Christian Invocations in the Papyri: a Supplement

In our article « Christian Invocations in the Papyri » (1) we noted in the introduction that we did not claim to have collected all invocation formulas occurring in Coptic sources, nor most references to Greek inscriptions from Egypt. Though even now we cannot claim to have collected the pertinent data in both fields exhaustively, enough material has been assembled to warrant a short supplement to the list of formulas and their attestations given in that article. The dispersed publications and poor indexing of this material makes its assemblage difficult and completeness elusive. There is indeed a great need of a Coptic Sammelbuch. Such a work would save scholars much trouble, and it is a pleasure to see that such a project has been announced by M. Krause (2). One may hope that this will also take account of the many Coptic inscriptions on stelae etc. As regards Greek inscriptions, attention has been limited to the study of Egypt proper (3), thus excluding the Greek inscriptions from Nubia (4), though these too contain invocation formulas.

⁽¹⁾ See Cd'E 56 (1981), 112-133. We gladly take this opportunity to correct a few errors in this article. P. 120, form. 2B: P. Lond. II 483 comes from the Apollinopolite Heptakomias (information kindly provided by J. Gascou [Paris]), P. Paris 21 comes from the Thinite, SB I 5112 comes from the Apollinopolite Ano; n. 2: read for 4ylov, 4ylas; n. 3: read for 4ylov, 4yl

⁽²⁾ See M. Krause, Nubia. Récentes recherches. Actes du colloque nubiologique internat. au Musée national de Varsovie, 19-22 juin 1972 (Warszawa 1975), p. 76 n. 8.

⁽³⁾ See E. Bernarnd, ZPE 26 (1977) 95-117.

⁽⁴⁾ Cf. J. Kubinska. FARAS, IV: Inscriptions grecques chrétiennes (Warszawa 1974); M. G. Tibiletti Bruno, Iscrizioni Nubiane (Pavia 1964; = Istituto Lombardo.

In this supplement already known formulas are indicated by the designations used in our preceding article, i.e. without repeating the full formula. Furthermore, a few new formulas from Greek and Coptic sources have been discovered which are given here in full with a designation which follows the order of the earlier designations.

a. Known Invocations:

2G or (less likely) 2F

Babylon? VIII, 14th ind. Ryl 121 (2)

This papyrus also contains a text written in Hermopolis. If the document with the invocation was written in Babylon — as the heading of the contract would suggest — it would present us with an aberration from normal practice in showing a Holy Trinity invocation in use in Lower Egypt after A.D. 610; but cf. $SPP \times 169$ which seems to present also part of a Trinity invocation in a Fayumic papyrus from A.D. 763 (cf. $Cd'E \times 56 \times 1981 \times 139$).

2J Jeme VII/VIII, Pharmuthi 7, Cd'E 41 (1966) 215; in Coptic (Thebes) 2nd ind.

2nd ind.		
?	ST 60; in Coptic; omits the Son	
?	ST 107; in Coptie	
? ? ?	ST 214 (mostly lost)? In Coptic	
?	ST 340 (partly lost; already lis-	
	ted Cd'E 56 [1981] 126 as for-	
	mula 2?)	
?	ST 405 (2); in Coptic	
?	ST 412; in Coptic; om. the	
	Father	
?	ST 429; in Coptic	
?	Hall pl. LVII no. 5; in Coptic	
? ? ? ?	Hall pl. LXIX no. 2; in Coptic	
?	Hall pl. LXX no. 1; in Coptic	
?	Hall pl. LXXIII no. 1; in Cop-	
	tic	

Accad. d. Scienze e lettere. Rendiconti, Cl. d. Lett., 97 [1963] 491 ff.); J. F. Oates, JEA 49 (1963) 161-171; J. W. B. Barns, Kush 2 (1954) 26-32 (the inscriptions published by Barns and Oates never entered SB or SEG).

(2J) (Jeme)	?	Hall pl. LXXV no. 1; in Coptic
	?	Hall pl. LXXVI no. 1; in Coptic (1)
	ca. 600	CO 135 (Till, 177, s.n. Philotheos, son of Zebedaios); in Coptic
	?	CO 138; in Coptic
	?	CO 140; in Coptic
	?	KOW 107; in Coptic
	?	KOW 188 = ST 225; in Coptic
	?	KOW 219 = ST 295; in Coptic (partly lost)
	VII	Ep 92; in Coptic
	?	Christianskij Vostok 1 (1912)
	•	207 = Kossack, Lehrbuch d.
		Koptischen 340, no. 128; in
		Coptic
Nubia	?	Sb. Akad. Berlin, PhilHist. Kl.
		1913. 8, 54. 1
2L Jeme (Thebes)	?	CO 393; adds an extra etoya & bef. Ngowooycioc

b. New Invocations:

2M Випран ноагіас 'тріа' пеішт мипшире мипепистма етоталь митпароснос тихосіс тапсоот стоталь

Provenance? ?

Sphinx 10 (1906) 2 (2)

(1) For Hall, App. no. 17 (p. 145) cf. Hall, App. 14 (p. 142); invocation not necessarily to be restored.

(2) Translation: «In the name of the Holy Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost and the Virgin, the Lady who enjoys holy glory». After we closed the Ms. of this article Dr. L. S. B. MacCoull kindly informed us that she will republish this papyrus in Studi in Onore di Ugo Monneret de Villard (Rome) with a commentary. The papyrus is kept in the Graeco-Roman Museum at Alexandria as inv. no. 647. Dr. MacCoull reads the invocation as follows: † [3] RIPA NTHIC APIAC TRIALOC' πειωτ καιωρε κατικέτακα ετογαλά κατικέρουσο

2N 'Εν ὀνόματι τῆς άγίας ἐν μονάδι τριάδος πατρὸς καὶ νίοῦ καὶ άγίου πνεύματος

Great Oasis ? ASAE 9 (196 (inscription)

ASAE 9 (1908) 183 = Lef. 357.2

Evidently, the reading $\mu o r a \delta \varrho i a_{\zeta}$ is an error for $\ell v \mu o r a \delta v \tau \varrho i a \delta v \sigma \varrho i a \delta v \rho u \delta v \rho u \delta v \rho \varrho i a \delta v \rho u \delta v \rho u$

20 'Εν δνόματι τοῦ θεοῦ καὶ τοῦ υίοῦ καὶ τοῦ άγίου πνεύματος

Jeme VIII

KOW 103

9

Hall pl. XXXI.3 (partly lost, our rest.)

Evidently, this formula is a cross-combination of the Arabic Bismillah (cf. Cd'E 56 [1981] 113 n. 2) and our formula **2J**.

Lastly Ryl $408^{\rm r}$ should be mentioned. This document reads (as far as preserved):

]ιου και ζωοπαιου σου πναμα^τ/
]ιτό θ// της παρουσης ιτδικτιωνος
]π/ απ^ω χωριο^υ πουανπδιγεος
[λαμπρο^τ/ †εβαιωδης†

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THBOHO// TAMEOOY COYAAB, i.e. « In the name of the Holy Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and the Virgin our protector, my (sic) holy mother » and she thinks that the papyrus has a Fayumic provenance.