

Subject	Development Test and Definition	Summary of Doctrinal Expressions as the Councils Period Resultant Orthodox Expression	Notes on Trends
Theology Proper	<p><u>Monarchianism</u> (Sabellianism)...God is A single person and all deity representations are manifestations of the One.</p> <p><u>Manicheanism</u> <i>Persian tenet, Ascetic. Forces of darkness.</i></p> <p><u>Gnosticism</u>: God is the essence of knowledge, impersonal and unknowable</p> <p><u>Arianism</u>: God is One..other expressions of deity are created persons and images</p>	<p>The belief in a supra God, Creator, Sustainer, etc., manifest in three persons of equal substance, etc., in a mysterious presentation which is hard to define rationally but quickly seen in Scripture</p>	<p>A more personal expression of the deity and the divine interest. A "condescending" God more than a "transcending" God. A god who is knowable via the established means of communication: the Logos and the Word</p>
Anthropology	<p><u>Platonism</u> (plus Neo)..man of eternal stuff striving to be elevated to God-condition</p> <p><u>Gnosticism</u>...the body evil (as is all matter) man trying to escape it and rise above it.</p> <p><u>Pelagianism</u>...Man evil by choice with power and ability to be otherwise.</p>	<p>Man, created by God, has by sin lost his estate and is marked by continuing sin by what he is and has become. Arguments continue on the character of sin at birth and the response of man to "natural theology."</p>	<p>The trend "always" runs in the direction of upgrading man at the expense of God. That is one of the problems in the whole area of man's will...can he be more free than God is?</p>
Christology	<p><u>Apolinarianism</u>...The Son so divine as to be hardly human</p> <p><u>Nestorianism</u>...the Son Human to the point of obscuring the Divine</p> <p><u>Eutychianism</u>...the Son, not the God Man but only one nature.</p> <p><u>Monothelism</u>...The Son..only one Will</p> <p><u>Docetism</u>..The Son only seemed to be like us.</p> <p><u>Adoptionism</u>...The Son merely "adopted" by the Father</p>	<p>Christ is assuredly affirmed to be truly God, begotten, not made, of eternal character and of equality of substance (essence) with the Father, satisfying the economic roles of Son and Redeemer while being the God-Man thus fully God and fully man with no resolution of proportionate parts or actions</p>	<p>To desire a more positive showing of the need and relevance of the knowledge of the son for us and our salvation. This desire can both promote peace or dissension depending a bit on how it is oriented.</p>
Soteriology	<p><u>Pelagianism</u>...man can save himself</p> <p><u>Monachism</u>...only continuing revelation and the charismata will make salvation known.</p> <p><u>Manicheanism</u>...superior knowledge for salvation along with the following of superior teachers which blends it with <u>Gnosticism</u></p>	<p>Although the concepts have been understood, the wording is more finalized to see the means of salvation in the "satisfaction" work of Christ and in its application by provable faith in conjunction with the ministry of the church</p>	<p>The trend is to find a more effective way of communicating the way in which this salvation is accomplished..and this will lead to more advanced and precise definitions of atonement.</p>
Ecclesiology	<p><u>Donatism/Novatianism</u>; discontent with the principles or rule of a bishop is basis for division.</p> <p><u>Monophysitism</u>: Doctrinal discord; division</p> <p><u>Secularism</u>: Key cultic ideals merit division.</p> <p><u>Iconoclasm</u>: Objection of form; division</p>	<p>The Church is a company of the faithful bound under the rule of her bishops and councils and an obligatory part of the life of all who truly believe.</p>	<p>The immediate trend is to form more powerful and increasingly effective power-structure to hem in the wanderers. The distant trend is to increased divisionism as a protection of privilege.</p>
Eschatology	<p><u>Chiliasm</u>: Waiting for the thousand years</p> <p><u>Stoicism</u>: No personal eternity</p> <p><u>Gnosticism</u>: Elevation into eternal now.</p> <p><u>Mystery cults</u>: Events known only to informed</p>	<p>The believer and unbeliever face resurrection and appropriate disposition with many of the details not clearly spelled out.</p>	<p>From the expectation of Christ's return, the movement is towards all kingdom on earth as expressed in the life of the church.</p>