

E. The Great Schism

1054...Leo of Rome and Michael Cerularius of Constantinople excommunicate one another and their adherents. I will briefly review the circumstances and observe the resultant division in the Latin and Greek rites.

F. Missions

1. Denmark: Ansgar
2. Norway:
3. Balkans: Cyril and Methodius.

G. Summary

So it is a fascinating age and the church was the institution in the west that, more than any other, held civilization in the balance. The monastic and mission moves tended to consolidate Europe on a spiritual bind while the political pot seethed. Almost every level of life declined in the earlier part of the period but most were gaining strength at the end. Education gained a great boost from the schools of Charlemagne and other rulers and the Islamics made major contributions in math and some physical sciences. The world is not totally darkened but it was a tough time and a history of civilization class is needed to give you a fuller balance.