# THE SLAVONIC TRADITION OF THE QUAESTIONES AD ANTIOCHUM DUCEM: <br> THE CONFLATED NATURE OF COD. PRAGENSIS SLAV. IX F 15 

Within the overabundant and extremely complex textual tradition of the Slavonic Quaestiones ad Antiochum ducem (CPG 2257; henceforth QAD) ${ }^{1}$ there is one place where one can find order and consistency: five text witnesses from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, kept in the Russian State Library in Moscow - four from the collection of the Trinity Monastery of St Sergius (F.304), one from the Moscow Theological Academy collection (F.173) present us with a particular variant of the Slavonic $Q A D$. This version has a stable tradition and matches a particular Greek text witness almost perfectly, both in its structure - the number and sequence of the question-and-answers (QAs) - and in its readings. It has 120 out of the original 137 QAs and it closely reflects the collection of QAs found in the Greek Cod. Oxoniensis Bodleianus Auct. F.4.07 (Misc. 106) of the early sixteenth century, ff. $198^{\mathrm{r}}-256^{\mathrm{r}}$, which in previous research has been referred to as M97 or $97 .{ }^{2}$ Here is an overview of the Slavonic manuscripts, henceforth called the T group:

[^0]$\mathrm{T}^{22}$ Cod. Mosquensis, RGB F. 304 (Troice-Sergieva Lavra) 122, $15^{\text {th }}$ c., East Slavonic orthography, ff. $225^{\mathrm{r}}$-275 (Kuev [see note 1] nr. 15).
$\mathrm{T}^{66}$ Cod. Mosquensis, RGB F. 304 (Troice-Sergieva Lavra) 166, $16^{\text {th }}$ c., East Slavonic orthography, ff. 206 ${ }^{\mathrm{r}}-255^{\mathrm{v}}$ (Kuev nr. 48).
$\mathrm{T}^{50}$ Cod. Mosquensis, RGB F. 304 (Troice-Sergieva Lavra) 750, $15^{\text {th }}$ c., East Slavonic orthography, ff. $116^{\mathrm{r}}-158^{\mathrm{r}}$ (Kuev nr. 23).
$\mathrm{T}^{90}$ Cod. Mosquensis, RGB F. 304 (Troice-Sergieva Lavra) 190, 1418, East Slavonic orthography, ff. 208 ${ }^{\mathrm{r}}-250^{\mathrm{r}}$ (Kuev nr. 22).
$\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{T}} \quad$ Cod. Mosquensis, RGB F.173, 50, $15^{\text {th }}-16^{\text {th }}$ c., East Slavonic orthography, ff. $1^{\mathrm{r}}-43^{\mathrm{v}}$. ${ }^{3}$

## COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SLAVONIC T GROUP AND 97

The Greek tradition of the $Q A D$ shows much variation in the structure of its corpus, which originally contained 137 QAs: whereas the order of the QAs is relatively stable, their number varies greatly. ${ }^{4}$ In most witnesses, a certain number of QAs fell out. This is also true of the structure of 97 - its corpus of 120 QAs with some transpositions (viz. QA25 after QA26 and QA120 after QA131) is unique within the Greek tradition. However, the Slavonic manuscripts reflect this unique structure with only one minor deviation (viz. the omission of QA97-101 in $\mathrm{T}^{66}$ ), ${ }^{5}$ as is clear from the following table.

[^1]| 97 | T group |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1-16$ | $1-16$ |
| $18-23$ | $18-23$ |
| 26 | 26 |
| 25 | 25 |
| $27-51$ | $27-51$ |
| $55-77$ | $55-77$ |
| $79-96$ | $79-96$ |
| $97-101$ | $97-101$ (om. $\mathrm{T}^{66}$ ) |
| $103-105$ | $103-105$ |
| $107-111$ | $107-111$ |
| $115-119$ | $115-119$ |
| $121-124$ | $121-124$ |
| $126-131$ | $126-131$ |
| 120 | 120 |
| 132 | 132 |

Table 1
The stability of the group's characteristics and its indebtedness to a Greek exemplar close to 97 can be shown at a textual level as well. As an example, a collation sample is presented below. The first line contains the reading of 97 , the second the reconstructed (and orthographically standardised) archetypal text of group T, established on the basis of the transcriptions of the individual T witnesses presented underneath; as a basis for comparison, we also present the Greek majority reading $(\mathrm{Gr})^{6}$ as well as the Slavonic text of the so-called Lavrentiev sbornik of 1348 (L), the most important representative of the other major branch within the Slavonic tradition, henceforth called version L. ${ }^{7}$

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 L









VEDER, Einfluss [see note 1], p. 103, L is said to belong to "version b" while the text of the T group is called "version $a$ ". Linguistic features as well as considerations concerning the transmission of the text have led the authors to believe that L represents the more ancient layer within the Slavonic $Q A D$ tradition.

Another witness that belongs to the L group has been included in some of the collations presented below, viz. $\mathrm{T}^{4}=$ Cod. Mosquensis, RGB F. 304 (Troice-Sergieva Lavra) nr. 204, 16 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ c., ff. $187^{\mathrm{r}}-213^{\mathrm{v}}$.
${ }^{8}$ For the Slavonic witnesses, our collation draws on the groundwork of William Veder, to whom we wish to express our gratitude. It needs to be stressed that the results presented in this article are to some extent preliminary - the number of collated witnesses is far from being complete and not all QAs have yet been investigated in depth.
${ }^{9}$ Secondary readings that bring the T text more in line with the "majority Greek" / with the Slavonic L version are typical of T ${ }^{66}$, see L. Sels - I. De Vos, On the Icons, the Cross and the Donkey. Questions 39-41 of the Slavonic Quaestiones Ad Antiochum Ducem, in Ch. Dendrinos, B. Roosen, P. Van Deun (forthcoming).
${ }^{10}$ The reading 不жє in the reconstructed T text is supported by a reading Ажє, found in an additional witness Pr, on which see below; the reading Ажє explains the East Slavonic variant เАжє of all T witnesses and can itself be explained by a common confusion between (Middle Bulgarian nasal change).
${ }^{11}$ The addition of reflexive ca to the verb rabлafm in $\mathrm{T}^{66}$ and $\mathrm{T}^{22}$ is due to confusion with demonstrative $\mathfrak{c e}$ (Gr. $\tau 0$ ṽ $\tau 0$ ) in the phrase that follows.

Gr $\varepsilon i ̉ \mu \eta ̀ ~ \delta i ̀ ̀ ~ \pi o ́ \theta o v o o v ~(P G \tilde{\omega} v) ~ \varepsilon ̇ \mu \varphi \alpha v i ́ \zeta o \mu \varepsilon v \cdot$
L nж за лювовь жже навл冖еты

## Independent Translation or Redaction?

An important question that needs to be addressed is that of the nature of the Slavonic T text, viz. the question whether we are dealing with an independent Slavonic translation of the $Q A D$ or with a mere redaction, viz. a revision of an existing Slavonic text based on a comparison with a Greek version close to 97. Contrary to what has been argued before, ${ }^{12}$ important parallels between T group readings and readings from the other main branch of the Slavonic tradition here represented by L allow to suppose a common origin and to consider the T text a revision of an earlier version of the Slavonic $Q A D$. The complex problem of the relation between T and the L version cannot be dealt with here in detail, though some of the collation samples below may give a first impression.

## The Slavonic T redaction and the Greek tradition

For the development of our present argument, it is important to situate 97 within the larger context of the Greek tradition of the $Q A D$, which counts 250 witnesses from the tenth to the nineteenth century and in which five distinct branches can be discerned (A to E). ${ }^{13}$ As demonstrated elsewhere, 97 belongs to branch $\mathrm{B},{ }^{14}$

[^3]and more in particular to a small sub-group here called group $B^{131}$, after its earliest witness, an Athonite manuscript of the first half of the tenth century referred to as 131 (see the stemma, Fig. 1). ${ }^{15}$ However, 97 occupies a particular position within this small group, as it is characterised by a large set of unique variant readings as well as by traces of contamination with the A branch of the Greek tradition. ${ }^{16}$

Böhringer, Zwei Fragmente der römischen Synode von 769 im Codex London, British Library, Add. 16413, in H. Mordek [ed.], Aus Archiven und Bibliotheken. Festschrift für Raymund Kottje zum 65. Geburtstag, Frankfurt - Bern - New York - Paris, 1992, pp. 93-105) is related to sub-branch A2. See I. De Vos - B. Roggema - T. Pataridze, A Multilingual Approach to Text Editing: Exploring the Interconnectedness of the Greek, Arabic and Georgian Traditions of the Quaestiones ad Antiochum ducem, in I. De Vos - L. Sels - O. Grinchenko (eds), Editing Classical and Medieval Texts with a Multilingual Tradition. Proceedings of the ATTEMT Workshop held at King's College London, 19-20 December 2013 (OLA), Leuven (forthcoming). The main source of the PG edition of the QAD - the eleventh- or twelfth-century Vaticanus Palatinus gr. 368 (ff. $202^{\mathrm{r}}-256^{\mathrm{V}}$ ) - is to be situated in branch D.
${ }^{14}$ Sels - De Vos, On the Icons [see note 9].
${ }^{15} 131=$ Cod. Athous Vatopediou 38, first half $10^{\text {th }}$ c., ff. $1^{\mathrm{r}}-32^{\mathrm{r}}$ (QA1-2, 10-19, A2, QA3-9, 29-35, A19, QA20-25, 27-29, 35-48, 50-73, 79-97, 100-137 - the order of the folia has been disturbed), see E. Lamberz Katalog der griechischen Handschriften des Athosklosters
 Thessaloniki, 2006, pp. 168-183. The other witnesses to this group, apart from 97, are $114=$ Cod. Florentinus Mediceus Laurentianus, Conv. Soppr. 627, $13^{\text {th }}$ c., ff. $80^{\mathrm{r}}-92^{\mathrm{v}}$ (QA1-25, 2748, 50-137; see E. Rostagno - N. Festa, Indice dei codici greci laurenziani non compresi nel catalogo del Bandini, Firenze - Roma, 1893, pp. 172-176) and $115=$ Cod. Florentinus Mediceus Laurentianus, Plut. 59.13, $15^{\text {th }}-16^{\text {th }}$ c., ff. $165^{\mathrm{v}}-211^{\mathrm{v}}$ (QA1-6, 8-25, 27-48, 50-137; see A. M. Bandini, Catalogus codicum graecorum Bibliothecae Laurentianae, tomus secundus, Firenze, 1768, coll. 517-524). The kinship of the witnesses of group $\mathrm{B}^{131}$ is confirmed by a number of important common variants, such as the addition of tòv $\pi \rho$ рò $\tau$ toù $\varsigma$ $\dot{\alpha} \gamma \dot{o} 0 u s$ after $\pi$ ó $\theta$ ov in QA39 (PG 28, 621.26) and the omission of $\dot{\omega} \varsigma \dot{\alpha} \rho \gamma \dot{\alpha} \tau \alpha \tilde{v} \tau \alpha \dot{\eta} \gamma \varepsilon i ̃ \sigma \theta \alpha \iota$ گ́́ $\lambda \alpha$ к $\alpha$ in QA41 ( $P G$ 28, 624.19).
${ }^{16}$ Variant readings found exclusively in 97 include the addition of $\dot{\varepsilon} \kappa \tau \tilde{\eta} \varsigma ~ o ̀ \sigma \mu \eta ̃ \varsigma ~ \tau \eta ̃ \varsigma ~$ $\dot{\alpha} \mu \pi \varepsilon \dot{\varepsilon} \lambda \mathrm{ov}$ after oĩvos in QA34 (PG 28, 617.19) and the abbreviation of the entire question in



 Vos - Grinchenko, Quaestiones [see note 1], p. 117.

Some variants found in 97 point in the direction of contamination with sub-branch A1 (on which see note 13), such as $\pi \rho o \eta \gamma o v \mu \varepsilon ́ v \omega s$ instead of $\alpha$ ' (the numeral "one") in QA1 (PG 28,


An example - a sample from the collation of the Greek witnesses of $\mathrm{B}^{131}$ together with the Slavonic T redaction (QA 39 and 41) - illustrates the fact that T also reflects the text of 97 in instances where the latter is at variance with the other witnesses of the $\mathrm{B}^{131}$ group (as is the case with the specific structure of 97's corpus of QAs, as mentioned above).

QA39, $P G$ 28, 621.32-33 and 41-42




$115 \pi \quad \pi \rho о \sigma \kappa v v \varepsilon i ̃ v ~ t o ̀ v ~ \sigma \tau \alpha v \rho o ̀ v ~ к \alpha i ̀ ~ t a ̀ \varsigma ~ \varepsilon i k o ́ v a \varsigma ~ \tau \omega ̃ v ~ \alpha ́ \gamma i ́ \omega v, ~$






QA41, PG 28, 624.17-19




 $\lambda \hat{\sigma} \alpha v \sigma \alpha v \tau \varepsilon \varsigma$ (sic)

However, to state that 97 was the exemplar for the Slavonic T redaction would be misleading: some proper readings of 97 are not reflected in $T$, which in these instances follows the other witnesses of group $\mathrm{B}^{131}$. This is a clear indication that both Slavonic T and 97 go back to a common Greek ancestor, here called
the addition of каì $\alpha v ̉ \tau \tilde{\omega} \mu o ́ v \omega$ $\lambda \alpha \tau \rho \varepsilon v ́ \sigma \omega$ after $\pi \rho \circ \sigma \kappa v v \eta ́ \sigma \omega$ in QA15 (PG 28, 605.45). Note also that 97 contains QAs 26 and 49 , which are missing in all other witnesses of the $B^{131}$ group.
$\mathrm{Gr}^{97 / \mathrm{T}}$ (see the stemma, Fig. $1^{17}$ ), which apparently contained the readings common to 97 and T but not those found only in 97.

QA39, $P G$ 28, 621.20 and 21-23

$G r^{97 / T}$ о̋ $\theta \varepsilon \nu \pi$ ло $\lambda \lambda \alpha ́ \kappa ı \varsigma ~ \tau о \tilde{v} \chi \alpha \rho \alpha \kappa \tau \tilde{\eta} \rho \circ \varsigma \lambda \varepsilon \iota \alpha \nu \theta \varepsilon ́ v \tau \tau \varrho \varsigma$




$T$ НАкоже оуво Иrakobz дота oymp'вти краєеви жьзза иосифова




 $\boldsymbol{i} \omega \sigma \mathfrak{\eta} \varphi$

## Two additional witnesses: Pr and P

As has been argued up to this point, archetype T can be reconstructed from the witnesses $T^{22}, T^{66}, T^{50}, T^{90}$ and $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{T}}$. However, two more manuscripts that bear witness to the same redaction deserve special attention. The first is a manuscript kept in the Czech National Museum in Prague; it is dated to the late fourteenth century (thus antedating the T manuscripts) and the only South Slavonic witness. The second is an early eighteenth-century Russian codex from the Transfiguration Monastery at Solovki, now kept in Saint Petersburg. The latter's version of the $Q A D$ - which, apparently, is a descendant of the text found in $\operatorname{Pr}$, as will become clear below - has been published by Porfir'ev in 1890.

Pr Cod. Pragensis slav. IX F 15, late $14^{\text {th }}$ c., Bulgarian orthography, ff. $148^{\mathrm{r}}$ $173^{\text {v }}$ (Kuev nr. 3). ${ }^{18}$

[^4]P Cod. Petrogradensis RNB Solovki 129/1064 (ed. Porfir'ev 1890 ${ }^{19}$ ), early $18^{\text {th }}$ c., Russian orthography, ff. $407^{\mathrm{r}}-448^{\mathrm{v}}$.

A first element that points to the problematic nature of $\operatorname{Pr}$ and P is their structure, which deviates from that found in 97 and T in that they both have thirteen additional QAs, presented in bold in the following table. ${ }^{20}$

| 97 \& T | Pr | P |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-16 | 1-16 | 1-13 |
|  | 17 | 17 |
| 18-23 | 18-23 | 18-23 |
| 26 | 26 | 24-26 |
|  | 24 |  |
| 25 | 25 |  |
| 27-51 | 27-51 | 27-51 |
|  | 52-54 | 52-54 |
| 55-77 | 55-77 | 55-77 |
|  | 78 | 78 |
| 79-101 | 79-101 | 79-101 |
|  | 102 | 102 |
| 103-105 | 103-105 | 103-105 |
|  | 106 | 106 |
| 107-111 | 107-111 | 107-111 |
|  | 112 | 112 |
| 115-119 | 115-119 | 115-119 |
| 121-122 | 121-122 | 121-122 |
| 123 | 123 | - |
| 124 | 124 | 124 |
|  | 125 | 125 |
| 126-130 | 126-130 | 126-130 |

zagraničnych bibliotek, vol. I (Sbornik Otdelenija Russkogo jazyka i slovesnosti rossijskoj Akademii Nauk, 98), Petrograd, 1921, pp. 727-741. Images of folia from this codex are reproduced below (Figs 2-3) with the permission of the National Museum of Prague, for which we wish to express our gratitude.
${ }^{19}$ I. Porfir'ev, Apokrifičeskie skazanija o novozavetnych licach i sobytijach po rukopisjam Soloveckoj biblioteki, in Sbornik Otdelenija russkogo jazyka i slovesnosti Imperatorskoj Akademii nauk, 62/4 (1890), pp. 327-378.
${ }^{20}$ On the problematic nature of Pr, see De Vos - Grinchenko, Quaestiones [see note 1], pp. 125-126.

| 131 | 131 | 120 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 120 | 120 | 131 |
| 132 | 132 | 132 |
|  | $\mathbf{1 3 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 3}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{1 3 4 - 1 3 5}$ |  |
|  |  | $\mathbf{1 1 3 - 1 1 4}$ |

Table 2
Naturally, the question arises whether these QAs are interpolations or whether $\operatorname{Pr}$ and P reflect an older and fuller collection that has subsequently been abridged in T. Considering the link that undeniably exists between the T group and 97, both at a structural and at a textual level, the first option is the most probable: as Pr and P have the same textual features as T (and 97), one would expect them to have the same structure as well. The hypothesis that we are indeed dealing with interpolations is supported by a marginal note on $\mathrm{f} .150^{\mathrm{v}}$ of Pr (see Fig. 2a), viz. underneath QA17, the first of the supplementary QAs, which in $\operatorname{Pr}$ is written in the lower margin.


Fig. 2a: Pr, f. $150^{v}$ (detail 1: lower margin)
 have found in another exemplar; ${ }^{21}$ read or write these things according to the notes." This is a clear indication that the scribe of Pr - who apparently was well aware of the fact that his copy would not only be read but would also be used as

[^5]an model - copied QA17 from another version of the $Q A D$ in the lower margin. In all probability, he took the subsequent additional QAs from this "other exemplar" as well, this time inserting them directly into the main text (and not, as QA17, in the margins) without further mention.

Another striking piece of proof for the interpolated character of $\operatorname{Pr}$ is found on that same folio $150^{\mathrm{V}}$ : a considerable part of QA18 is also written in the margins, viz. on the left hand side of the main text (see Fig. 2b); in P the fragment is integrated in the running text. Collations show that this part of QA18 is missing in 97 as well as in all T witnesses. This suggests that the added text has been taken from the "дроугг изводд" as well. The text version found in this other exemplar henceforth will be called version $X$.


Fig. 2b: Pr, f. $150^{\nu}$ (detail 2: left margin, rotated)

To support our argument, collation samples are provided for both the marginal addition and the fragment of QA18 that immediately precedes it in the running text of Pr.

QA18, PG 28, 608.34-37
Gr $\quad \lambda \varepsilon ́ \gamma \omega \delta \grave{~} \dot{\varepsilon} \xi \alpha i ̋ \mu \alpha \tau \circ \varsigma \kappa \alpha i ̀ ~ \varphi \lambda \varepsilon ́ \gamma \mu \alpha \tau \circ \varsigma \kappa \alpha i ̀ \chi \nu \mu о \tilde{v} \kappa \alpha i ̀ ~ \chi о \lambda \tilde{\eta} \varsigma$.









P глॅю же. $\bar{w}$ крове, и флегма, и черныл, и желтыл желчи, рекше $\bar{w}$ теплаго и стઠденаго, и сڭхаго, и мокраго. сиръчь $\bar{w}$ огнА, и воды, и воздбхха, и земли.


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рекша \(\mathfrak{w}\) топад и стоудена• и соуха и мокра.
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Marginal addition in $\operatorname{Pr}$ (inserted in the running text in P ):
QA18, PG 28, 608.37-40

 $\pi \rho o ́ \delta \eta \lambda o v \alpha$ 人̀ò $\gamma \tilde{\eta} \varsigma$.
om.
$T$ om.



P кровь убо яко тепла, явъ яко $\bar{w}$ огнл. хима же яко мокро, явŁ яко $\bar{w}$ воздঠхха, желчь же, яко сӘха, пвŁ яко $\bar{w}$ земли. флегма же яко стбдяна. пролвлено, яко $\overline{\mathrm{w}}$ воды.




It is clear that Pr and P follow T up to the point of interpolation, while the text added in the margin offers a text that is close to version L . P clearly has the same mixed character as Pr , on which it ultimately depends, even if the traces of the interpolation (viz. the marginal additions and notes) have disappeared.

In spite of the fact that the addition in QA18 is indeed close to the reading of L, we will argue - summarily here and more at length elsewhere - that the text found inserted in Pr does not belong to the L version of the $Q A D$ (even if it is bound to L by many corresponding readings). To illustrate this point, a collation from QA17 - the only QA to have been introduced from the "other exemplar" with absolute certainty - is presented here.

QA17, $P G$ 28, 608.21-23
 $\sigma v v \alpha \pi \circ \theta v \eta ́ \sigma \kappa \varepsilon 1 \mu \varepsilon \tau \alpha ̀ ~ \tau о v ̃ ~ \sigma \omega ́ \mu \alpha \tau о \varsigma ~ \grave{\eta} \psi v \chi \eta ́ ;$ $\tau \imath v \varepsilon ̀ \varsigma ~ \gamma \alpha ̀ \rho ~ o v ̋ \tau \omega ~ v o \mu i ́ \zeta o v \sigma ı v . ~$

97/T om.

| Pr |  <br>  |
| :---: | :---: |
| P | ḠкठдД́ юсть вظдомо, яко во врема смртт не соぬмираеть съ тбломь дша ? нЂцыи бо тако мнлть• |
| L |  <br>  |
| $\mathrm{T}^{4}$ |  оумирдетZ дшша с тьтоом накоже MнатZ етери• |

It is clear from the example that the text of $\operatorname{Pr}$ (and P ), though similar to the L text (here represented by witnesses $L$ and $T^{4}$ ), adheres much closer to the Greek than L. As a consequence, it cannot have been derived from the latter, at least not through simple transmission by copying, that is, without consultation of a Greek copy (cf. the calque cz-оумираютъ for $\sigma v v-\alpha \pi о \theta v \eta$ ŋ́бкєl vs simple verb оумирантв in L; the marked word order с' тьдомь и доуша as in Greek $\mu \varepsilon \tau \alpha ̀ ~ \tau о \tilde{v}$ $\sigma ळ ́ \mu \alpha \tau о \varsigma ~ \dot{\eta} \psi v \chi \eta ́ v s$ ддоуша сZ т'вломь in L; н'вции во тако нєпьштоуюттъ literally renders Greek $\tau \imath v \varepsilon ̀ \varsigma ~ \gamma \alpha ̀ ~ \rho ~ о v ̋ \tau \omega ~ v о \mu i ́ \zeta о v \sigma ı v, ~ w h i l e ~ к а к о / н а к о ж є ~ м ь н а т Z ~ ю є т є р и ~ i n ~ L ~$ does not). Similar observations - viz. some overlap with version L besides notable differences and a markedly closer adherence to the Greek - can be observed in the other QAs present in $\operatorname{Pr}$ (and P) but not in T. If the "other exemplar" is assumed to have had an $L$ text $(X=L)$, it must have been thoroughly revised by the scribe of $\operatorname{Pr}$ on the basis of a Greek copy. A more likely explanation for the unique features of $\operatorname{Pr}$ (and P ) is provided by the assumption that the "other exemplar" contained a different redaction of the $Q A D$ $(\mathrm{X} \neq \mathrm{L}) .{ }^{22}$

On the basis of the evidence presented above, it might be assumed that the scribe of Pr followed the T redaction for the QAs that are present in T , while drawing upon a not yet further defined version X (viz. the version found in the "other exemplar") for the additional QAs. However, the situation is even more complex: Pr and P have readings that deviate from T in some of the QAs that are available in the T text. This allows for the assumption that the scribe of Pr , in compiling the text, in places preferred to follow version $X$ even if he had the

[^6]T text at his disposal, or that he altered the original T text on the basis of version $X$. The image that comes to mind is that of a scribe sitting in front of two exemplars, now copying from the one, then from the other and perhaps occasionally mixing up both. To support this view, a collation sample is offered from QA41, which is present in T's corpus of QAs:

QA41, PG 28, 624.17-19



Р можемъ два оныл древа раздظливше и образъ кр́тныи разоривше,
Gr $\delta v v \alpha ́ \mu \varepsilon \theta \alpha$ đò $\delta v ́ o ~ \xi u ́ \lambda \alpha ~ \chi \omega \rho i ́ \sigma \alpha v \tau \tau ६ \varsigma ~ к \alpha i ̀ ~ \tau o ̀ v ~ \tau ט ́ \pi o v ~ \tau о v ̃ ~ \sigma \tau \alpha v \rho о \tilde{v} \delta ı \lambda \lambda v ́ \sigma \alpha v \tau \varepsilon \varsigma$,



The collation sample above provides several insights: (1) Pr and $P$ have readings different from T, viz. their text does not reflect the particulars of $\mathrm{Gr}^{97 / \mathrm{T}}$ as does the text of T : while both 97 and T have infinitive verb forms ( $\chi \omega \rho$ í $\alpha \alpha$ ~ рдздьтлити; $\delta \iota \alpha \lambda$ ט́ $\sigma$ เ $\sim$ рдзорити), $\operatorname{Pr}$ and P have participles, as does the majority

 and $P$ deviate from the witnesses of version $L$ in their use of the verb разд,'ьлити instead of рдзлти, but they do have the same verbs (разд'宀лити and рдзорити) as the T witnesses, albeit in a different form (viz. participles instead of infinitives). It remains to be established whether the agreements between the text of $\mathrm{Pr} / \mathrm{P}$ and T are due to a common textual history of versions X and $\mathrm{T},{ }^{23}$ or to a mixture of X and T elements in these passages in $\operatorname{Pr}($ and P$) .{ }^{24}$

This can be represented schematically as follows:

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From the above it follows that, from a text critical point of view, the text of $\operatorname{Pr}$ needs to be treated as a conflation - Pr is a witness to two different layers of the $Q A D$ tradition and a distinction needs to be made (insofar as possible) between $\operatorname{Pr}^{\mathrm{T}}$ and $\operatorname{Pr}^{\mathrm{X}}$. For the additional QAs in $\operatorname{Pr}($ and P ) - viz. the QAs not available in T - we may assume that they belong to version X of the "other exemplar", that is, to the extent that the scribe did not interfere with the latter's text. For the QAs in $\operatorname{Pr}$ (and P ) that are present in the T group it remains to be established exactly which (parts of) QAs truly belong to the T redaction and which are influenced by or belong to version X .

## The hybrid nature of P (Solovki 129/1064)

It has already been pointed out that P depends on Pr : while the marginal notes discussed above identify Pr as the starting point of the contamination, its conflated nature is reflected in both the structure and the text of $P$. The corpus of QAs found in P closely follows that of Pr , with few exceptions (see Table 2 above): for reasons that are unclear QA123 fell out; QA120 is put between QAs 130 and 131 ; interestingly, P restores the correct order of QAs 24-26, which may be linked to an admonition found as a marginal note in Pr: on $\mathrm{f} .152^{\mathrm{r}}$ the following phrase can be found, written in the upper margin as an addition to
 question-and-answer, and after that: And if these things are so [viz. the beginning of QA26, which, in Pr, precedes QAs 24 and 25]" (see Fig. 3a).


Fig. 3a: Pr, f. $152 r$ (detail: upper margin)
QAs 134 and 135 fell out in P, which, however, features QAs 113 and 114 in final position; these have been taken from a text of the L-version, as already noted by Veder. ${ }^{25}$ From this fact, as well as from the replacement of the T type title found in Pr by a title of the L type, ${ }^{26}$ it is clear that the scribe of P (or of one of its ancestors) had access to an L text. Further scrutiny of P's text proves that the scribe had recourse to L on other occasions as well. To support this claim, another collation sample is offered as an example.

QA1, $P G$ 28, 600.5-6


 накожє юедлиньстии отроци БаснословатZ






P иже ${ }^{28}$ единъ есть съставомъ члікообразень ( $\sim$ T) якоже жидовстїи отроцы ( $\sim \mathrm{L}$ ) баснословать



[^8]L ниєдинZ есть ипостасиж члввчепъ зраком. накожє жидовऽстїи отроци васньствоужть
$\mathrm{T}^{4}$ но єдинъ есть оупостасию ни чл̈вчьскым зракомъ.
накожє жидовьстьи Отроци вдньствуютъ

The collation above clearly shows that in the first part of the phrase P follows the reading of the T group and $\operatorname{Pr}$ (съставомь чловткоовразьнz and not ипостасинж чловtчемь зракомь as in L ), while for the second part P borrows the reading from version L (жидовьстии отроци and not єллиньстии отроци as in T and Pr ). The text offered by P is a revision of the - already conflated - Pr text, which has been infused with L readings and minor innovations (some of which - as the introduction of the Graecism флегма for хракотина in QA18 - are probably due to a comparison with a Greek version of the text). To summarise, P is a heavily contaminated text, consisting of the layers $\operatorname{Pr}(=\mathrm{T}+\mathrm{X})+\mathrm{L}$, as visualised in the schema below.


It is certainly challenging and of some interest to investigate the textual history of this remarkable hybrid. However, to use P as a witness to any particular version of the $Q A D$ is not without peril. This observation retains all of its relevance in light of Veder's assessment of P as a text witness: Veder writes about the latter that its text is older than that of version $a^{l}$ (viz. the hyparchetype of $\mathrm{T}^{66}$ and $\mathrm{T}^{22}$ ) and $a^{2}$ (viz. the hyparchetype of $\mathrm{T}^{50}$ and $\mathrm{T}^{90}$ ) and that it "füllt ihre Auslassungen und erklärt manche ihrer Verderbnisse [viz. of $a^{l}$ and $a^{2}-L S$ \& $I D V]$ ". ${ }^{29}$ To the extent that version L, part of the multilayered tissue of P , is most probably older than, it is possible that P offers a more ancient text - that is, in places and always with the possibility of considerable contamination.

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## Homogeneous?

What has previously been called the "homogeneous group" within the Slavonic tradition ${ }^{30}$ has proved not to be homogeneous at all. On the contrary, it testifies to the existence of two separate versions of the Slavonic $Q A D$.

Redaction T - found in the five witnesses of the T group as well as in $\operatorname{Pr}^{\mathrm{T}}$ (and the corresponding text parts of its descendant P ) and shown to be based on the consultation of a Greek exemplar $\mathrm{Gr}^{977}$ - is a nice example of the symbiosis of the Greek and the Slavonic traditions. A better understanding of the version of the $Q A D$ that was at the basis of redaction T will shed more light on the revision process and on the textual layers incorporated in the T text. It is tempting to situate the origins of this redaction on Mount Athos in the vibrant fourteenth century. The roots of the Greek branch of this tradition seem to be Athonite and the terminus ante quem - the dating of the earliest witness $\operatorname{Pr}$ (late $14^{\text {th }} \mathrm{c}$.) - does not contradict such a hypothesis. Moreover, the linguistic characteristics of T and the close adherence to its Greek exemplar point to a late rather than to an early date. ${ }^{31}$

It would be premature to make firm statements on the nature of version X of the "other exemplar". To our present knowledge, this text version is only found in the interpolated parts of $\operatorname{Pr}$ (and P ) - so in $\mathrm{Pr}^{\mathrm{X}}$ (and the corresponding passages in $P$ ). It is clear that it is not an isolated version but one tied firmly to the other branches of the Slavonic $Q A D$ tradition. At the same time, it has its own characteristics and particular choice of wording not found elsewhere in the witnesses collated so far - that is, if Pr indeed offers a faithful reflection of X. As this remains to be established, the possibility should be left open that the unique characteristics are proper to Pr itself and not to X . The first task that imposes itself to begin answering these questions is the delineation of text parts in $\operatorname{Pr}($ and P ) that clearly do not belong to redaction T , that is, the delineation of $\mathrm{Pr}^{\mathrm{X}}$.

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## To CONCLUDE

Cod. Pragensis slav. IX F 15 can be concluded to be an important witness to the text tradition of the Slavonic QAD: (1) Pr is the earliest witness to the T redaction and in the text parts that clearly belong to T , viz. in $\mathrm{Pr}^{\mathrm{T}}$, it seems to be the most reliable witness from a genealogical point of view. (2) Where its text deviates from T, Pr may be assumed to reflect the text of a "дроугг изводд", another exemplar mentioned by the scribe in the margins. Whether Pr offers a faithful rendering or an adapted version of this exemplar's text (version X) remains to be established. (3) Pr's marginalia allow for a glimpse of the scribal compilation process and they identify Pr as the starting point of the new conflated version found also in P in a form marked by further contamination.

In spite of Pr's being a key witness to the Slavonic $Q A D$, its conflated nature compels us to use it with utmost caution for the constitutio textus of redaction T or any other part of the Slavonic $Q A D$.

The more general conclusion to be drawn from the preceding argument is that it is necessary to study both the Greek and the Slavonic traditions of the $Q A D$ in depth, as the latter cannot be understood properly if the repeated revision of its text based on the consultation of Greek exemplars is not taken into account.

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## SUMMARY

The late fourteenth-century Codex Pragensis slav. IX F 15 (Pr) is considered a key witness to the textual tradition of the Slavonic Quaestiones ad Antiochum ducem, as it contains an almost complete set of questions-and-answers (133 QAs). It is argued, however, that this corpus is the result of a conflation of two distinct versions of the Quaestiones, viz. redaction T and version X .

Redaction T, found in five witnesses from the $15^{\text {th }}-16^{\text {th }} \mathrm{c}$., is the result of a revision of the Slavonic $Q A D$ based on the consultation of a Greek exemplar: both the structure (viz. the number and sequence of the QAs) and the textual particulars of the Slavonic T witnesses are in almost perfect agreement with those of the Greek Quaestiones in Codex Oxoniensis

Bodleianus Auct. F.4.07 (Misc. 106). Version X is much more enigmatic; apparently, QAs from this further unknown version of the Slavonic $Q A D$ were introduced in the Prague codex to complement the T redaction's corpus of 120 QAs.


Fig. 1: Stemma $B^{131}$ group and Slavonic $T$ redaction


Fig. 2: Pr, f. $150^{v}$ - courtesy of the Czech National Museum, Prague


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ See the recent publications by I. De Vos - O. Grinchenko, The Quaestiones ad Antiochum Ducem: Exploring the Slavonic Material, in Byz, 84 (2014), pp. 105-143; W. VEDER, Der 'zweite südslavische Einfluss' aus der Sicht der Textüberlieferung, in Die Welt der Slaven, 59/1 (2014), pp. 95-110; F. J. Thomson, Byzantine Erotapocritic Literature in Slavonic Translation with Special Attention to the Important Role Played by Anastasius Sinaita's Interrogationes Et Responsiones in the Conversion of the Slavs, in Byz, 84 (2014), pp. 391-392. A preliminary list of 110 Slavonic text witnesses has been published by K. KuEv, Ivan Aleksandrovijat sbornik ot 1348, Sofija, 1981, pp. 219-244.
    ${ }^{2}$ Cf. De Vos - Grinchenko, Quaestiones [see note 1], p. 114. The manuscript was owned by a soldier named John Say and acquired by the Bodleian Library in 1618 through a gift by Thomas Cecil, Earl of Exeter (1542-1623) - cf. H. O. Coxe, Bodleian Library Quarto Catalogues I. Greek Manuscripts, Oxford, 1969 (repr. of 1853), Misc. 106, coll. 681-682 (F. Madan et al., A Summary Catalogue of Western Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, vol. II/1, Oxford, 1922, n ${ }^{\circ}$ 2906); P. J. Fedwick, Bibliotheca Basiliana Universalis: a study of the manuscript tradition, translations and editions of the works of Basil of Caesarea, IV, 2 (CC Bibliotheca Basiliana Universalis), Turnhout, 1999, p. 903 (siglum k5333).

[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ Descriptions and digital reproductions of these manuscripts are available online on http://old.stsl.ru/manuscripts. Four additional witnesses to this version of the $Q A D$ can be found here as well, viz. codd. Mosquenses, RGB F.113, nrs 512, 522, 529 and 645. However, these manuscripts - all of the $16^{\text {th }}$ century and previously kept at the Dormition Monastery of St Joseph of Volokolamsk - have a text that depends on that of $\mathrm{T}^{22}$, viz. they do not bear independent witness to the text. For the present article they have been excluded from the collations. As far as can be guessed from the brief descriptions in Kuev [see note 1] - viz. from the indicated titles, incipits and number of QAs - some twenty more $Q A D$ witnesses may belong to this group.
    ${ }^{4}$ See I. De Vos, The Manuscript Tradition of the Quaestiones ad Antiochum Ducem, in R. Ceulemans - P. De Leemans (eds), On Good Authority. Tradition, Compilation and the Construction of Authority in Literature from Antiquity to the Renaissance. (Lectio Studies on the Transmission of Texts and Ideas, 3), Turnhout (in press).
    ${ }^{5}$ Contrary to what is suggested in the listing of QAs contained in the T witnesses in DE Vos - Grinchenko, Quaestiones [see note 1], pp. 110-111, QA17 is missing in all T manuscripts (so also in $\mathrm{T}^{50}$ and $\mathrm{T}^{66}$ ), and QA120 is not found after QA119 in $\mathrm{T}^{22}$ and $\mathrm{T}^{50}$ but always after QA131.

[^2]:    ${ }^{6}$ The term "majority reading" is a generalisation, as it basically represents the text as it is found in the $P G$ edition of the $Q A D(P G 28,597-700)$ insofar as the $P G$ is in line with the majority of the Greek text witnesses. The rendering of the Greek under "Gr" has no other pretensions than to demonstrate that L follows another Greek text than T .
    ${ }^{7}$ We know that the Lavrentiev sbornik - a florilegium now kept in the Russian National Library in Saint Petersburg as cod. F.I. 376 - was copied in 1348 for the Bulgarian Tsar John Alexander (1331-1371); a version of the $Q A D$ with 124 QAs is found on $\mathrm{ff} .105^{\mathrm{v}}-155^{\mathrm{r}}$. See the edition by KuEv, Sbornik [note 1], pp. 244-287.

    In previous research, the larger group of witnesses linked to the L version of the $Q A D$ has been called the "heterogeneous group", as opposed to the "homogeneous group", to which the T witnesses belong; see De Vos - Grinchenko, Quaestiones [see note 1], pp. 110-111. In

[^3]:    ${ }^{12}$ In De Vos - Grinchenko, Quaestiones [see note 1], p. 113 it has been argued prematurely that the "homogeneous group"/ the T-group bears witness to an independent translation, distinct from that reflected in the "heterogeneous group" (cf. note 7).

    13 Analysis of QA39 (PG 28, 621.12-51), which is attested in ninety-seven Greek witnesses, has revealed that branch A (at least for this QA) consists of two sub-branches, viz. A1 and A2. The Arabic tradition of the $Q A D$, the oldest witness of which was copied in 885 in the Monastery of Mar Saba - viz. the Argentoratensis, Bibliothecae Nationalis et Universitatis or. 4226 (arabe 151), on which see G. GraF, Geschichte der christlichen arabischen Literatur I: Die Ubersetzungen (ST, 118), Città del Vaticano, 1944, pp. 312-313-, as well as the Georgian tradition and a quotation from QA39 found both in the anthology appended to John of Damascus’ Oratio de imaginibus III 59 (CPG 8045) and the Doctrina Patrum (CPG 7781) are related to sub-branch A1. A Latin translation of the same QA was made on the occasion of the Synods of Rome in 731 held under the authority of Pope Gregory III to defend the practice of icon veneration. It has been preserved in the tenth-century Codex Londinensis, Bibliothecae Britannicae, Add. 16413 (ff. $4^{\mathrm{r}}-6^{\mathrm{V}}$, for an edition see L.

[^4]:    ${ }^{17}$ Note that the location of T (viz. the reconstructed archetype of the T-redaction) on the timeline, viz. around the $14^{\text {th }}$-century, cannot be but tentative. We will return to the question of the dating of T further on. The position of $\mathrm{Gr}^{97 / \mathrm{T}}$ just above T is not meant to imply an indication of its date.
    ${ }^{18}$ J. VAŠICA - J. VAJS, Soupis staroslovanských rukopisů Národního Musea v Praze, Praha, 1957, pp. 224-228; A. JACIMIRSKIJ, Opisanie južno-slavjanskich i russkich rukopisej

[^5]:    ${ }^{21}$ See also JACIMIRSKIJ, Opisanie [see note 18], p. 734. The scribe has used the term изводв in the meaning of "exemplar, antigraph" - cf. F. von Miklosich, Lexicon Palaeoslovenico-graeco-latinum emendatum auctum, Wien, 1862-1865 (repr. Aalen, 1977) origo, archetypon, d̉vtíरo人甲ov, exemplar; also Đ. Trifunović, Azbučnik srpskih srednjovekovnih književnih pojmova, Beograd, 1990 (1974), pp. 104-106 and M. MacRobert, What was the izvod Svetogorski?, in V. M. Zagrebin (ed.), Rus’ i južnye slavjane. Sbornik statej k 100-letiju so dnja roždenija V. A. Mošina (1894-1987), Saint Petersburg, 1998, pp. 272-283.

[^6]:    ${ }^{22}$ A close look at QA24 - one of the QAs missing in T but present in both L and $\mathrm{Pr} / \mathrm{P}$ immediately reveals that the text of $\mathrm{Pr} / \mathrm{P}$ cannot have been derived from L (nor the other way around) without consultation of a Greek copy: some readings in L and $\mathrm{Pr} / \mathrm{P}$ reflect different Greek variants or a different reading of the Greek text (e.g. Pr nєв'tрьна ~ $\delta v ́ \sigma \pi \iota \sigma \tau \alpha$ vs L дZвов'tрьна ~
    

[^7]:    ${ }^{23}$ That is, if the scribe of Pr more or less faithfully copied text blocks from the one or the other exemplar, not mixing up both.
    ${ }^{24}$ That is, if the scribe of Pr blended features of both X and T within one and the same text block. We will address this issue in Sels - De Vos, On the Icons [see note 9] (forthcoming).

[^8]:    ${ }^{25}$ Veder, Einfluss [see note 1], p. 101: "In P sind Fragen 113-114 nach 132 [erroneous for $133-L S \& I D V]$ aus Version $b$ [cf. above note $7-L S \& I D V]$ nachgetragen".
    ${ }^{26}$ The title Бадженаго Аן,анасип архиєпископа алєе̨данZдриискаго кz Андтиохоу кZназоу ... is typical of both T and $\operatorname{Pr}$ (viz. of the "homogeneous group"), but in P we read Иже во ствыхъ ойа нашего Афанасіа архіепскпа Алез̆андріискаго ко Антішху кнзъю, which reflects the title of L. To judge from Kuev's list [see note 1], at least eight more East Slavonic copies, dated from the $15^{\text {th }}$ up to the $18^{\text {th }}$ century, combine features of the T group with this L type title, which suggests that they all have a conflated version of the $Q A D$ as the one found in P .
    ${ }^{27}$ 仑́ствомъ, which was written after cocta ${ }^{\circledR}$, is crossed out, and ни is added s.l..
    ${ }^{28}$ ижє is obviously a mistake for пижє.

[^9]:    ${ }^{29}$ VEDER, Einfluss [see note 1], p. 101.

[^10]:    ${ }^{30}$ De Vos - Grinchenko, Quaestiones [see note 1], pp. 110-111 and passim.
    ${ }^{31}$ The question of the language and the translation technique will be addressed in more detail in Sels - De Vos, On the Icons [see note 9] (forthcoming).

