

In Greek they use ousia and in Latin they use persona which seems to me to be about as good as we can get it but it doesn't really express the idea. But you can't really express it - what common word would you use. If you went to somebody 400 years ago and said "give me a word for electronics" he would wonder what you were talking about. What is your word for manufacturer? To make money by hand making? Now how much of our manufacturing is done by hand today? It is all by machines but we use the words and have changed the meanings of the words completely from the original meaning. We have a new thing that the word has been adapted to fit. We have a new concept.

All conservative theologians through the ages, all great Christians have agreed on certain things - that this is a fact - that there is one God not two gods or three gods but One God but there is a distinction in the Godhead which has always existed, a ~~distinct~~ distinction which for lack of a better word we may indicate. Well this was one of the great advances of the Council at Alexandria question - yes there is a tremendous advantage in having one common language. From the viewpoint of the theologians it is fine to have a language like Latin which the heads can understand together. But from the view of the rank and file of the people they will return to - there is no advantage at all to using Latin because they will not understand.

Protestants have had a tremendous advantage over Catholicism particularly since Luther shocked people by putting theological discussion into German. People hadn't had that before. ~~What people had before was not so good~~ ~~as the English reformation~~ They had all their theological discussion in Latin and Luther wrote some in Latin too and Luther's latin words were read in English. The people in England read Luther's latin words and it began the English reformation. English scholars reading Luther's words. Latin words had a tremendous effect in English. He also wrote in German and his german affected the common people. It had a tremendous influence and in that way protestantism got a tremendous advantage over Roman Catholicism.