



ARIUS

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d. 336

Presbyter and Heresiarch

- * Antagonist of Alexander and Athanasius
- * Student of Lucian of Antioch
- * Wrote *Thalia*, a long poem sketching the contours of his theology
- * Held the Son to be less than the Father, who alone is eternal and uncreated
- * The Son did not save the world, but served as a supreme moral exemplar

“There was a time when he was not.”

Alleged by Arius’ opponents

“The Word is absolutely alien to the essence and property of the Father. He is one of the order of works and creatures; he is one of them.”

Thalia