

The average Roman Catholic knows very little of his own beginnings. The theologians know but the rank and file are in the dark.

To translate into the words of the ordinary person made a tremendous effect in the world of Luther. Protestants have managed to get the word into the hands of common people and if the Roman church is going to undertake to do this, it will have its effect. In Rome the conservative theologians don't like the idea of giving the people the written word but the Pope feels they will greatly benefit themselves. When President Kennedy goes to Mass he has some idea of what they are talking about. Then he won't be quite as apt to tell Billy Graham that when he goes to South America and Billy Graham is coming a month later - he said "I'll be your John the Baptist" I can imagine what the Roman Catholic Bishops said at this and how they must have writhed in agony when they read this. Of course in the Protestant world, we have the advantage of the common language and all our theologians preach in their own tongue. ~~We had that at the Council of Alexandria~~

The Council of Alexandria did a very important thing in making a decision on this ~~problem~~ problem of terminology and the results are with us to this day. Hundreds of councils have been held since that day. Dozens of denominations have reiterated their acceptance of this terminology and I doubt if there is an orthodox Christian group since that time that does not use this terminology which was really established at the Council of Alexandria.

So really this council in some ways is more important than the various ecumenical councils at Alexandria but nobody claimed it to be an ecumenical council. It was a meeting of those people who Athanasias invited to come to a ~~decision~~ discussion but it had tremendous importance.

B. A second matter at which the Council of Alexandria took up - the Matter of the Holy Spirit.

The exact attitude to take to the Holy Spirit was something that had not been discussed in the Christian church up to this time, to any great extent. That is to say that the Christian who studied his Bible, realized the tremendous importance of the Holy Spirit and many preached about the holy Spirit and you