

very terrible that they are doing. I said, shouldn't we divide this in two parts, they contradict each other. Divide it in two parts and then pass one or the other. Well, they were very obliging and they divided it in two parts as I asked and then they passed both of them. (laughter) and I thought it was a very good illustration of the inconsistency of people speaking in general and beware of watching that you be just as inconsistent in things in your own life. We all are. We want to think a little more deeply and avoid quite as many inconsistencies as we all of us will have. It is human nature not to think as deeply as we ought. (question 3½) There were a great many monks in the east who were very strongly for it. (discussion) Yes, that is right, I think Mr. Nilson has a very good point there that in the discussion the one said to the other, you are worshipping images and the other one said, no we are not worshipping them, we are just giving them proper honor and they are reminding us of the divine beings that we should worship. 'You are destroying' holy things. We are not worshipping them. The other said, you are worshipping them. We are destroying what are idols. Well, each called the other names on this and the matter of saints didn't enter into it and we as we look back find in the statements of some of the individuals, evidence that these individuals were worshipping saints which we are sure is just as bad as the worship of images, but how widespread a real worship of saints was and whether all of the iconoclasts were really worshipping saints or not, or half of them, or a few of them, or what, you can't tell unless you could go there and ask everyone of them and you would be able just to ask, you would have to talk with them awhile and get their real attitude. That is it wasn't in the forefront of the controversy and therefore it didn't enter into the discussion so much and therefore we have to draw our conclusion on evidences here and there and, I think on the whole we are justified in saying that on both sides, some at least of both sides, they were worshipping saints in the wrong way, but whether this was a few or whether half or whether most or whether all, we just don't have any means of finding out.