

ECTHESIS (statement of the faith)

A formula issued by Emperor [Heraclius](#) in 638 as a substitute for “energies” (the Greek *energiai*), which had been prohibited from use in relation to the person of Jesus. According to this formula, the two natures, human and divine, are united in the Monothelete doctrine formerly accepted by Sergius, patriarch of Constantinople, and Honorius, [Pope](#) of Rome, as well as the [Councils of Constantinople](#) held in 638 and 639.

The immediate successors of Honorius, Severianus (638-640) and [John](#) IV (640-642), on the contrary, affirmed the rejection pronounced by Heraclius.

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