Nil Cabasila (14th century) and His Writings

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Abstract

Nil Cabasila is one of the most important theologians of the 14th century. His work is directed, almost entirely, against Latin doctrine, Nil Cabasila being noted as one of the most important defenders of Orthodoxy. His most important writing, the Treatise on the Holy Spirit, is composed to dismantle the syllogisms of Thomas D'Aquino by which he tried to prove the validity of the addition Filioque. The origin of the Holy Spirit was the most important point of debate in any attempt to unite the two Christian churches who were in opposition. Each Latins hypothesis is carefully dissected and rejected with solid arguments. Nil Cabasila is used in the composition of his Treaty, especially the writings of the Holy Fathers and the sentence of the Ecumenical Councils, which he presents considering that they are unquestionable evidence in favor of the Orthodox position.