

SEMI-ARIANS

A group drawn from among Arian theologians that was founded by [Basil of Ancyra](#) around 356. Its members espoused a doctrine of the sonship of Jesus that stood somewhere between the orthodox and the Arian (see ARIANISM) principles. They adopted the HOMOIOUSION theology and leaned toward orthodoxy. Saint [ATHANASIUS](#) returned to [Alexandria](#) in 362 and held a [council](#) that reconciled many moderate views, causing semi-Arians to reaffirm their [orthodoxy](#) at the [Council of CONSTANTINOPLE](#) in 381.

[See also: Arius; Homoeans; Homoiousion.]

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