



REVIEW

by Ivo Georgiev Yanev, Assoc. Prof., PhD,
of Svetoslav Georgiev Tsekov's dissertation

„TRULLO (FIFTH-SIXTH) ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (691-2) /HISTORICAL AND
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for awarding the educational and scientific PhD degree in professional field 2.4
Religion and Theology ((GENERAL HISTORY OF THE CHURCH)

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By Order No. RD-38-627 - 29.11.2022 of the Rector of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski", I was elected a member of the scientific jury, and with Prot. No. 1/13.12.2022, I have been assigned to present an opinion on the dissertation work of doctoral student Svetoslav Tsekov.

1. Information about the dissertation student

The dissertation student graduated from Sofia Theological Seminary "St. Ivan Rilski" (SODU - Sofia - 09.2006 - 06.2011) and Faculty of Law of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" (09.2011 - 04.2018) as a Master of Law.

2. Data on the doctoral studies

In January 2019, Svetoslav Tsekov was enrolled as a full-time doctoral student at the department of "Historical and Systematic Theology", scientific



specialty "General History of the Church", in professional direction 2.4 "Religion and Theology". He has fulfilled all his obligations under the Individual Study Plan and has successfully passed his exams and his doctoral minimum. In the process of preparing his work, no violations were committed. He complied with the recommendations made and the advice given during the preliminary discussion of his work in the department.

3. Dissertation and abstract data

The work is structured in a preface, introduction, three chapters, conclusion, bibliography and appendices and has a volume of 278 pages. The volume, structure and layout of the dissertation meet the requirements for a similar type of scientific work. The literature survey made - source material and specialized literature on the subject in Bulgarian, Russian, English, Italian, German, Greek and other languages - 179, with 568 footnotes, shows a good research and presentation of the problem. The style and language is literary and academic, and the author is well-versed and uses the appropriate terminology characteristic of Church history on the spot.

In the **Foreword**, PhD student Tsekov presents the reasons why he chose to research the presented topic and thanks to his supervisor and his family.

In the **Introduction**, the dissertation presents relevance, object, subject, goals and tasks, as well as research methods, as well as the history of research on the topic - the so-called.

In **the First chapter** entitled "HISTORICAL SITUATION AND POLITICAL SITUATION OF BYZANTIA AND THE CHURCH UP TO THE MIDDLE OF THE SEVENTH CENTURY", PhD student Tsekov presents to our attention the historical setting and political situation in the Eastern Roman Empire and the Church up to the middle of the VII century, as well as the processes that led to the convocation.

The **Second chapter** "HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF THE (FIFTH-SIXTH) Ecumenical Council of Trulli" is devoted to presenting the historical study of the Council of Trulli - origin and reign of Emperor Justinian II, reason for convening the council, place, adopted rules and the relationship between Rome and Constantinople.

In the **Third Chapter** entitled "CANONICAL OVERVIEW OF THE RULES OF THE RULE (FIFTH-SIXTH) Ecumenical Council" various canons are presented according to their addressee - to clergy and to laymen, according to the subject they deal with, and which canons have lost their meaning nowadays .В **Заключението** дисертант Цеков коректно представя основните изводи от своето изследване.

The **Abstract** reflects the main structural and content components of the dissertation work, and the contributions can be specified.

Publications on the topic - 4 publications related to the topic of the dissertation are also presented.

4.Conclusion

There is an excellent dissertation work, important for the history of the Church, elucidating to a large extent the reasons for the convening of the Council of Trulli, as well as the significance of its canonical formulations for later Orthodoxy. Bearing in mind the compliance of the dissertation work with the requirements laid down in the normative documents defining the nature of this type of scientific work, as well as the observance of all procedures related to the preparation of the doctoral student and the advancement of the work for defense, as well as the fact that the doctoral student meets of the national requirements with regard to individual scientometric data for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", set out in the ZRASRB. All this gives me reason to highly value his

scientific contributions and I vote with a convinced "Yes" for the awarding of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in the scientific field 2.4. Religion and Theology of Svetoslav Tsekov. I suggest the members of the esteemed jury to also vote positively.

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