

Making Biblical Scholarship Accessible

This document was supplied for free educational purposes. Unless it is in the public domain, it may not be sold for profit or hosted on a webserver without the permission of the copyright holder.

If you find it of help to you and would like to support the ministry of Theology on the Web, please consider using the links below:



https://www.buymeacoffee.com/theology



https://patreon.com/theologyontheweb

PayPal

https://paypal.me/robbradshaw

A table of contents for the *Journal of Theological Studies (old series)* can be found here:

https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles_jts-os_01.php

pdfs are named: [Volume]_[1st page of article]

THE GREEK TRANSLATION OF THE *TOME*OF ST LEO

THE sentence in Leo's *Tome* § 4 'agit enim utraque **forma** cum alterius communione quod proprium est', is sometimes translated as if 'forma' were nominative (correctly), sometimes as if it were an ablative and the subject of 'agit' were Christ.

The following lists make no pretence at completeness, but merely indicate the variations which I have happened to notice.

(a) ἐνεργεῖ γὰρ ἑκατέρα μορφὴ μετὰ τῆς θατέρου κοινωνίας ὅπερ ἴδιον ἔσχηκε [N.B. no τοῦτο before ὅπερ except in Sophronius's paraphrase]. So in whole or part

Leo ad Flav. 4 (inter conc. Chalc. act. 2, Hard. 2. 293 E).

Sev. ad Oecumen. ep. 2 (inter conc. Const. III act. 10, Hard. 3. 1241 D, Labb. 6. 834 D) πως έκατέραν μορφην ένεργειν τὰ ίδια δώσομεν;

ad Paul. (ib. 1244 A, Labb. 6. 835 B) [Leo's statement implies a συνάφεια σχετική and is blasphemous: quotation stops at κοινωνίας].

Serg. ad Cyr. ep. I (inter conc. Const. III act. 12, Hard. 3. 1309 C, Labb. 6. 915 D) ἐπειδὴ δέ φησιν ἡ θεοφιλία ὑμῶν τὸν . . . Λέοντα, διὰ τοῦ λέγειν, Ἐνεργεῖ . . . κοινωνίας, δύο ἐνεργείας ἐπὶ Χριστοῦ . . . κηρύττειν, χρεὼν αὐτὴν εἰδέναι ὡς . . . οὐδένα ἴσμεν ἐκείνων [SC. τῶν ἐκκρίτων διδασκάλων] εἰπόντα ἐπὶ τοῦ προκειμένου ἡητοῦ δύο ἐνεργείας τὸν ἐν ἁγίοις εἰρηκέναι Λέοντα [Cyrus had written (act. 13, 1337 D, Labb. 6. 950 E) Λέοντος . . . ἐπιστόλην δύο ἐνεργείας μετὰ τῆς ἀλλήλων δηλαδὴ κοινωνίας . . . ἀναφανδὸν βοῶσαν].

ad pap. Honor. (ib. 1317 D, Labb. 6. 926 E) [dative would give much better point to the argument, but τοῦτο is omitted].

Sophron. ep. syn. (ib. act. 11, 1273 A, Migne 87. 3169 A) μη σκιρτάτω διὰ τοῦτο Νεστόριος . . . ὅτιπερ ἐκατέρα μορφη ἐν τῷ ἐνὶ Χριστῷ καὶ υἱῷ μετὰ τῆς θατέρου κοινωνίας τοῦθ΄ ὅπερ ἴδιον ἔσχηκεν ἔπραττεν,

conc. Const. III, def. fid. (act. 18, Hard. 3. 1400 E, Labb. 6. 1026 E) κατὰ . . . Λέοντα . . . φάσκοντα, Ἐνεργεῖ . . . ἔσχηκε.

Joh. Dam. fid. orth. 3. 15 (236 E) [quotation stops at κοινωνίας], ib. 235 C ἐνεργεῖ τοίνυν ὁ Χριστὸς καθ' ἐκατέραν αὐτοῦ τῶν φύσεων, καὶ ἐνεργεῖ ἐκατέρα φύσις ἐν αὐτῷ μετὰ τῆς θατέρου κοινωνίας.

(b) ... ἐκατέρᾳ μορφῆ ... τοῦτο [sic] ὅπερ ἴδιον ἔσχηκε [the occurrence of τοῦτο with μορφῆ and its absence with μορφή suggests the probable currency of two different versions of Leo].

Sev. ad Oecumen. ep. 1 fr. (inter conc. Later. act. 5, Hard. 3. 893 B, Labb. 6. 316 C) [context not decisive though nominative would give better point, and cf. supra (a): but $\tau \circ \hat{v} \tau \circ \hat{v}$ is included here. Perhaps

the reading in this fragment should be attributed to copyists, or to the Greek translator of the Lateran acts, on whom see below].

Serg. ad Cyr. ep. 2 (ib. act. 3, 777 D, Labb. 6. 177 D) τὸν αὐτὸν ἔνα Χριστὸν ἐνεργεῖν τὰ θεοπρεπῆ καὶ ἀνθρώπινα μία ἐνεργεία· . . . κατὰ ταύτην τὴν εὐσεβῆ διάνοιαν καὶ Λέων . . . ἐδίδαξεν, εἰπών, Ἐνεργεῖ ἐκατέρα μορφῆ . . . κοινωνίας [this looks genuine: perhaps Sergius had looked up the passage in the second version since writing the letter quoted supra (a)].

conc. Later. act. 5 (inter testimonia in concilio relecta, Hard. 3, 877 C, Labb. 6. 297 B) [τοῦτο included].

Mart. pap. ap. conc. Later. act. 3 (Hard. 3. 788 D, Labb. 6. 189 C) ἐνεργεῖ ... τοῦτο ... ἔσχηκεν· καὶ οὐκ εἶπεν, Ἐκμειοῖ, ἢ Ἐκτρέπει, ἢ Συγχεῖ, ἢ Ἐξαρνεῖται, τοῦτο ὅπερ ἴδιον ἔσχηκεν ἐκατέρα μορφἢ τῶν ... ἡνωμένων, ἀλλὶ ἐνεργεῖ μὲν μετὰ τῆς θατέρου κοινωνίας, ἴνα καὶ τὴν διαφορὰν γνωρίση διὰ τοῦ ἐνεργεῖν τοῦθ΄ ὅπερ ἴδιον ἔσχηκε, καὶ τὴν ἔνωσιν παραστήση διὰ τῆς μετὰ θατέρου κοινωνίας [it is obvious that Pope Martin understood 'utraque forma' as nominative; the Greek translator of the acts erred through following a version of Leo already familiar to himself which read ἐκατέρα μορφŷ and added τοῦτο].

Joh. Dam. Jacob. 81 (417 B) ἐνεργεῖ . . . τοῦθ ὅπερ ἴδιον ἔσχηκε, διὸ δὴ καὶ ὁ κύριος τῆς δόξης ἐσταυρῶσθαι λέγεται . . . καὶ ὁ υἰὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀνεληλυθέναι ὅπου ἦν ὅτε μὲν ἐκ τοῦ συναμφοτέρου Χριστὸν ὀνομάζομεν, ὅτε δὲ ἐξ ἑνὸς τῶν μερῶν.

About the above extracts it may be said :-

The Greek version of Leo's *Tome* quoted from the acts of Chalcedon is also printed among his works, and is a genuine ancient translation then read.

Severus, the famous Monophysite leader, held the patriarchal See of Antioch from 512 to 519. He naturally condemns Leo outright.

Sergius, leader of the Monothelite movement, and author of Heraclius's *Ecthesis* which forbade teaching either one or two $\partial \nu \in \rho \gamma \in \alpha u$, was patriarch of Constantinople from 610 to 638. In seeking to make the best of Leo he would naturally prefer the (b) version, which is far more favourable to his own views.

Sophronius, who with Maximus Confessor was the chief opponent of Monothelitism, became patriarch of Jerusalem in 634 and issued this encyclical upon his elevation to the See.

The Lateran Council was held under Pope Martin in 649 to condemn the Monothelites. The third Council of Constantinople, sixth General Council, was held in 680.

John of Damascus belongs to the next century. His apparent use of two versions is important, since all my other instances of the (b) version come from the acts of the Lateran Council.