

tremendously interested in learning. And he had a zeal to become acquainted with all he could about the ancient world. He was not exempt from the temptations of the great and corrupt city, and there was at least one occasion when he found himself with other young men engaging in activities which he very greatly and bitterly lamented later on. How often he went to these extremes ~~fix~~ again we don't know. Chances are it was not very often. But at least he looked back on it with constant regret and constant remorse. My guess is that compared to the average young student in the city, that his life was ~~prax~~ probably not subject to great reproach. I think simply because a man of his type would have an interest largely in other things. But he was very much interested in study of the Christian writers, as well as of the classics, and he, in the year 370, announced himself as having accepted Christ, as having been converted to Christ, and he very ardently renounced his youthful sins and he was a few years after this, he had a dream. ~~ax~~ He was in a morbid ascetic frame of mind, and he had a dream. And he came before the Lord, and he declared that he was a Christian and the Lord said, you are not a Christian you are a ~~fix~~ Ciceronian. And he took that as meaning that the study of the pagan writers the pagan ~~philix~~ philosophers was not the thing he should be ~~doing~~ doing, but he should devote all his time to studying Christian things.

Some years later he wrote ~~xxxxxxx~~ a letter to someone and he said, ~~wjx~~ what have light and darkness, Christ and Belial, the songs and horrors, the Gospel and Virgil, The apostles and Cicero to do with one another. We cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons at the same time. And so Jerome took a violent stand, for a brief time, against the great classics, and against the pagan learning. His words were quoted in the Middle Ages by monks who wanted to be lazy and not bother to study. ~~B~~ And they did hurt scholarship in the Middle Ages. But as far as Jerome was concerned, ~~z~~ he had already ~~studix~~ studied the best of the world's learning. So well that a great deal of it was treasured up in his mind. And in later years he gradually got away from this attitude, until in his ~~ix~~ latter years he was teaching the classics in his monastery at Bethlehem. But for a time he took quite a hostile