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1. Nestorian Missions

Following the Council of Ephesus, the banned Nestorius and followers, went to the east and worked in Persia..developing a strong church in that rival territory to Rome. There was also some work in India and Nestorian churches continue today in Iran, etc., albeit not very strong and not very numerous (there has been some recovery in recent years, I am told). The technical differences in Nestorianism are hard to identify but the body did not reach out beyond these initial moves.

2. Arian Missions

And I suppose this should be in a different category but...the work of Ulfilus, an Arian Goth convert, is remarkable. We are not sure how much of the Christological disputes he handled but he returned to the Gothic territories and was largely responsible for the conversion of the Ostrogoths, et al, to an Arian expression of Christianity. Some Vandal tribes were also reached and this work will prove important in the later aspects of our course when the western world begins to fail.

3. Patrick

- --His Life, and I will talk about it.
- --His Work, more discussions with reference to Cahill's book: How the Irish Saved Civilization.
- --His Writings

4. The Celtic Missions

- --Patrick's Heritage
- --Finian of Clonard
- --Columba: The work at Iona
- -- Columbanus: Move to the continent

A broad note on the scholarship and effective ministries of this group and a note or two on the Celtic churches at large.