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**The Attalid
Kingdom
A
Constitutional
History
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**Press on
Demand
Royal correspo
ndence in the
Hellenistic
period
Impulsore
Chresto
reassesses
opposition to
Christianity AD
50-250. The**

Roman authorities' persecutions have caught the attention of both the public, intrigued by martyrs, and scholars, arguing that executions were relatively rare. This is not

**challenged, but
the executions
are placed in
context as the
most dramatic
aspect of a
spectrum of
opposition
including
rumors,
polemic,
harassment and
accusations.**

**Such opposition
was taken for
granted and
rarely
described.**

**When studying
the preserved
texts on trials
against
Christians,
however, it
appears that
even here**

**relatives,
plaintiffs,
spectators or
local officials
played crucial
roles. There
were as many
reasons for
opposition as
opponents, but
some motives
reappear in
clusters:**

Christians were perceived as superstitious and ungodly, as endangering peace with the gods and social order.

The Attalid Kingdom

The Attalid Kingdom, centered on Pergamon, was the most

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important of the
kingdoms of Asia
Minor that emerged in
the third and second
centuries B.C. The
first authoritative
treatment of the
subject since 1906,
this book assesses the
copious epigraphical
evidence, discusses the
significance of the
reign of Attalos I and

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the of the Roman
settlement of Asia in
188 B.C., and
reconsiders many
aspects of civic, fiscal,
and religious policies.
Opposition to
Christianity in the
Roman Empire C.
50-250 AD