

He had a friend at this time who was thinking a little bit of going into the monastic life, and he wrote various biographies of distinguished hermits. In order to try to attract this friend. And these biographies were very well written ~~xxx~~ and came to be read all over the world, and did a lot to increase interest in the monastic life. He wrote to his friend, urging him to become a monk. He said to his friend, though thy mother was born ~~xxxxxxx~~ wearing red garments, should show thee the breast which hath nourished thee, though thy father should lie upon the threshold, yet depart thou <sup>treading over</sup> ~~from~~ thy father and ~~xxxxxxx~~ and fly with dry eyes to the standard of the cross. This is the only religion of its kind, and this matter can be proven. The love of God and the fear of hell easily rends the bonds of the household asunder. The Holy Scripture indeed enjoins ~~xxxx~~ the obedience to parents, but he who loves them more than Christ loses his soul. O desert, where the flowers of Christ are blooming, oh solitude where the stones for the new Jerusalem are prepared, oh retreat which rejoices in the friendship of God. What dost thou in the world, my brother, when thy soul is greater than the world. How long wilt thou remain in the ~~xxx~~ shadow of roofs and smokey dungeons and cities. Believe me, I see here more. But the friend to whom he wrote did not become a monk, but he came to the active preaching in the church, and he eventually became a bishop.

But his ~~xxxx~~ writings were distributed, and after a few years, Jerome left the desert himself, he went into Antioch, and there he was ordained as a presbyter. But he did not take a ~~xx~~ settled charge. He proposed an itinerant life of a monk and a student, and about 380 he went to Constantinople and there he attended the great sermons of Gregory Nazianzen against Arianism...(end of record)

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And he translated the ~~M~~ Homilies of Origen on Jeremiah and Ezekeil. And then in 382 he tells us that for ecclesiastical reasons he found it necessary to go to Rome. You remember he had been in Rome as a student. Now he went back to Rome in 382, at which age he was either 40 or (1)....depending on what ~~xxxxxxxwasxxxxxxx~~ time he was born. And he went back to Rome, now, he