

The Communication of Attributes in the Person of Christ

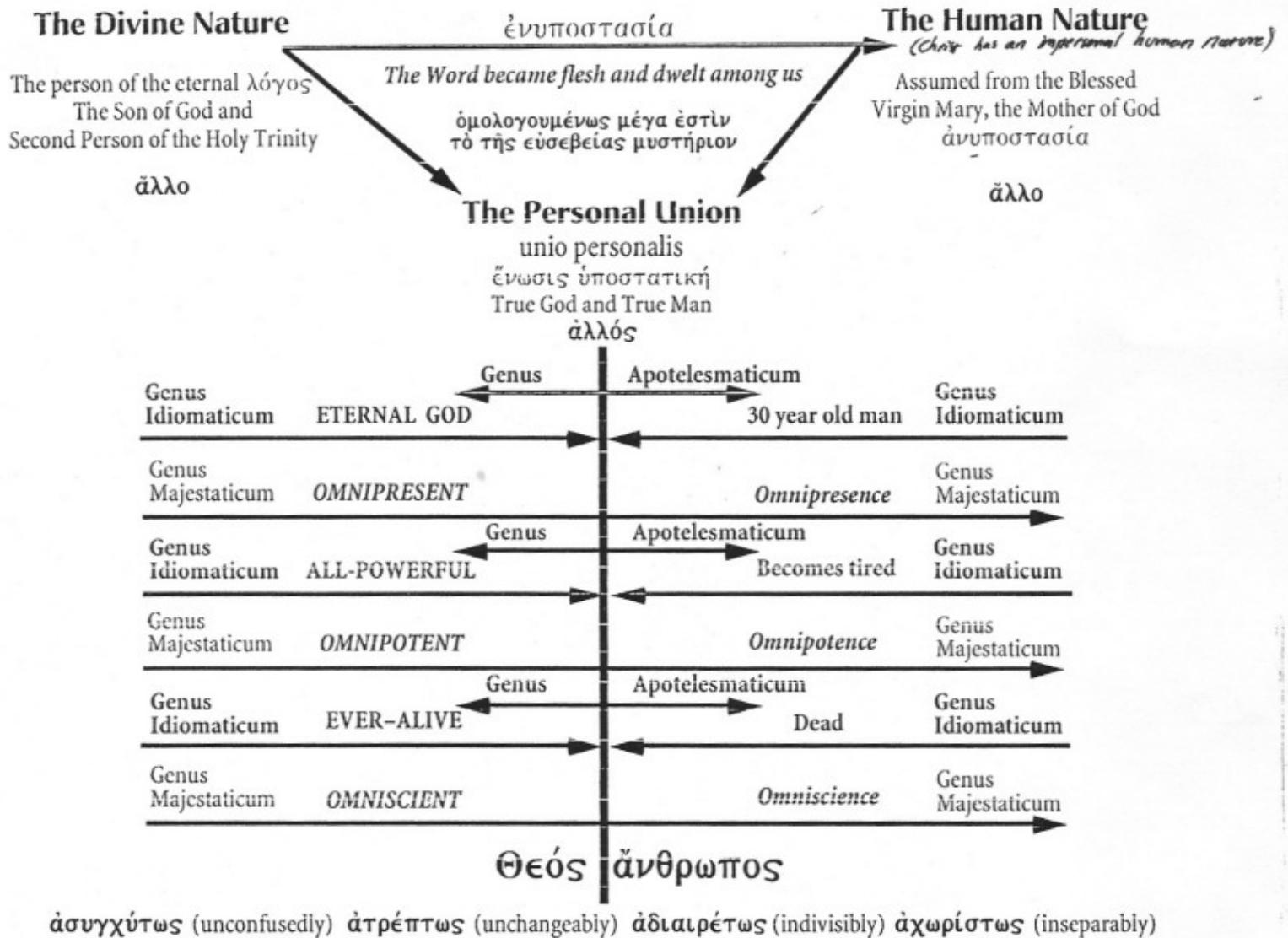
A Brief Definition of the Genera of the Communication of Attributes

The Genus Idiomaticum (ιδιοποίησις) The attributes of the human nature and the attributes of the divine nature are shared in the same person but are not essential to both natures. Each nature has its own essential attributes.

The Genus Majestaticum (μεταποίησις) The Divine attributes are transferred to the human nature by virtue of the Personal Union. But they never become an essential attribute of the human nature. The communication is strictly one way.

The Genus Apotelesmaticum (κοινοποίησις or κοινωνία αποτελεσμάτων) The full set of attributes work for our salvation. The redemption of mankind is accomplished by the theanthropic person of Jesus Christ.

Reformed cannot accept this one.



Neque caro extra λόγον neque λόγος extra carnem
Neither flesh outside word, nor word outside flesh

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