

Early Christian Heresies

years	Philosophers	Heresy	Heretics	Orthodox Defenders	Concil
204-270	Plotinus: Neoplatonist. Reality emanates from the One in the increasingly less perfect levels : Being, Ideas, Spirit, Matter				
216-277		Manicheanism: Reality consists of 2 substances in conflict, matter which is evil and spirit which is good. Evolves out of Zoroastrianism and	Mani		
250-336 296-377		Arianism: Christ one nature: human	Arius	Athanasius. Anti-Arius, Christ has two natures, one divine, one human	
325					Nicea: Nicean Creed, the Trinity, Christ is divine
340-397 347-419				Ambrose. Anti-Arius Jerome: translated the Bible into Latin (the	
354-418		Pelagianism: Free Will without grace is sufficient for good works and salvation. Baptism not necessary for	Pelagius		
354-430				Augustin: Anti Pelagius. Grace & baptism necessary for good	
381					Constantinople: Completes Nicean Creed, Trinity, Christ has divine nature
386-450		Nestorianism, aka Monophysitism: Christ has one nature, divine; Mary not Theotokos (mother of God)	Nestorius		
412-485	Proclus. Neoplatonist logician & geometer, last head of the Academy				

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First Ephesus: Condemns Nestorianism (Monophysitism) and Pelagianism

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Miaphysitism: Christ has one nature that is both divine and human, a distinctive **Coptic** doctrine **Dioscorus**

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Second Ephesus: Condemns miaphysitism, reaffirms dyophysitism (Christ has 2 natures, divine and human)

477-524

Boethius

480-560

Simplicius

490-570

Philoponus