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For the theology of the Hypostatic Union (the union of the Son of God with the human form), the early thirteenth century was decisive, because in that period theologians resolved debates about three opinions on the subject that had divided earlier schoolmen. The second of these opinions now became commonly accepted, and this agreement influenced the great thinkers of the mid-thirteenth century, such as Albert the Great, Bonaventure, and Thomas Aquinas. The early thirteenth century also saw the entry of new philosophical currents that began to modify theological discussions and method. Discussion of the mode of union of divine and human natures in the person – or the hypostasis of the Word – involved theologians in analyses of nature, essence, substance, individual, hypostasis, person, unity, composition, and kinds of union. A study of this topic provides a good testing ground to see how much and in what way new philosophies actually took hold in this transitional period.

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