

a creed, the average Christian would say to stress the great fundamentals of the faith, why this would have much to be said in its favor. But, that wasn't their purpose. Their purpose was to get a creed which would make clear the matters on which Christian leaders must agree if they are to be Christian leaders and which would not enter into matters on which they could have various differences of opinion without it affecting their working together for the advancement of Christianity. And, most of the bishops there said "that's wonderful, let's adopt that" And the Arians said "that's good, we'll sign that". When they did, Athanasius and Marcellus said "these fellows here have been turning the world upside down with their poems and their arguments and their songs about Christ which have been making him actually a creature made by the Lord, oh, he created the world through Christ and all that but he is a creature and not the God of the trinity and these people are willing to accept this creed. Well then it won't take care of the purpose that is needed. They said that creed would be fine for a starting point but it needs some revision so they got busy and made little changes here and there. Finally when they got through with it, the final form that eventually was adopted was this: We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of all things both visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father, and only begotten, that is from the essence of the father. They used this word essence _____ 4 now the word doesn't occur in the scripture, why do you put in a word that is unscriptural, but this is what they put in. From the essence, from the being of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, being of one essence with the Father, (one essence with the Father became the key words) _____ 4 the same as - one essence - one being. Now in most of our English translations we call it one substance, which is not a very good translation ~~but~~ because substance sounds material more like a physical thing but it comes from the Greek word _____ 3½ a being or essence. If you understand this correctly it's all right, but if you misunderstand you can be misled Of one essence, one with the Father, by whom all things are made both in Heaven and