

but Photius, eastern Patriarch (858-867, 878-886) made the clause a key point of contention with the west. He and Nicholas of Rome conducted a vicious debate over it and the attempts to have an eighth ecumenical council decide the matter proved abortive due to the manipulations of both parties. It is still a key issue in the east-west division and disputes.

#### ADOPTIONISM

This teaching had its strongest support in some of the Spanish bishops and it revived aspects of dynamic monarchianism teaching that the Son was merely adopted into the Godhead. Christ in his human nature was adopted as a son only by that means and so became divine in appointment. The view was judged heretical by a Frankish synod of 809 and the idea did not receive wide acceptance beyond that time.

#### THE GREAT SCHISM

Friction between the eastern and western churches had been felt for centuries with rivalry of a political sort being the earlier ingredient and general jealousy being a later catalyst. The churches did not think alike on such matters as the date of Easter, the celibacy of the clergy, the power of bishops, and a number of lesser points. The Bishop of Rome and the Patriarch of Constantinople had been at sword's points on a regular basis and had tried through the years to manage one another. Most of the large council decisions had favored the west although the councils were convened in the east. The east, accordingly, had come to resent the picture of western theological supremacy. The west had been coming back in political power while the east, harassed by Islam, had been losing. In addition the cultural differences were expanding. Both Greek and Latin rites developed in the liturgies of the church and were found in the respective rival territories. This produced an ecclesiastical interference at times that was untenable to the opposing leaders.

After the disastrous 8th ecumenical Council (Constantinople IV) the die was cast. But not until 1054 did the actual break occur. Leo IX, a reforming pope who was keenly conscious of Roman prestige and power, fell into a heated dispute with Michael Cerularius,