors right in here, the vital thing is Ambrose and his relationship. But it is rather hard to get his events in mind without some reference to them. The important emperor at this time is Theod. He was a great outstanding vital man/.

Now, Ambrose and the Arians. There was a very brief period, here, when Ambrose was involved in a very serious situation. And this was due to Justin the empress. She was the mother of the young emperor. She was very sympathetic with the Arians. And while the people of Milan, the citizens of Milan, were all, I believe, or practically all, Christians among them, held the orthodox view. There were a good many soldiers then, and a great many of the ~~Rxxxx~~ Roman army at this time was composed of mercenary soldiers who were Goths. The German barbarians who later overran the empire, a great number of them had already come in and had become soldiers in the Roman army. And, in fact, I think we can say that if the Roman empire had continued to have men of the ability of