

mentioned, is the idea of "What is the mass?" ^{Now we} /~~we~~ have already noticed, under another head, in connection with the growth of superstition, ~~xxx~~ that in the 9th century A.D. there was a man named Pascasius (?) who wrote a book advancing the idea that in the mass the priest is able to change the bread and wine into the very body and blood of Christ.. Now that is one of the ~~central~~ central doctrines of Roman Catholicism. But in the 9th century, more than 200 years after Greg^o, when Pasc wrote such a book Robersus (?) wrote a book strongly denying it, and Radbursus (?) was not considered as a heretic, but is spoken of ~~ix~~ in McSorley, for instance, as a great thinker, and a great leader, even though he says he was wrong on this point. So that it had not become a mark of orthodoxy among them 200 years after Greg^o's time - to believe in transubstantiation. At that - Pas didn't originate the idea - it was one of those superstitions that gradually grew up, but it had not become universally accepted then; if a man could write strongly against it then and not come into sever difficulties for so doing, it would certainly ^{make it} at least likely that it wasn't actually held in this time. It's pretty hard to prove in these days, because the ~~amount~~ amount of material we have is not ~~great~~ great, for one ~~thing~~ reason, and for another reason, it is very easy, when you're writing on one subject, to say things that people can interpret as having certain meanings in relation to a controversy that has not yet arisen. That's very easy to happen - and often does happen. And when ~~we~~ people are writing on one subject, to other people interpret their work in relation to something else they weren't even thinking of when they wrote, and drew from it ideas that may or may not have been in their minds. So it's not easy to tell, but it was not an established doctrine 200 years after this time - ^(?) simply the mass as held today. But the mass, as a/communion service, would certainly be a wonderful thing for the living who participate in it, and Greg^o held it was also good for the dead ^{who would} to be remembered on that occasion.

Yes? - Mr. Webb?