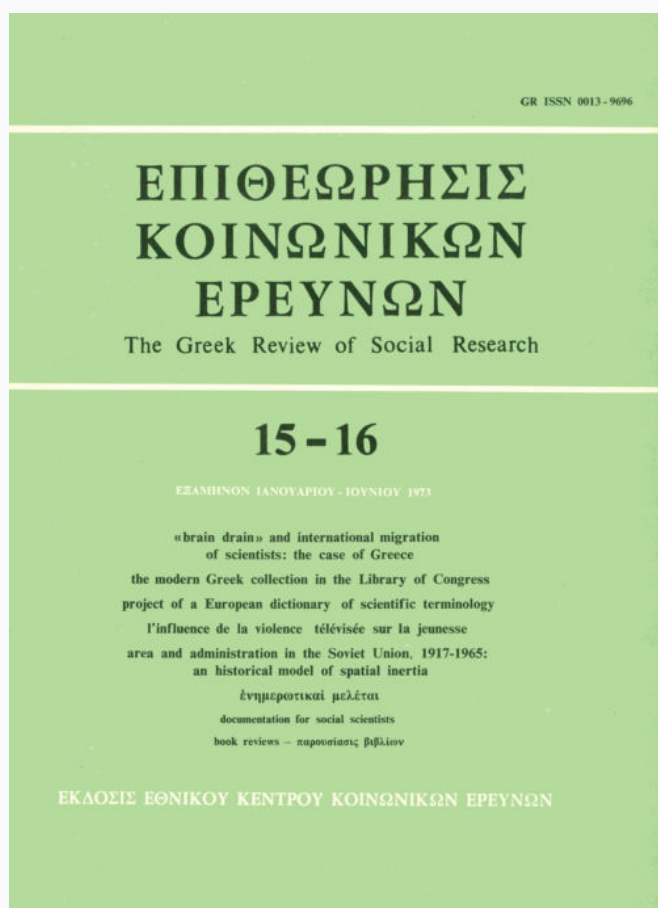


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As curious as it may sound, the civilization of one third of Eurasia still awaits definition. Traditionally cut between the classical distinction of West and East, the «cradle» of world civili-

zation which lies in a circle around Eastern Mediterranean and more precisely around a fabulous city, Istanbul (otherwise called Byzantium, Constantinople, Polis, Tsargrad) has never been presented by historians in its unity. This «intermediary region» between West and East, encompasses the Orthodox Christian Slavs (including the Russians) the Rumanians, Albanians, Greeks, Turks, Jews, Arabs, Persians, that is from Belgrad in the West to the Indus River in the East and from Arkhangelsk in the North to Ethiopia in the South.

No textbook has ever been written on the history of this Intermediary Region. The first important effort in this direction was made however by L.S. Stavrianos when, in 1958, Rinehart of New York published his remarkable *The Balkans since 1453*. This book encompasses only one part of the Intermediary Region, the western quarter of it, describing five centuries of its history. At the same time a parallel effort was made in French by a Lebanese historian Jawad Boulos, published in five volumes by Mouton of The Hague, under the title *Les peuples et les civilisations du Proche Orient*. But the ambition of this work was so great that it made a failure of the last volumes. With the exception of Russia it tries to encompass the history of the whole Intermediary Region from prehistoric times to the present day. The book by Arnakis, the third volume of which is still to be published, also studies the whole area with the exception again of Russia, but only covers the 19th and 20th centuries.

The absence of Russia is a great mistake in a book like this which has the ambition to help understand the unity of the Intermediary Region, because of the great importance this people played in the last millenium of the «internal» history of this area of civilization. To present, as the author does, the Russian State as an external factor to the Eastern Question, on the same level as England for instance, is a very common mistake among historians which prevents us once again from understanding the significance of the internal struggle of the area, which has always been the will of each one of the peoples of the Intermediary Region to hold the sceptre of its Oecumenical Empire in Istanbul. Thus we fail to understand the process by which an external power, England, intervenes in the «civil war» going on in the area for the succession of the Istanbul throne and helps the Turks maintain the throne by repelling both the internal contender from the South (the Arabs of Mohammed Ali) and the internal contender from the North (the Russians of Nicholas Ist.). It equally fails to understand why so many prominent Greeks continued their close

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Ἐπιθεώρησις Κοινωνικῶν Ἐρευνῶν, τεῦχος 13

Πέραν τῶν δημοσιευθέντων εἰς τὸ τεῦχος 13 (Ἰούλιος-Σεπτέμβριος 1972) ἡ κ. Σαφίλιου μᾶς ἀπέστειλε συμπλήρωμα τῆς βιβλιογραφίας τῆς, τὸ ὅποιον δημοσιεύομεν.

collaboration in Istanbul with the Ottoman Emperor, even after the making of a small independent kingdom of Greece in 1832. In fact it very much resembled the present Canadian situation. As there are French separatists in Quebec and French federalists in Ottawa, in the same way there were Greek separatists in Athens and Greek «federalists» in Istanbul, for ideological and not just opportunistic reasons.

However the main value of this work, which far exceeds its weaknesses, is that for the first time it gives us a very clear textbook of the last two centuries of the history of nearly the whole of this area of civilization lying in the middle of Eurasia, it situates the Balkans in the Near East where they really belong and bans from its vocabulary the illogical and confusing term of Middle East, which only came into vogue at the outbreak of the Second World War. It is highly desirable that in the near future a synthetic history of the Intermediary Region in modern times, including Russia, be written from the «inside» and not from the Western angle.

The bibliography of both volumes is not satisfactory. The once more repeated, although very weak, argument that «for practical reasons» it was necessary to limit it to works available in English, does not save it from criticism as useful books in English are not mentioned while others of highly doubtful importance are brought in.

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Αί περί ιδιοκτησίας απόψεις εν τη εκκλησία κατά τους τρεις πρώτους αιώνες

* Έκδοσις Πατριαρχικού Ίδρυματος Πατερικών Μελετών, Ἀνάκτα Βλατάδων 13, Θεσσαλονίκη 1972, σ. 201, ὑπὸ Ἀρχιμανδρίτου Νεκταρίου Χατζημιχαήλ.

Εἰς καλλιτεχνικὴν καὶ λιαν ἐπιμελημένην ἐκδόσιν ἐκυκλοφόρησε τελευταίως ἡ διδακτορικὴ διατριβὴ τοῦ Πανοσιολογιωτάτου π.Ν. Χατζημιχαήλ, διδάκτορος Κοινωνιολογίας τοῦ Πανεπιστημίου τοῦ Στρασβούργου, ἐχούσα ὡς θέμα: Αἱ περί ιδιοκτησίας απόψεις ἐν τῇ Ἐκκλησίᾳ κατὰ τοὺς τρεῖς πρώτους αἰῶνες. Ἡ διατριβὴ αὕτη ὑπεβλήθη εἰς τὴν Θεολογικὴν Σχολὴν τοῦ Πανεπιστημίου Θεσσαλονίκης καὶ ἐνεκρίθη δημοφώς.

Ἡ ἐργασία περιέχει πρόλογον, εἰσαγωγήν καὶ τὸ κύριον μέρος, τὸ ὁποῖον εἶναι διηρημένον εἰς πέντε κεφάλαια. Τὸ πρῶτον κεφάλαιον ἔχει ὡς ἀντικείμενον μελέτης τὸ κοινωνικὸν περιγράμμα, ὅπως διεισπορήθη τοῦτο κατόπιν τῆς ἀλληλεπιδράσεως τοῦ σημειτικοῦ, ἐλληνιστικοῦ καὶ ρωμαϊκοῦ πνεύματος εἰς τὸ οἰκονομικὸν καὶ κοινωνικὸν πεδίον τῆς ὑπὸ ἐξέτασιν περιόδου. Εἰς τὸ δεύτερον κεφάλαιον ὁ συγγραφεὺς ἐξετάζει τὴν προέλευσιν τῆς ιδιοκτησίας καὶ τοὺς τρόπους ἀποκτήσεώς της. Εἰς τὸ τρίτον κεφάλαιον γίνεται λόγος περὶ τῶν τρόπων χρήσεως τῆς ἀτομικῆς καὶ κοινωνικῆς ιδιοκτησίας. Εἰς τὸ τέταρτον κεφάλαιον ἐρευνῶνται οἱ σκοποὶ τῆς ιδιοκτησίας. Τέλος, ἐν ἐπιμέτρῳ καταβάλλεται προσπάθεια διὰ μιᾶν σύντομον θεολογικὴν ἀξιολόγησιν τῆς ιδιοκτησίας. Αἱ εἰς τὴν γαλλικὴν γλῶσσαν ἀποδοθεῖσαι σύντομοι σκέψεις τοῦ πανοσιολογιωτάτου συγγραφέως, ἐπὶ τὸν θέματος, ἀποτελοῦν πολυτιμότητα συμβολῆν εἰς τὴν γνῶσιν τῶν ὁρθοδόξων ἀπόψεων ἐπ' αὐτοῦ τῶν ἐτεροδόξων χριστιανῶν ἐρευνητῶν.

Ἡ ὅλη ἐργασία θεμελιούται ἐπὶ τῶν ἀποψεων τῶν ἐκκλησιαστικῶν πατέρων καὶ συγγραφέων τῆς ὑπὸ ἐξέτασιν περιόδου, χωρὶς πρὸς τοῦτο νὰ ἀγνοοῦνται τὰ ἐθνικὰ πλαίσια ἐντὸς τῶν ὁποίων ἐγεννήθησαν καὶ ἀνεπτυχθῶσαν αἱ χριστιανικαὶ κοινότητες. Αἱ χριστιανικαὶ ἀπόψεις περὶ τῆς ιδιοκτησίας, χωρὶς νὰ ἀποτελοῦν τὴν συνισταμένην τῶν ἐθνικῶν ἰδεῶν τὸν ἐπικρατούσιν κατὰ τὴν περίοδον ταύτην, ὑφίστανται ἀναμφιβόλως τὴν ἐπίδρασιν τῶν διαμορφώσεων τελικῶς ἰδίῳ σύστημα ἀντιμετωπίσεως τοῦ θέματος αὐτοῦ. Ἡ ἀναφορά εἰς τὴν ἰδέαν αὐτὰς καὶ ἀντιλήψεις περὶ τῆς ιδιοκτησίας βοηθεῖ τὸν συγγραφέα εἰς τὴν καλύτεραν κατανόησιν τῶν χριστιανικῶν τοιοῦτων καὶ τὸν ὁδηγεῖ εἰς τὴν διατύπωσιν τῆς διαφοροποιήσεώς των.

Σημειώτεον ὅτι ἐὰν ἡ Ἁγία Γραφὴ καὶ συγκεκριμένως ἡ Καινὴ Διαθήκη ἀποτελῇ τὴν σταθερὰν βάσιν ἐπὶ τῆς ὁποίας στηρίζεται ἡ θεολογικὴ ἀνάλυσις ἐνὸς θέματος, ὅμως αὕτη ἡ ἰδία παρέχει ἐλάχιστα στοιχεῖα διὰ τὴν κοινωνιολογικὴν θεμελίωσιν του. Τοιοῦτοτρόπος ὁ ἐρευνητὴς εἶναι ὑποχρεωμένος νὰ ἐρμηνεύσῃ τὰ φαινόμενα ἐπὶ τῇ βάσει τῶν δεδομένων ἐκ τῆς πρῆξεως, καὶ νὰ καλύψῃ δι' αὐτὰς, τὸ θεωρητικὸν κενὸν τὸ ὁποῖον ὑφίσταται.

Διὰ τῆς θεολογικο-κοινωνιολογικῆς ῥηθρίσεως τοῦ θέματος, νομίζομεν ὅτι ὁ πανος. συγγραφεὺς ἐπέτυχε τὸ σκοπὸν τῆς καὶ συνέβαλε μεγάλως εἰς τὴν ἐπιστημονικὴν προαγωγὴν του. Τόσον ἡ μέθοδος τὴν ὁποίαν χρησιμοποιοῦν, ὅσον καὶ ὁ τρόπος διὰ τὸν ὁποῖον ἀναλύει τὰ ἐπὶ μέρους θέματα, ἀνταποκρίνονται εἰς τὰς ἐπιστημονικὰς ἀπαιτήσεις. Χρησιμοποιοῦν δὲ πλοῦσαν ἐλληνικὴν καὶ ξενόγλωσσον βιβλιογραφίαν.

Γενικῶς τὰ κύρια σημεῖα τῆς ἐργασίας αὐτῆς εἶναι τὰ ἑξῆς:

I. Διαφωτίσις ἐπὶ τὸν προβλήματος τῆς ἐξαρτήσεως τῶν περὶ ιδιοκτησίας ἀποψεων τῆς Ἐκκλησίας ἀφ' ἐνὸς μὲν ἐκ τῶν οἰκονομικο-κοινωνικῶν ὀντιλῶν τῶν διαφόρων τάξεων τῆς ἐλληνορωμαϊκῆς κοινωνίας, ἀφ' ἑτέρου δὲ ἐκ τῆς ἀρχαίας ἐλληνικῆς κοινωνικῆς φιλοσοφίας.

II. Διὰ τῆς παρούσης μελέτης θεμελιούται ἐπὶ τῇ βάσει τῆς ἀρχαίας χριστιανικῆς παραδόσεως νέα κλίμαξ κριτηρίων ἠθικῆς ἀξιολογήσεως τῆς ιδιοκτησίας. Τονίζεται π.χ. ὑπὸ τοῦ συγγραφέως (σ. 117, 118) ἡ ὁμογένεια τῆς ὁρθοδόξου πνευματικότητος καὶ ἀπορρίπτεται ἡ προσφυλὴς εἰς τοὺς ἐρευνητὰς τῆς Δύσεως διάκρισις ἐντολῶν καὶ συμβουλῶν ἐν τῇ προχοῇ τῆς κοινωνικῆς ἐπιστημολογίας.

III. Ὁ συγγραφεὺς δέχεται ὅτι ἐν ἐγένετο ἄνευ ὁρῶν δεκτὸς ὁ θεσμός τῆς ιδιοκτησίας ὑπὸ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τῶν τριῶν πρώτων αἰώνων. Ἡ ιδιοκτησία ἐθεωρήθη ὑπὸ τῆς Ἐκκλησίας ὡς ἱστορικὸς θεσμός ὅστις δύναται νὰ μεταβάλλεται ἀναλόγως τῶν οἰκονομικο-κοινωνικῶν ἀντιλήψεων ἐκάστης ἐποχῆς. Κατὰ τὴν ὑπὸ ἐξέτασιν περίοδον ἡ ἐκκλησιαστικὴ παράδοσις, ἐν ἀντιθέσει πρὸς τοὺς αἰρετικούς, καὶ ἐν προκειμένῳ τοὺς Γνωστικούς, παρουσιάζεται ὡς ὑπεράνω τῆς μικρῆς ιδιοκτησίας καὶ ἀντιθέτος τῆς κοινοκτημοσύνης, ὅσον καὶ τῆς ἀπειρορίστου αὐξήσεως τῶν υἱκῶν ἀγαθῶν.

IV. Διὰ τῆς ἀνὰ χεῖρας ἐργασίας διακρίνεται ἡ εὐκαμνία τῆς Ὁρθοδόξου Καθολικῆς Ἐκκλησίας ἐναντί τοῦ κοινωνικοῦ προβλήματος, ἡ ἀποφυγὴ δηλονότι ὑπὸ τῆς Ὁρθοδόξης διατυπώσεως κοινωνικῶν ἐγκυκλιῶν, ὡς συμβαίνει εἰς τὴν Δύσιν, πρὸς ἀντιμετώπισιν τῶν ἀναφυομένων κοινωνικῶν προβλημάτων. Ἡ Ὁρθόδοξος Ἐκκλησία συνεχίζουσα τὴν παράδοσιν τῆς Ἐκκλησίας τῶν τριῶν πρώτων αἰώνων θεωρεῖ τὸ κοινωνικὸν πρόβλημα οὐχὶ ἀνεξάρτητον τῆς βιώσεως τοῦ περὶ Τριάδος δόγματος καὶ τοῦ μυστηρίου τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Ὅθεν δέχεται ὁ πανος. συγγραφεὺς τὴν ἐκ τῆς Τριαδολογίας διὰ τῆς Ἐκκλησιολογίας μορφοποίησιν τῆς κοινωνιολογίας. «Ἡ βίσις δηλαδὴ τοῦ μυστηρίου τῆς Ἐκκλησίας καὶ οὐχὶ ἡ μελέτη τῆς κοινωνίας ἀπέτελει τὸν ἀκρογωνῖον λίθον ἀναπτύξεως τῆς χριστιανικῆς κοινωνικῆς προβληματολογίας. Ἡ ἀντιθέτος φράς, ἡ ἐκκλησιολογία ἐκ τῆς κοινωνιολογίας, ὑπῆρξεν ἄγνωστος ἐν τῇ ἀρχαίᾳ Ἐκκλησίᾳ» (σ. 178).

Πρόκειται περὶ μιᾶς φιλοτίμου προσπάθειας ἡ ὁποία ἐπελήφθη τὸν σκοπὸν τῆς καὶ ἡ ὁποία δύναται νὰ χρησιμεύσῃ ὡς ὠφελήρια δι' ἄλλας παρομοίας ἐργασίας οὕτως ὅστε νὰ τεθῇ ἡ βάσις διὰ τὴν ἀνάπτυξιν μιᾶς κοινωνιολογίας τῆς ποικιλιτικῆς καὶ νὰ δοθῇ πλέον τὸ σύνθημα διὰ τὴν ἀνάληψιν μιᾶς σειράς μελετῶν σχετικῶν μὲ τὴν Κοινωνιολογίαν τῆς Ὁρθοσκείας εἰς τὴν χώραν μας.

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