

# The Schism of 1054

Historical Theology

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## POPE LEO IX (BRUNO)

He sought reforms in the church by outlawing simony and promoting celibacy within the clergy. Lead an army against the Normans in the south of Italy which suffered total defeat and held hostage until March of 1054. He died shortly after his release.

2. The Patriarch responded by excommunicating Humbert and his associates
  - a. Precipitated the what is now called the Great Schism of 1054
  - b. Close down the Latin churches in Constantinople
  - c. Rejected the claims of Papal primacy

## I. RELATIONS WITH CONSTANTIOPLE

### A. RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PATRIARCH MICHAEL I CERULARIUS AND LEO IX'S RESPONSE

The letter came through Leo of Ohrid, Archbishop of Bugaria.

1. Denounced the use of unleavened bread and fasting days in the Latin Church
2. Leo IX's response
  - a. Citing a large portion of the Donation of Constantine (a forged document) believing it to be genuine asserting Papal primacy
  - b. Sent a legate to negotiate with Patriarch Michael I Cerularias lead by Humbert of Silva.

## II. REASONS FORTHE SPLIT

### A. CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

1. Language
  - a. West - Latin
  - b. East - Greek

### 2. Historical

### B. THEOLOGICAL DISPUTES

1. filoque
2. Papal primacy

### C. ECCLESIASTICAL DIFFERENCES

1. The East saw every local-city church as the whole church
2. The west -one flock one shepherd in the Pope.

### B. MUTUAL EXCOMMUNIICATIONS

1. Humbert disposed of negotiations and deliver a bull excommunicating the Patriarch
  - a. Legally invalid since Leo IX had already died

## III. HOW SHOULD WE THINK ABOUT THESE ISSUES

- A. ARE THESE LEGITMATE REASON TO DIVIDE THE CHURCH
- B. WHAT PLACE SHOULD A DENOMIATION PLAY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

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