

on Mary, he did not deny anything in his day that his church held but he did lay great stress on her, he did not lay great stress on the eucharist or on purgatory or any special matters which the Roman Catholic church so stresses. His writings had in them comparably little to which we can object as to a protestant view point except for this one vital thing ^{the authority} which he believed to inhere in the succession of the apostle Peter, that he believed in this authority and maintained it, that of course does not prove that he was a bad man but it proves that he was a mistaken man. There are plenty of men in our protestant movement who claim as to their authority, in just about any group you will find the group isolate from one extreme to the other, the extreme of anarchy where nothing is accomplished because there is no authority and everyone goes in his own direction and we make no progress whatever and then in reaction against that ~~etc/~~ a leader comes forward and everyone gets behind the leader and if his ability continues in a generation or two the claim is apt to be made that there is right to lead and you are apt to get over to the extreme where a man claims he has the authority to dictate to others. You go from one extreme to the other, you find it in all movements, I think Pope Leo was mistaken at this point, but the fact that his mistake is, was something that had tremendous effect upon future ages, because if one pope with tremendous ability made these claims it was easy enough for other popes with inferior abilities to think they had the authority to say similar things. Now Pope Leo was not a great original thinker but he was a clear thinker, he was a clearer thinker and a good student and a good theologian, and he was a man who was interested in the whole church and so when these controversies were developed while they were not matters of vital urgency in the West, they were matters in which he took a definite interest and he studied them and the writings of the fathers and the scriptures and he attempted to ~~determine them/~~ determine what was the correct attitude in regard to them. That is the important feature about him in connection with the christological controversies, they come about the middle of his life, but since we are now discussing the controversies, I think I will leave it at the end of this heading, and discuss ~~to~~ other features about his life, one feature