

Eastern Christianity

- Focus on East
- Different than West
- Led to schism

Christological Debates

- Antiochene and Alexandrine

GOD	HUMANITY
Immutable	Constantly changing
Infinite	Finite
Omnipotent	Power is limited
Eternal and omnipresent	Only present at one place at one time

“If any believe in Jesus Christ as a human being without human reason, they are the ones devoid of all reason, and unworthy of salvation. For that which he has not taken up he has not saved. He saved that which he joined to his divinity. If only half of Adam had fallen, then it would be possible for Christ to take up and save only half. But if the entire human nature fell, all of it must be united to the Word in order to be saved as a whole.”

**“Following, then, the holy Fathers, we all with one voice teach that it is to be confessed that our Lord Jesus Christ is one and the same God, perfect in divinity, and perfect in humanity, true God and true human, with a rational soul and a body, of one substance with the Father in his divinity, and of one substance with us in his humanity, in every way like us, with the only exception of sin, begotten of the Father before all time in his divinity, and also begotten in the latter days, in his humanity, of Mary the Virgin bearer of God.
passed on to us.”**

This is one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, manifested in two natures without any confusion, change, division or separation. The union does not destroy the difference of the two natures, but on the contrary the properties of each are kept, and both are joined in one person and hypostasis. They are not divided into two persons, but belong to the one Only-begotten Son, the Word of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. All this, as the prophets of old said of him, and as he himself has taught us, and as the Creed of the Fathers has

Further Debates

“Why do we venerate one another, if not because we are made after the image of God?...To depict God in a shape would be the peak of madness and impiety....But since God...became true man...the Fathers, seeing that not all can read nor have the time for it, approved the descriptions of these facts in images, that they might serve as brief commentaries.”

Eastern Orthodoxy After Arab Conquest

“Many Christians have arrived in our midst, some Italian, some Greek, and some German, and they have spoken to us in their different ways. But we Slavs are simple people, and have no one to teach us the truth....Therefore we pray you to send us someone capable of teaching us the whole truth.”

Imperial Restoration and Continuing Decay

- Charlemagne's reign
- Western Europe became barter economy
- bishoprics and abbeys had land became powerful

Theological Activity

“Unbelievers could see nothing but a man in the one whom they crucified. And as a man they crucified him. They crucified the Son of God. They crucified God. My God suffered for me. For me was my God crucified.”

- Communion

Movements of Renewal

- Monastic Reform
- Papal Reform
- Papacy and Empire in Conflict

“In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, by the power and authority of Saint Peter and for the defence and honour of the church, I place king Henry...under interdict, forbidding him to rule in any of the kingdoms of Germany or Italy. I also free from their oaths any who have sworn or would swear loyalty to him. And I forbid that he be obeyed as king.”

1. Can you relate to Augustine's statement "Though drawn to the Path, who is my savior, I shied from its hard traveling."
2. How could Augustine want to both pursue life in Christ and remain in sin?
3. What does Augustine mean that you were forcing him to face himself?
4. Can a child's game be the voice of God?