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When we analyze the growth and development of Christianity we can not remove Constatine's impact on the advancement of the religion. If we were to consider an alternate reality when Constantine never favors Mithraism so much would be different and we would see the impact today in 2023.

Mithraism was a religious group that broke off from Zoroastrianism, which was the monotheistic pre-Islamic religion from Ancient Persia. Mithraism was the worship of Mithra as the defender of truth before Christianity came onto the scene in Rome. They worshiped Mithra, performed sacrifices, and had community feasts in honor of Mithra. Before Christianity as Mithra and if we consider a reality where Constatine did not favor Christianity we would have to return to 312, where Constatine was a simple general for the throne and saw a sign that changed his life. If Constantine never saw the cross in the sky with the message, "under the sign you will conquer" he would never be inspired to go in the direction of Christianity. What if while fighting for the throne, Constantine saw a symbol of Mithra and was convinced that with the symbol of Mithra, he would conquer? Instead of Mithraism being a simple sect, it would become more mainstream due to Constantine promoting the religion throughout his empire. This, would in return, change the sporadic persecution of the faith of Christianity to a constant and intense empire-wide institutionalized persecution of the faith. In this alternate universe the first council of all Christian bishops at Nicea in 324 would not take place. The Nicene Creed

which is Christian statement of belief would not be formulated. Christianity would not be the official religion of the empire, instead Mithraism would be empire's religion.