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- "Despotic" later phase of the Roman Empire
- Supreme Power Through
- Diocletian (Byzantium)
- Constantine (Gaul)
- Maxentius (Rome)
- Galerius (Illyria)

Diocletian: "The immortal gods in their foresight have taken care to principle and prescribe what is good and true... It is wrong to oppose and resist such matters as bad and impious, and new cults should not find fault with ancient religion. It is a serious crime to question matters that our ancestors established and fixed once and for all... Therefore, we are eager to punish the obstinate and perverse wickedness of those utterly worthless people."
Constantine the Great

- East —
- Alliance with
- "I believe in any god that looks kindly upon our enterprise."

- Major Question: Why NOT change the state religion to Christianity?

- "By the sword we bring peace to the world."

Crush Heresy