

d. The outcome:

Monophysitism did not immediately pass from the picture but it had lost a foundation and soon had been well removed from orthodoxy.

6. Constantinople III 680-681

a. The political situation

The eastern empire is really all that remains of what was once Rome

b. The conflict:

This was an extrapolation of the older monophysite problem and is known as monothelitism...that Christ had two natures but only one will...complicated in that it was neither essentially human nor divine. It proved to be a problem in Rome as well as in the east in that some popes seem to have favored it.

c. The meeting:

The council condemned this view and pronounced its propagators in error. The Roman church has defended Honorius (Bishop of Rome) by teaching that his following of the matter was not ex cathedra and so did not violate the papal infallibility idea.

Incidentally, you will want to examine, at some time, the effect these debates had on Mohammed..the monophysite matter is the critical one.

7. Nicaea II..787

a. The Political picture:

--the eastern church is being pressured by the Islamic conquests and feels itself threatened physically by Islam.

b. The problem:

The use of pictures, images, etc., in worship and devotional practices.