

Alexandria and has been held to ever since by those who stand by the Biblical view on this matter and who do their discussion in Greek. Of course most of us don't do our discussing in Greek. In the Western world up to about 60 years ago, practically all theological discussion was carried on in Latin. So for us to know what the Latin terminology is - is of more importance than the Greek.

Question - I'm trying not to introduce a specific technical term for it now. There is one God - one ousia and Jesus Christ is the identical ousia with God the Father. They are not two ousias exactly alike - there is one ousia but there is a difference between Jesus Christ and God the Father and that can best be identified by saying that God the Father is one ----- and Jesus Christ is another -----5. Now the strange thing is that this word ----- is translated into Latin and means substance but they use the word substance in Latin as ~~equivalent~~ equivalent to ousia so in Latin substantia which would literally be translated ----- (that which stands under). In Latin we use that as a translation for ousia. So when we translate this we say Jesus Christ is the same substance but essence would be a better translation, into English. But substance is used because it is an exact transliteration of the Latin word. So then the problem was what shall we use in Latin to translate the word -----, Somebody suggested there was a word in Latin which was used for an act and when an actor came on the stage ~~and put on a mask to show~~ and put on a mask to show he was representing one character - then he would come into to represent another character, he would put on a different mask - this mask was called a persona. So persona originally means an act and of course that is a bad word to indicate it because actually if it is just a mask, you get back to Sabellianism. But still the old word mask in Latin had come to be used sometimes, not simply for a mask but for the actual individual whom the mask signified. So they had come to represent an individual human being by the word originally meant to mean only mask. Persona had come to mean an individual human being