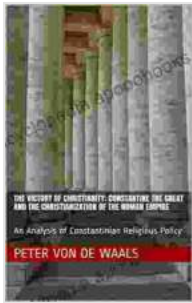


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Constantine the Great was the first Roman emperor to convert to Christianity. His conversion had a profound impact on the development of both Christianity and the Roman Empire. In this article, we will analyze Constantinian religious policy, examining its impact on the development of Christianity and the Roman Empire.

### Constantine's Conversion to Christianity

Constantine was born in Naissus, Dacia (modern-day Serbia), in 272 AD. He was the son of Constantius Chlorus, a Roman general, and Helena, a Christian. Constantine was raised in a pagan household, but he was exposed to Christianity from a young age. In 306 AD, Constantine became emperor of the Western Roman Empire. In 312 AD, he defeated his rival Maxentius at the Battle of Milvian Bridge. According to legend, Constantine saw a vision of the Christian cross in the sky before the battle. He

interpreted this vision as a sign that he should convert to Christianity. After his victory, Constantine issued the Edict of Milan, which granted toleration to all religions in the Roman Empire.

## **The Edict of Milan**

The Edict of Milan was a landmark piece of legislation that granted toleration to all religions in the Roman Empire. It was issued by Constantine and Licinius, the emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire, in 313 AD. The edict stated that "no one whatsoever is to be denied the opportunity of following that religion which he thinks best for himself." It also restored the property that had been confiscated from Christians during the Great Persecution.

## **The Impact of Constantinian Religious Policy**

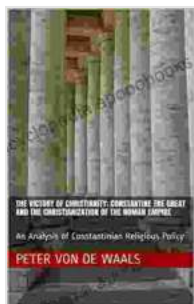
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## **The Council of Nicaea**

In 325 AD, Constantine convened the Council of Nicaea, a gathering of Christian bishops from all over the empire. The council was called to settle a dispute over the nature of Christ. The council fathers affirmed the Nicene Creed, which declared that Christ was "God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father." The Nicene Creed became the standard statement of Christian belief.

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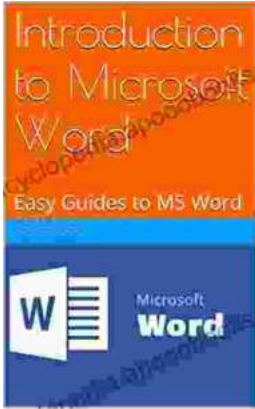
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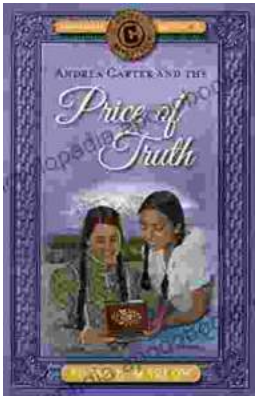
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