

whether there is perseverance of the saints they denied that there is, that the ones that are saved can be sure that they are saved forever. And they went beyond on all of these points in their denial, until many of the followers of the Remonstrants reached a position which was very ~~not~~ close to the Pelagians, the view of Pelagians Pelagius, or at least the semi-Pelagians of the RC^o Church. In fact, ^{during} ~~after~~ the next five years after the Synod of Dort, during I guess about six or seven years, the Remonstrants were persecuted in Holland. and some of them fled into Belgium where they were received by the RCics^o there, received and honored for their stand against the REformed leaders here, and the Jesuits, who followed the Pelagian doctrines honored them, but some of the ~~the~~ Dominicans who tended more toward the teaching of St. Augustine, were rather ~~displea~~ displeased at their being so much honored. But the persecution was rather severe; some were even executed, some of their political leaders, and some were imprisoned. But after eight or nine years the persecution came to an end the Remonstrants continued as a denomination in Holland. I don't know whether they do to this day, but I do ~~not~~ know that a few years ago there was still the REmonstrant Church in Holland. At the beginning of this century there were about twelve thousand people in Holland in the denomination of the REmonstrants, while the various Calvinistic churches in Holland ~~there~~ probably were several million at the beginning of the present century. But this ~~was~~ comparatively small group did continue. But the influence was very great in England among those who were moving toward the Roman church Church, and toward the Pelagian idea which was utterly ~~differe~~ different from what Arminianism itself held, that human nature isn't so bad after all, and all we need is to ~~strive~~ strive to bring out the good that is in us, and live a good life, and we can win God's favor. Now that is what many of the followers of Arminianism came to. ~~James~~ James Orr, the great Scotch theologian, ~~said~~ says that John Wesley was actually about half way between ~~Arminianists and Calvinists~~ Arminius and ~~Calvin~~ Calvin, and a little nearer to Calvin than to Arminius, but about half-way in between in his teaching.