

b. Some additional data.

With the streamlining of organization came membership qualifications and duties, and many of the liturgical movements that would later represent the public life of the church. Likewise many other appointed positions in the feeling that if one has a job to perform one is more likely to continue in strong loyalty to the body. Not much different from today, do you think

4. Survival Leaders

Here is a developed table of some of the persons used by God in the survival process.

a. Apologists

An **apologist** is one who speaks to the external community about the viability of the position he represents.

The apologists of our time include the earlier ones who argued for Christianity on humanitarian lines and the later ones who worked on "scientific" lines of which Justin Martyr was the great example. Following Martyr and Tatian, we mention:

-Melito of Sardis (180)..biblical textual critic and Old Testament canonist

-Arnobius (300)..author of a huge work "To the Heathen"..that put me to sleep several times and I never did finish it. This is Arnobius the Senior...the Junior of this name comes 200 years later.

-Lactantius..about 320..and his work is somewhat in historical apologetics.

b. Polemicists

A **polemicist** (from Greek..to wage war) seeks to resolve difficulties in the body largely by writing for and against various views.

-Irenaeus (180) is the most prolific of these..very clear and edifying reading. His name, meaning peaceful, is actually fitting to his personality and work!