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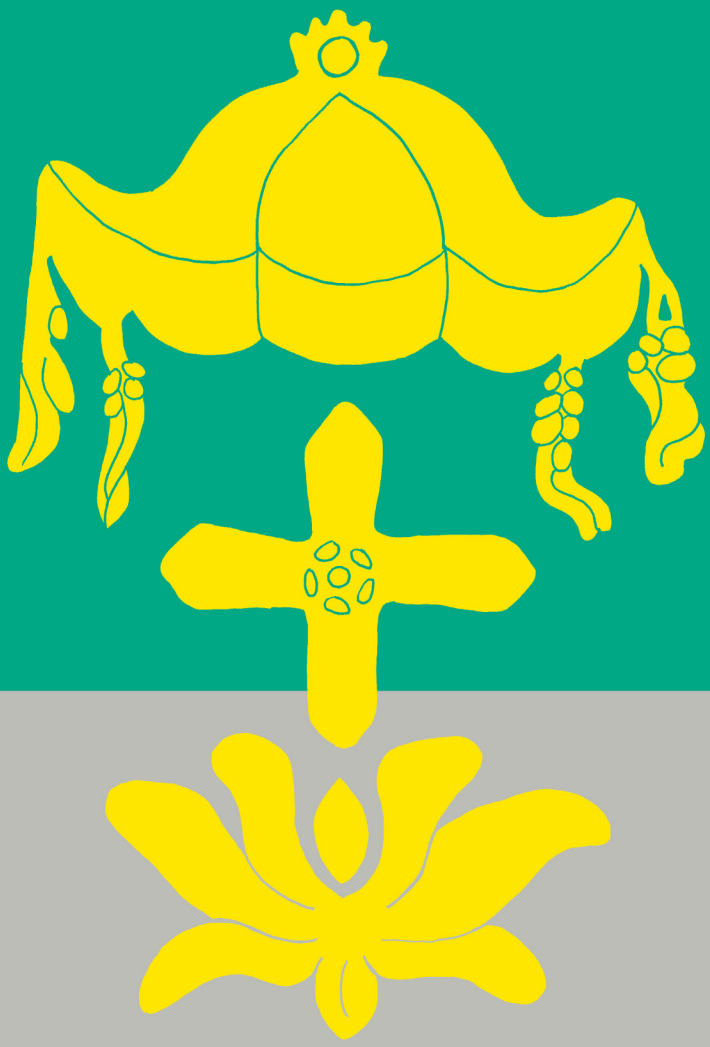

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Foreword

Babai "the Great", whose life spans the second half of the sixth century and the early seventh century (he died in 628), is one of the most important writers of the Church of the East. Living shortly after the period when the three-way split in Eastern Christianity had effectively taken place, Babai's *Book of Union* (that is, the union of the two natures, divinity and humanity, in the incarnate Christ), provides a detailed discussion and presentation of the teaching of the Church of the East on Christology as it had developed during the course of the last half century of the Sasanian Empire, a little before the Arab invasions and the advent of Islam in the Middle East.

Babai was writing at a time of intense discussion concerning the problems of how best to describe the relationship between the divinity and the humanity in the incarnate Christ. Differences of opinion arose for a number of reasons, two in particular: firstly, different writers were reacting against different heretical positions, and this led to different emphases: some felt the need to lay more stress on the aspect of the oneness in the union of the two "natures", divinity and humanity, in the incarnate Christ, while for others (including the Church of the East) it was important to emphasize more the distinction between the two "natures". The second reason that gave rise to dispute lay in the ambiguity of some of the main technical terms employed in discussions of Christology in the Greek-speaking world, in particular the terms "nature" (Greek *physis*, Syriac *kyana*), and Greek *hypostasis* and Syriac *qnoma*. In the case of "nature" (*physis*/*kyana*), for some people its sense was closer to "essence/being" (thus for the Church of the East), while to others it was very close in sense to hypostasis (thus the Syrian Orthodox); as a result, these different understandings have led to different christological formulations which are often designated today by the descriptive terms "Dyophysite" (used of those who have a "two-nature" Christology), and "Miaphysite" (those with a "one-nature" Christology). The case of *hypostasis* and *qnoma* is more complicated: the "Definition of Faith" issued at the Council of Chalcedon, which is authoritative for the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches, speaks of "one *hypostasis* and one *prosopon*" in the incarnate Christ. In Syriac translations of this formulation, *hypostasis* is rendered by *qnoma*, but *qnoma* in that context is completely different in sense from that of *qnoma* in the classic christological formulation of Babai and of the Church of the East, that Christ was incarnate "in two natures and their *qnome*", where *qnoma* has the sense of "set of individual characteristics" (the corresponding Greek for "characteristics" would be *idiotetes*, and definitely NOT *hypostaseis*). It was basically as a result of these two sources of misunderstanding

that three verbally conflicting christological formulations had emerged by the time of Babai:

> Church of the East: "in two natures and their *qnome*"
> Chalcedonian Churches: "in two natures and one *hypostasis*"
> Oriental Orthodox Churches: "one nature (out of two natures) and one *hypostasis*"

In the heat of the theological polemic of the sixth and seventh century each party looked at the issue solely from the perspective of their own understanding of the technical terms, and as a result regarded the other formulations as heretical. In the Middle Ages a few writers, such as Barhebraeus, recognised that beneath the verbal conflict, there existed a common understanding concerning the mystery of the incarnation, thus anticipating modern ecumenical dialogue. It has only been in the course of modern ecumenical dialogue, and in particular in that of the last few decades, that the theological issues have been looked at from a more objective perspective, and the effort has been made to understand each individual tradition in the light of its *own* understanding, and not in the way it has been misleadingly understood by the other two traditions. In this way it has been possible for theologians of each tradition to recognize as legitimate and orthodox the formulations of the other two traditions, while at the same time remaining loyal to their own particular tradition. In other words, it is recognized that the mystery of the incarnation can legitimately be expressed in several different ways, and that no single formulation is ever going to be adequate to express this mystery.

In the case of many writings by authors of the East Syriac tradition, these only reach us today in manuscripts copied in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century from much earlier manuscripts that are now destroyed or otherwise lost. Although five out of the six known manuscripts containing Babai's *Book of Union* likewise date from little more than a hundred years ago, fortunately one earlier copy, written in the fourteenth century, survives and is today in the British Library (manuscript Or. 5441); in the nineteenth century it had been in the church of Mar Yonan in Ayyel, a village in the Hakkari region, where a copy of it had been made for the Chaldean Monastery of "Our Lady of the Seeds" in Alqoš. In 1895, three years before it reached the (then) British Museum, this old manuscript had been copied again, in Urmia, and this copy is today in Berlin; its copyist usefully states that he had in fact made use of two further old manuscripts, neither of which survive today. The text of the *Book of Union* was published in 1915 by Arthur Adolphe Vaschalde, together with a Latin translation; the Syriac text had already been printed when the displacement in

the order of some folios came to light: this is explained in the Introduction of the text volume (which, however, had to retain the wrong ordering of a few pages in the manuscript), but has been taken into proper account in the Latin translation.

Babai's Christology in the *Book of Union* has been the subject of a number of modern studies, in particular by the great German scholar, Luise Abramowski, and by Fr. Geevarghese Chediath, an Indian priest of the Malankara Catholic Church. Fr. Chediath's study, entitled *The Christology of Mar Babai the Great* (Kottayam, 1982), is an excellent example of a modern study carried out in an ecumenical spirit by a scholar who is a priest of a Church of a different christological tradition.

The *Book of Union* was by no means Babai's only work: he was evidently a very prolific author, and what survives today of his writings is only a small portion of what he actually wrote. Among those writings that do survive, two in particular stand out; his long and detailed Life of the convert from Zoroastrianism Gewargis who was martyred in 615, and his learned Commentary on the "Gnostic Centuries" by the influential Greek monastic author, Evagrius of Pontus (d. 399). Babai is also the author of two well-known *teshbḥatha*, "Our Father who is in heaven, holy is His nature …", and "Blessed is the Compassionate One who in His grace …".

Sebastian Brock

Preface

I am pleased to offer these brief words of introduction in this preface to the present work of the renowned theologian of the Assyrian Church of the East, Mar Babai the Great; this work is his *magnum opus*, the *Book of Union*. It is undoubtedly one of the most important christological texts of the Assyrian Church ever penned by any theologian of this Church, and it is as relevant today as it was when it first was authored in the late sixth/early seventh century.

It would not at all be an overstatement to say that Babai the Great is indeed one of the greatest theologians of the Church of the East *par excellence*. He was born in the middle of the sixth century, around the year 550/551, in the village of Beth ʿAynāthā of Beth Zabdai, what is now the region of Çizre in modern Turkey. As an alumnus of the great institution of theology-philosophy-medicine of its time, the School of Nisibis, he was well-versed in philosophical as well as theological matters. His tutor, Mar Abraham of Beth Rabban, was a nephew of the great Church of the East poet-theologian Narsai of Nisibis (d. 502). He imparted to Babai the tradition of the masters and scholars of the School of Nisibis who forged the theology of the Church of the East for all time in the crucible of theology and piety. Having Theodore of Mopsuestia, "the Interpreter" (d. 428), as one of the main theological luminaries who was formative for the school's christological position, Babai was steeped in the tradition of the Syriac fathers and those of the exegetical school of Antioch. As such, Babai became an ardent defender of the dyophysite Christology of the Church of the East, whose primate resided in the Persian capital of Seleucia-Ctesiphon, modern-day Salman Pak near Baghdad. He died in 628, after having served as the head of the Great Monastery of Mar Abraham of Kaškar on Mt. Izla, succeeding the celebrated ascetic Mar Dādīšōʿ for a period of 24 years.

Writing in the period which spanned about a century or so after the great christological controversies and the ecumenical councils which dealt with these issues – namely Ephesus (431) and Chalcedon (451) – the contributions of Babai the Great became formative for the position of the Church of the East down to this very day. His work, the *Book of Union* (also known as *On the Union*) is the standard Church of the East textbook on Christology, and has come to enshrine the christological teaching of the Church up to the present. In this seven-Memre prose masterpiece, Mar Babai has effectively crystalized for all time the Assyrian Church's understanding and explanation of the mystery of the Incarnation. He does so through a profound understanding of the philo-

sophical discourse which often dominated the christological discussions in the theological milieu of Late-Antique Upper Mesopotamia.

The present text contains the full English translation of the *Book of Union* made by the late Very Reverend Cor-bishop Michael J. Birnie (1940–2013). This is the first time the text of Mar Babai is being presented in English in a scholarly manner. The late Fr. Birnie was the rector of the St. Thomas the Apostle parish of the Assyrian Church of the East, in Seattle, Washington. Having been ordained a priest of the Assyrian Church in 1968 by the late Catholicos-Patriarch Mar Eshai Shimun XXIII (patriarch 1920–1975), Fr. Birnie was self-taught in Syriac. He engaged in the translation of numerous patristic and liturgical texts of the Assyrian Church, a number of which remain unpublished. He had completed the present translation just a few years before his passing, and I had begun the general editing of this text during my tenure as Bishop of the Diocese of California. The Syriac text is based on the 1915 publication of Arthur Vaschalde, who also provided a Latin translation in the series CSCO. I have checked the Syriac text against the Ms. Or. Quart. 1168 of 1895 (ff. 1–207), which was written in Urmia by the late Qashisha (Reverend) Yosip Kelaita, while he was yet a deacon.[1] The English translation remains wholly that of the late Fr. Birnie, with very minor edits by myself. I am grateful to the widow of the late Fr. Birnie, Mrs. Patricia Birnie, for having provided the manuscript and electronic files of the same translation. I am also indebted to the Reverend Deacon Rony Israel for providing the copy of the Syriac text found in the Berlin manuscript.

I would like to offer special thanks to Dr. Sebastian P. Brock, Emeritus Reader in Syriac Studies and Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford, for his Foreword to this volume. In addition, the extended Introduction by Prof. em. Dr. Theresia Hainthaler, Honorary Professor Emeritus of Christology of the Early Church and Theology of the Christian East at the Sankt Georgen Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, is a highly appreciated overview of Babai's treatise and its theology. A word of thanks is also due to Dr. Ken Parry, Honorary Senior Research Fellow in the Department of History and Archaeology at Macquarie University, Sydney, for his guidance in the entire process of publication, in his capacity as Chief Editor of the series Texts and Studies in Eastern Christianity, published by Brill Publishers, Leiden.

It is my ultimate hope and desire that this English translation of the *Book of Union* will serve both theologians and scholars alike, and will prove fruitful in

1 See J. Assfalg, ed., *Verzeichnis der orientalischen Handschriften in Deutschland, Band 5: Syrische Handschriften*, (Franz Steiner Verlag: Wiesbaden, 1963) 36–38.

contributing to the continued dialogue between our Syriac-speaking Churches concerning Christology. May the prayers of the blessed saint and abbot Mar Babai the Great accompany the reader, as well as all those who labored for its publication.

† *Mar Awa III*
Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East

Introduction

Theresia Hainthaler

1 The Life of Babai

Babai[1] was born in Bet ʿAinata, Bet Zabdai (near Tur Abdin and Nisibis), and studied medicine and theology at the school of Nisibis. This was at the time when Abraham of Beth Rabban was the head of the school. Babai took care of the Xenodocheion or guest house. Then – in reaction against Ḥenana? (d. c. 610) – he entered the monastery at Mount Izla (founded in 571), under the first abbot Abraham of Kashkar.[2]

After some years, perhaps after 588, he founded a monastery in his homeland Bet Zabdai, also as the head, with a school for children. Finally, when Gregory (604–609) became Catholicos in 604, Babai became the third abbot of the Great Monastery at Mount Izla. He reformed the monastery and introduced a stricter discipline; it seems that at this time there were married monks. According to the report of Thomas of Marga, Babai's striving for reform led to a mass exodus of monks.[3] Sometime after, he was made the visitator of other monasteries by three metropolitans, in order to act against Messalians. Together with the archdeacon of Seleucia-Ctesiphon, he was the leading figure of the Persian Church, when king Khosrau II (590–528) would not allow a Catholicos to be elected. In 628, after the death of Khosrau, Babai did not accept to become Catholicos-Patriarch and soon after died.

Thus, Babai lived in the time of the Catholicoi Ezechiel (570–581), Ishoyahb I (582–595), Sabrisho (596–604) and Gregory (604–609), as Vaschalde noted, the editor of the *De unione* in 1915. His life can be dated, following Engelmann, to the time from 550/5 to c. 628.[4]

1 G. Chediath, *The Christology of Mar Babai the Great* (Kottayam 1982), esp. 1–16 (life). T. Engelmann, *Annahme Christi und Gottesschau* (Wiesbaden 2013) 19–33. T. Engelmann, art. Babai der Große, in: *Biographisch-Bibliographisches Kirchenlexikon* 28 (2007) 64–67.

2 Main sources for his life: ep. 1, II of Ishoʿyahb III (* c. 590, 649–659 Catholicos) to Babai, CSCO 11/12, pp. 3–5/8–9, as well as ep. 1, XI and 1, XVII to the monks of Izla (with reference to Babai), CSCO 11/12, pp. 13–15/15–17, and pp. 22–29/21–26. – Thomas of Marga, *Historia Monastica* I 6. 7. 10–13. 21. 27–29. 35; II 11. 33.

3 Thomas of Marga, *The Book of Governors: The Historia Monastica* I–II, ed. E.A. Wallis Budge (London 1893), esp. 32–57.

4 Engelmann, *Annahme*, 27–28.

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Babai is regarded as the most important theologian of the Church of the East, who established the strict dyophysite Christology of the Church of the East in a systematic way, even in a scholastic manner.

According to Abdisho, Babai had written 83 books, while Thomas of Marga counts 84 books. In Abdisho's catalogue of 12 specified works, four of them are preserved (*Book of Union, Commentary on the Centuries of Evagrius Ponticus, Commentary on the Spiritual law of Marcus Eremita, Canons for the Monks*); besides, the *Life of Martyr Giwargis* and the *Martyrdom of Christina*, and some useful counsels on the ascetical life are extant, not forgetting two christological works, the *Tractatus Vaticanus* and a short piece.[5]

2 Christological Works of Babai

In order to explore Babai's Christology the following extant works are important:

1. *Liber de unione* (Tractatus de divinitate et humanitate et de persona unionis), Syriac text with a Latin translation edited by A. Vaschalde in 1915, including the last unfinished Memra VII (independent addition);[6]
2. *Tractate* (against those who say: Just as the soul and body are one *qnoma*, thus God the Word and man are one *qnoma*),[7] sometimes called *Tractatus Vaticanus* because of its transmission in Vat. Syr. 178;
3. Short piece – whether it is complete, or a fragment is not certain –, edited by Luise Abramowski in 1972 (for the union of two natures in one *prosopon* in Christ two hypostases are necessary, otherwise the whole divinity and the whole humanity would be united to one *prosopon*).[8]

Besides these main texts, some christological passages are found in the *Life of Martyr Giwargis* and in the *Commentary on the Gnostic Chapters of Evagrius*.[9]

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5 See J.S. Assemanus, *Bibliotheca orientalis III/1* (Rome 1725), cap. LXVI. Babaeus magnus, Archimandrita, 88–97, here 94. For a discussion of Babai's works see Chediath, *Christology*, 17–41; see Engelmann, *Annahme*, 215–216 for a concise list of Babai's works.

6 A.A. Vaschalde, *Babai Magni. Liber de unione*. CSCO 79, 80 (Syr. II 61) (Rom, Paris 1915). L. Abramowski, 'Die Christologie Babais des Grossen', OCA 197 (1974) 219–244, here: 219. Cf. Chediath, *Christology*, 24 (for tract. VII).

7 Ed. by Vaschalde, CSCO 79, 291–307; CSCO 80, 235–247, as appendix in the *Liber de unione*.

8 L. Abramowski and A. Goodman, *A Nestorian Collection of Christological Texts I–II* (Cambridge 1972) II 123–125 (syr. I 207–209).

9 Cf. J.B. Chabot, *Synodicon Orientale*, 625–634; P. Bedjan, *Histoire de Mar Jabalaha, de trois*

Babai is held as the author of the Symbol of the Persian bishops of 612 or, at least, one who contributed considerably.[10]

Babai made use of the *Liber Heraclidis* of Nestorius;[11] he fought against Philoxenus – his name is explicitly mentioned – and at the same time against Neo-Chalcedonian Christology.[12] The latter's concept of the *hypostasis synthetos* became more and more a challenge for the dyophysite concept of the Persian Church of two natures – one *parsopa* and the further development into two natures – two *hypostases* – one *parsopa*, and the problem became urgent when Ḥenana and his followers propagated the concept of a composite *hypostasis* even in their own Church.

A short retrospect: Theodore of Mopsuestia described the unity of the two natures in Christ by the term *prosopon* (and not by *hypostasis*); the human nature of Christ is not called *hypostasis* by Theodore. For *prosopon*, Theodore had two definitions: 1) in an anthropological sense, signifying the *hypostasis*, for "what each of us is" (that is an ontological definition), 2) referring to something determined by "honour, greatness and worship" (that is a liturgical or doxological context, and this is restricted only to Christ). Properly speaking, Theodore did not define or explain the unity in Christ, but he presupposed it and approached the question through liturgy. This was a new and original approach (but not an ontological description!).[13]

Nestorius was interested in the concept of *prosopon* and how (in his formula of two natures – two *hypostases* – two *prosopa* – one *prosopon*) the two *prosopa* effect the one *prosopon* of Christ. He came to the idea of a mutual "use" of the *prosopa* ("double use" or "compensation" of *prosopa*) in his *Liber Heraclidis*.[14]

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autres patriarches, d'un prêtre, et de deux laïques nestoriens (Paris 1895) 416–571; German: O. Braun, *Ausgewählte Akten persischer Märtyrer*. Bibliothek der Kirchenväter (Kempten, München 1915) 221–277. On Evagrius: W. Frankenberg, *Evagrius Ponticus* (Göttingen 1912). See the analysis of Babai's *Commentary on Evagrius* by L. Abramowski, *Die Kirche in Persien*. Jesus der Christus im Glauben der Kirche 2/5, ed. Th. Hainthaler (Freiburg im Breisgau 2022) 416–437.

10 L. Abramowski, OCA 197 (1974) 219.

11 L. Abramowski, OCA 197 (1974) 221.

12 L. Abramowski, OCA 197 (1974) 225. For Philoxenus, see esp. *De unione* VII (against the 'Theopaschites') and the detailed identification of citations from Philoxenus by L. Abramowski, OCA 197 (1974) 229–231. The name 'Xenaias' is explicitly mentioned in *De unione* III: CSCO 80, 62,2.

13 See L. Abramowski, 'The Theology of Theodore of Mopsuestia', *Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte* 72 (1961) 263–265, also in: ead, *Formula and Context* (Hampshire, Brookfield 1992) no. II.

14 For the analysis of the Liber Heraclidis, see L. Abramowski, *Untersuchungen zum Liber*

Babai now is interested in the two *hypostases*/*qnome* and how these *hypostases* constitute one *prosopon*/*parsopa*.

3 *De unione*

The Memre *De unione*[15] are addressed to the monks of the monastery of Mar Abraham at the Izla ("who dwell on Mount Izla in the congregation of Mar Abraham, the head of the solitaries, who is the 'first-born' in the blessed land of the Persians") and have been composed at the request of the priest Mar Habiba "from the land of Beit Nuhadra",[16] and the deacon Mar Narsai "from the land of Kashkar", a kinsman of Mar Abraham.[17] *De unione* is divided into seven Treatises or Books (Memre) and 21 chapters, that is, the chapters are numbered continuously; this numeration is "obviously authentic" and the headlines of the chapters, too, according to Abramowski.[18] The last Treatise, VII, has no subdivision and seems to have been a separate entity, added later; it is also not complete, some folios at the end are missing.[19] At the end an appendix against the usage of the body-soul-analogy is added. We give an overview on the structure.

Heraclidis des Nestorius. CSCO 242, Subs. 22 (Louvain 1963). On Nestorius, cf. A. Grillmeier, *Christ in Christian Tradition, vol. 1: From the Apostolic Age to Chalcedon* (*AD 451*) (London, Oxford 1975 2nd revised ed.) 462: "Whatever the relation of the active and passive elements in this 'use' may be, as a whole the idea shows quite an orthodox conception of the incarnation". Ibid. 463: "Thus we can see clearly that Nestorius is seeking a speculative analysis of the unity of Christ. He also attempts to root this unity in the ontic sphere. … But the fundamental weakness of his solution emerges when the unity itself is to be explained … He cannot succeed, as his metaphysical starting point is wrong. But we must acknowledge that his intention was sound".

15 Ground-breaking studies have been offered by L. Abramowski, *Die Christologie Babais des Grossen*, OCA 197 (1974) 219–244; ead., *Babai der Große: Christologische Probleme und ihre Lösungen*, OCP 41 (1975) 289–343. She has written a monograph on Babai's *De unione* in the series 'Christ in Christian Tradition': L. Abramowski, *Die Kirche in Persien*. Jesus der Christus im Glauben der Kirche, Band 2/5, herausgegeben, bearbeitet und mit weiteren Kapiteln ergänzt von Th. Hainthaler (Freiburg i. B. 2022) 438–538. For an analysis of *De unione* see also Engelmann, *Annahme*, 110–114, and 114–147.

16 "my beloved Mar Habiba, presbyter from the land of Beit Nuhadra".

17 "deacon from the land of Kashkar, kinsman of Mar Abraham, the spiritual father of us all".

18 See Abramowski, OCA 197 (1974), 228. The 21 chapters are carefully composed.

19 For the manuscript transmission of *De unione* as a whole see Chediath, *Christology*, 22–23.

3.1 ***Structure of Mar Babai's Memre on the Divinity and the Humanity and the* Parsopa *of Unity***

I. Trinitarian theology (1–29/1–35)[20]
   1. On faith (Latin 1–5/Syriac 1–6)
   2. The eternal ousia of the divine nature (5–16/6–19)
   3. Indivisibility of the divine nature (16–21/20–25)
   4. Prefiguration of the Trinity in the OT (21–22/26)
   5. The *qnome* of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the NT (22–29/27–35)

II. Incarnation (29–58/36–71)
   6. The union of one of the *qnome* of the Trinity with the nature of our manhood (29–41/36–50)
   7. An example taken from created nature (41–46/50–57)
   8. On the union of God the Word with his manhood from us taken to his own *parsopa* and made one Son eternally (46–58/57–71)

III. On Union (58–106/72–132)
   9. How to understand the union according to the Scripture and the tradition of apostolic fathers (58–82/72–88)
   10. Demonstration with clear examples when the union of Christ's divinity and humanity to one *parsopa* happened (82–99/88–123)
   11. How to say that God dwelt distinctly and unitedly in his man? (99–106/123–132)

IV. Consequences for diverse questions (107–139/133–172)
   12. Twofold anointing (107–111/133–138)
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V. Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection (140–161/173–199)
   18. Christ's Crucifixion (140–146/173–180)
   19. Christ's Resurrection from the dead and Ascension (146–161/181–199)

VI. Names and their significance in Christology (161–204/199–252)
   20. Names of Christ, of His divinity, of His humanity and of the union and their significance (161–184/199–227)

20 In this structure the page numbers are first given from Vaschalde's Latin translation in CSCO 80, then from the Syriac text in CSCO 79.

21. Significance of these and other names, like assumption, dwelling, temple, clothing, adhesion, union (184–204/227–252)

VII. Against Theopaschites (205–233/252–289)
Against those speaking of a natural and qnomic union and imputing suffering to God

Appendix (from Vat. Syr. 178) (235–247/291–307)
Against those who teach one *qnoma* with reference to body-soul-analogy (235–247/291–307)

Treatises I and II on Trinitarian doctrine and Incarnation of the Word have been called "one of the most beautiful pieces of Christian literature", they "can compete with any other Christian literature in its beauty, excellence and clarity of presentation"[21].

I 1–2 starts with a strong emphasis that the christological questions (on the divine and the human and the union in Christ) can only be investigated in faith and with purified heart, because of their transcendence; nothing can be built without strong basis of the faith in Jesus. The context of faith and prayer is underlined also by the fact that the Memre usually end with a doxology. Whether this approach is more due to Ephrem or to Evagrius (who, for sure, was of influence) is not yet resolved.[22] I 2 underlines that the eternal *ousia* of the divine nature is not perceptible and is indivisible. Then the chapter elaborates on the Biblical names of the divinity, like Life, Spirit, Light, Being.

In conclusion, because of his incomprehensibility God can be known by creatures only by a non-knowledge "which is beyond knowledge, which is true knowledge concerning him who is incomprehensible and infinite, and dwells in the light which no one is able to approach". Until "the revelation of our Lord Christ in the flesh … rational creatures received through revelations and various likenesses significant intimations of his Being, so that they might learn that God is one, who exists eternally in his Being, and [that] he is the Creator and Maker and Cause of all, and the Caretaker of creation, and he puts to death, quickens, and judges all". (19)

I 3 with the headline "How that, while the divine nature is infinite and all is filled by it, it is not divided into parts among those in whom it dwells" describes God's presence to all, while the nature of God remains in its Essence in all inseparably (23) (with examples: Eucharist, Baptism, sun). The "impiety of Khnana

21 Chediath, *Christology*, 191. See Engelmann, *Annahme*, 110–114 for a survey on the content of the *Liber de unione*, and the *Tractatus Vaticanus*, edited as appendix by Vaschalde, CSCO 79, 291–307; CSCO 80, 235–247, in the *Liber de unione*.

22 Cf. G. Chediath, *Christology*, 194 and index s.n. See Abramowski, OCP 41 (1975) 342, on the same religious attitude regarding faith and scrutiny of Philoxenus and Babai, which A. de Halleux, *Philoxène de Mabbog* (Louvain 1963) 428, n. 22, explained as familiarity of both with Ephrem.

of Khdayab", however, claims, according to Babai, that "the worshipful Being of eternal nature" is "susceptible of being divided into parts" (24).[23] This is already an indication that the opponent addressed is Ḥenana of Adiabene.

The very short chapter I 4 describes allusions and references to the Trinity of the three hypostases in one essence in the OT.

I 5 deals with "the revelation of Christ our Lord in the flesh" which made known the *qnome* of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in one eternal essence. The chapter starts with an allusion to the topic of divine instruction (*paideia*) and teaching, dear to East Syrian tradition (see the literary genre of "causes").[24] After showing this at the Annunciation of the birth of Jesus by Gabriel, the mysteries of the life of Jesus, Resurrection, mission are re-visited making known "the *qnome* of the worshipful Trinity" and that their nature is one in one essence. The Trinity is explained by the example of the sun. Then follows a refutation of heresies, like Sabellius, Arius, and an explanation of the Trinity with Biblical passages from John.

Treatise II with three chapters, 6–8, deals with the relation between Christology and Trinitarian doctrine.

II 6 explains that the union is of one of the *qnome* of the Trinity with the nature of our manhood. Despite the consubstantiality of the three Trinitarian *qnome*, the christological union was only between one of the *qnome* of the Trinity, that is, the God Logos, and our humanity which was assumed as *parsopa*. Thus, there is no rejection of the term "*unus ex trinitate*" which, in former times, in the fifth and sixth century, was so controversial when put together with an attribute like "*passus* (*crucifixus*) *est*"[25]. The dispute between Philoxenus of Mabbug and the Theodorian monk Ḥabib (in ten Memre) is a telling example.[26] A similar approach, like Babai's, is found in the symbol of the Synod of 612.[27]

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23 Reference to pages of the Syriac edition of Vaschalde is given here and in the following text in normal brackets instead of {} in the English translation of Birnie.

24 T. Hainthaler, 'The causes of the feast, a literary genre of the East Syriac Church, in the 6th century. A survey with some theological remarks', *The Harp* 23 (2008) 383–400.

25 Cf. A. Grillmeier, *Christ in Christian Tradition vol. 2/2* (1996) 317–343. Cf. the Common Christological Declaration of 11 November 1994 of Pope John Paul II and Catholicos-Patriarch Mar Dinkha IV, saying: "The Word of God, second Person of the Holy Trinity, became incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit in assuming from the holy Virgin Mary a body animated by a rational soul, with which he was indissolubly united from the moment of his conception".

26 L. Abramowski, 'From the Controversy on 'Unus ex Trinitate passus est': The Protest of Ḥabib against Philoxenus' *Epistula dogmatica* to the Monks', in *Christ in Christian Tradition 2/3*, ed. T. Hainthaler (Oxford 2013) 545–620.

27 English translation of S. Brock, 'The Christology of the Church of the East in the Syn-

Worth noting is that the christological union is presupposed while there is no point in humans scrutinizing the manner of this union! "That there was a union we have accepted and confess; and that God the Word was united parsopically to our manhood and made it one Son with himself in one honor and authority we have believed and we hold without hesitation, without question. Again, concerning the manner [of this taking], it is not for us to investigate or search out, for we have learned from the blessed Paul that the riches of Christ are unsearchable [cf. Col 2,3], but that we should believe in the heart and confess with the mouth that we may be saved and justified" [Rom 10,10]. (36–37)[28]

Biblical passages (John, 1 Cor) follow. The knowledge was prepared in the OT by prophets and prophecies, the full revelation came in the NT. The relationship between *scrutatio* and belief is dealt with and a lot of biblical references are brought in.

In II 7 several examples taken from created nature are used in order to explain the Trinity (with the remark that it is only an imperfect demonstration, a simile), like the effect of the sun in the air; three lamps and the one light coming from them. The assumption of the human nature in Christ did not signify any addition to the infinite nature of the Trinity.

II 8 deals with "the union of God the Word with his manhood from us taken to his own *parsopa*", that is, the central section on the christological union. This chapter completes the second Treatise on the Incarnation. As a positive expression of Babai's Christology, this chapter is seen by Luise Abramowski as probably the most important one in *De unione*.

After a solemn start ("by the strength of Christ our Hope, the Head of our life and our God") Babai exposes the faith of the Church of Christ forever "according to the sense of the Holy Scriptures and the tradition of the trustworthy fathers". Based on the Trinitarian doctrine he explains Christ's incarnation which is for Babai the taking of a complete man fashioned by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary ("he took from her a complete man who, through the Holy Spirit, was conceived and formed in the order of his human nature unitedly and without marriage") (58). God the Word took it from the very

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ods of the fifth to early seventh centuries: Preliminary considerations and materials', in *Aksum-Thyateira. Archbishop Methodios of Thyateira and Great Britain* (Athens 1985) 125–142, here: "When we speak of Christ as perfect God, we are not referring to the Trinity, but to one of the *qnome* of the Trinity, God the Word. And when again we call Christ perfect Man, we are not referring to all mankind, but to that single *qnoma* who was specifically taken, for our salvation, into union with the Word".

28 Cf. L. Scipioni. 'Il Libro di Eraclide di Nestorio e il Libro de Unione di Babai il Grande', in id., *Ricerche sulla cristologia del Libro di Eraclide di Nestorio* (Fribourg 1956) 110–158.

beginning of its existence and this union remains forever and is never broken. Emphasis is made on the fact that the assumption was from the very moment of conception, God the Word dwelt in his temple from the beginning of its fashioning. The term "man of our Lord" is used at least 5 times in this chapter (II 8)—in the whole treatise I counted the term about 52 times! According to Abramowski's research, there is a link to the patristic expression *kyriakos anthropos*.[29]

Christ suffered in his human nature according to its nature, and Christ did not suffer in his divine nature according to its nature, for it is impassible.

But the "man of our Lord", apart from God in him, tasted death for everyone, and his temple was destroyed (the role of the Biblical passage John 2,19.21 on the "temple of his body" becomes obvious!). The natures remain preserved in their *qnome* and their properties. Salvation is effected through the one *parsopa* of Filiation.

The allegory of fire and iron is given as an illustration that the Godhead gives (but does not take). Christ's humanity was exalted from the womb. "Neither was this worshipful union loosed, nor did his Godhead depart from him, that is, God from his united and eternal temple, but the same Godhead in him perfected his own united manhood by degrees in all exalted things" (60). His united manhood repaid the debts of its race (63). The united names belong to the one *parsopa* of Filiation, to the one Son. Union is not in a separateness of natures (66).

Treatise III on the christological union is composed by three chapters, 9 to 11.

III 9 deals with heresies. Arius, Eunomius, Apolinarius, Eutyches are refuted in a clearly ordered way: a short characteristic, offensive, then a quotation of the respective personality followed by a refutation, at the end biblical testimonies. Babai does not simply offer a catalogue of heretics as can be found in many cases; he shows, however, some knowledge about their respective teachings. The words on Cyril[30] and Philoxenus of Mabbug are written with violence,

29 See A. Grillmeier, 'Jesus Christ, the Kyriakos Anthrōpos', *Theological Studies* 38 (1977) 275–293; more detailed: 'Ο κυριακὸς ἄνθρωπος. Eine Studie zu einer christologischen Bezeichnung der Väterzeit', *Traditio* 33 (1977) 1–63; revised in A. Grillmeier, *Fragmente der Christologie*, ed. T. Hainthaler (Freiburg in Breisgau 1997) 152–214. L. Abramowski, '"Der Mensch unseres Herrn". Ein Beitrag zur Markell-Frage', in T. Khidesheli and N. Kavvadas (eds.), *Bau und Schrift. Studien zur Archäologie und Literatur des antiken Christentums*. FS Seeliger = JAC.E 12 (Münster 2015) 207–219.

30 Cyril: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 90, 96, 137. Henana: 24, 96, 109, 137. Eutyches: 76, 90.

very sharp and bitter. Philoxenus of Mabbug (76) is presented "as a foreigner, a stranger to the truth, a bone-breaker, and he also worked myriad corruptions." Babai refutes Julian of Halicarnass (77) and Severus of Antioch (78, 79, 90), and attacks Origen. A very elaborate refutation deals with the anathematizing of Justinian; here Babai mentions that he composed a whole book (of eight volumes?) against Justinian (or the Three Chapters) (82–83); this book did not survive.

In this context Theodore of Mopsuestia is not mentioned, although he probably is meant when Babai wrote that, "through Satanic cruelty", Justinian acted impiously against "the pillars of the Church who many years since had departed in blessedness and apostolic orthodoxy …, who … stood valiantly and manfully against each one of the heresies which blossomed in their time" (82). In the context with Justinian, however, Babai is concerned above all to fight and to refute the concept of the one composite hypostasis. Theodore's name is mentioned only once in the whole work, at the end of VI 21, where Babai calls him "the blessed interpreter, the perfect disciple of the blessed apostles, the vessel of the Holy Spirit, the dwelling of all good, the mirror of virtue, and the firm column who never was shaken and will not be shaken in eternity" (246).

It is interesting that Babai mentions Pope Leo with approval (76), as the one who destroyed the heresies of Eutyches and Dioscorus, and as the holder of the see of the great Peter.[31] The teaching of Eutyches is quoted precisely with the words cited in the Tome of Leo.

III 10 brings a detailed discussion on the exact time when the union of Christ's divinity and humanity to one *parsopa* happened, and concludes, "that at the annunciation of the angel was the taking, and with the taking was the union forever, though {95} in its order the flesh was completed first, then the soul". Babai here also rejects the teaching of Paul of Samosata—presented from the point of view of neo-Nicene Orthodoxy of the second half of fourth century[32]. Again, passages of Babai's lost book of refutation against Justinian are quoted.

III 11: Indeed, in all these astonishing things which he said and did in his united manhood, "we saw" mystically that in it the eternal glory was revealed which he possesses eternally, the things which make known concerning him that he is "the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." God was

31 Abramowski, OCP 41 (1975) 341, refers to Nestorius, *Liber Heraclidis*, versio Nau, 298,21–23; 302,10–12, as support for Babai's opinion.

32 Abramowski, OCA 197 (1974) 232.

everywhere in his infinitude, but the union took place in a singular way with one of the human *qnome*, which was his manhood, that is the man Jesus, whom he took for his own *parsopa* that he might be revealed in him.

All the things of his Godhead are made known in him through the union, thenceforth and forever, in one *parsopa*. The example of a mirror (a mirror made from iron) and the sun and other "demonstrations from nature concerning this worshipful and ineffable union" are used to show "how that, while God is in every place, in his manhood alone is revealed unitedly in one *parsopa* all that belongs to his Godhead, in the one union of this one *parsopa* of one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (132).

Treatise IV comprises six chapters with different aspects, consequences of the teaching so far.

IV 12: Christ is anointed by the Holy Spirit in a twofold manner: first at the beginning of his fashioning in the womb ("to be one Son and Lord with God the Word who exalted him and took him for his own *parsopa*, in one conjunction and union forever"). The second anointing was at his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist, "in which he received the first-fruits of immortality and immutability, [that] he might be the first among all, and the first-fruits of many brothers in the adoption of sons at the resurrection from the dead for the salvation of our bodies." By this second anointing he earnt immortality and therefore all believers are called by baptism "anointed ones". Therefore, he is the head of the church.

IV 13 The name "sonship" belongs to the manhood of Christ in two ways: "he is the Only-begotten Son with God the Word, who exalted him, taking him to be with himself, in one honor and worship and name, one Son of the Highest forever." Therefore, from the union on, there is only one name of the Only-begotten Son in one conjunction forever, properly of his Godhead and derivatively and in common of his manhood.

IV 14 explains that "First-born" can be understood in a threefold manner: the First-born of the virgin Mary, the First-born from the dead through Resurrection, the First-born in the renewal of creation.

IV 15 On Baptism: Christ was baptized with our baptism as a true and perfect man. He is able to receive spiritual gifts in his human nature. The Holy Spirit descended on him and remained with him.

Christ was baptized not by John's baptism (for his baptism was of repentance, for the forgiveness of sins while Jesus was without sin), but with "our" baptism. Baptism is not only the sacrament for forgiveness of sins but also even more; it confers the first-fruits of immortality and immutability.—Christ received *in his human nature* spiritual gifts and promises (cf. Lk 2,52). If Christ

would have been perfect in his humanity in the womb and in no need, how would he be crucified in weakness?

The "man of our Lord", the new Adam, is not perfect from the beginning of his formation (only after Resurrection), on the other hand, the Spirit, the Word and the Father have not been far from him, the Word was united to him. Paradoxical statement: The Spirit descended on him while he was in him.

IV 16: That although we say that the manhood of the Son was the Son in union with God the Word, we do not say "two Sons", nor was there an addition to the Trinity because of the union which God the Word had with the temple of his manhood.

The Theopaschites are "those who impiously say 'a natural and qnomic union', and who deny the taking of the head of our race to the exalted union".

Against the charge of confessing two sons made by the Theopaschites, Babai explains his teaching that the manhood of Christ was made one Son of the Most High "in the union with God the Word, who is the eternal Son of the Most High", for he (scl. the Son of the Most High) "exalted and took it to his own *parsopa*, and joined it to himself that it might be with him in one name, honor, and exaltation forever". There are not two sons in one nature and two distinct *parsope*, nor is the manhood of the Lord called "Son of grace", so that there would be two sons separately, one natural and the other a son of grace.

There is no addition in the Trinity, because God the Word is the one Son in nature and he took to his own *parsopa* the manhood "that he might be revealed in it". God the Word was not Son of Man in his nature but in the union. "The Son in nature is God the Word, but in the union also his manhood with him is one Son in one name and honor, and in the nature of his manhood he is Son of Man." "Through the taking of the *parsopa*, and also in his Godhead unitedly, he was called the Son of Man who descended from heaven." In this context Babai also refers to the Eucharist.

IV 17 offers Babai's understanding and teaching of his technical terminology[33] which has a lasting effect on the Christology of the Church of the East. Here the difference between *qnoma* and *parsopa* is explained and that *qnoma* cannot be taken, *parsopa* however can be taken and remains.

Babai starts with the statement that a single *ousia* is called *qnoma* (159)—obviously understood as a known definition[34]—, and one according to number,

33 For the christological terminology, see also chap. X in Abramowski-Goodman.

34 L. Abramowski, 'Trinitarische und christologische Hypostasenformeln', *Theologie und Philosophie* 54 (1979) 38–49; also, ead., *Formula and Context* (1992), no. IX, here 38–41, postulated an original general definition of *hypostasis = naturae communis individua substantia* from a textbook as the original source.

distinct, fixed not united, under a species, a nature; thus, *qnoma* is a single exemplar of a common/universal nature. *Parsopa* is the characteristic which distinguishes a certain *qnoma* from another (e.g. Paul's *qnoma* is not that of Peter), even if Peter and Paul are equal in nature and *qnoma*, but they are different in their properties like stature, temperament, form, wisdom, authority etc.

In the christological union there is one single *parsopa*, the *parsopa* of the filiation, through which divinity and humanity give to and take from one another. This one common *parsopa* enables also that the names (of the two unmingled natures) are united.

The formula of "two natures in Christ" is not sufficient, in the eyes of Babai, without adding to it "two *qnoma* in one *parsopa*". The former does not make clear, for Babai, that it is only one *qnoma* of the Trinity, the Son, and only one human being (not the whole humanity) which are united in Christ.

In the christological union, God the Word gives his humanity a share of his lordship, authority etc., of everything he possesses, except his nature and *qnoma*. There is one single *parsopa* of filiation and of lordship and this common *parsopa* is one from two united *qnome*. For God the Word this one *parsopa* is his proper one, natural, dwelling, for his humanity it is its own derivatively, unitedly, through participation—but there is no separation (like the fire in the bush or the fire in iron).

The central confession is: there was one union/conjunction of two natures in their *qnome* in a single *parsopa* of filiation in one name and adoration (etc.) preserving the properties—and this confession is life-giving and necessary for salvation. The manner of this union is inexplorable (166).

There is an interesting parable, the mirror, for the divine *qnoma*, God the Word. A mirror[35] is able to reflect a human *qnoma* while not taking the human nature. In a similar manner the Godhead took the likeliness of the united manhood. The *parsopa* in both natures (of the mirror and the man) is the same.

Babai underlines the difference between the christological union and the union of body and soul. While the latter is natural, necessary, the christological union is voluntary and only according to the *parsopa*. Only in a limited way the body-soul-analogy can be helpful to explain certain aspects in Christology. God the Word was made known to creatures by the christological union, not according to his *qnoma*. The revelation of the Son of God is only in his united humanity since he became incarnate in the womb.

35 For a study of this concept in Babai, cf. M. Metselaar, 'The Mirror, the Qnoma and the Soul. Another Perspective on the Christological Formula of Babai the Great', *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum* 19 (2015) 331–366.

There are not two sons, since God the Word has not two natural *parsopa*. There is only one *parsopa* of Christ the Son of God in his Godhead and his manhood, and this single *parsopa* is Son of the Highest, Lord, Jesus, son of man, Christ.

At the end of Treatise IV Babai gives a summary: There is no divinity without humanity; in this single *parsopa* they give and receive from one another parsopically while remaining in their resp. *qnome* in the union of the one *parsopa* of Christ the Son of God. This single *parsopa* can be called son or man, First-born, Only begotten, Lord of glory, son of David and Abraham, son of the Highest. But these are only names and the *parsopa* cannot be reduced to these names ontologically.

Treatise V deals with Christ's Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension.

V 18 states that it was only "the united man of our Lord" who was crucified, but not his Godhead. Babai underlines clearly that the union was never dissolved when Christ suffered, died and was buried. It "was his temple which was destroyed, and he raised it up unto immortal life", but "we do not say, that his united Indweller was separated from him, he who raised him up on the third day and loosed the pains of Sheol." The man of our Lord was without sin, but he paid the "debt, which was through disobedience, by way of the transgression of Adam". Therefore, "it was in his manhood that he was crucified, that he might overcome sin in his flesh, not in his Godhead". Babai indicates that the Scripture is "speaking in the person of the union" (174). To explain this, Babai makes use of the body-soul analogy: when a man is crucified, we do not say that a soul was crucified. Similarly, concerning Christ, we say that Christ was crucified and not that God was crucified. Thus, using the person of the natural union and the common name which is Christ.

Babai follows here the idea already expressed by Nestorius in his letter to Cyril in 430: "Paul … first posited Christ as a common term for both natures … and then went on to speak in a way that applies to both natures".[36]

This way of speaking avoids the heresies of the Paulinians (a nickname derived from Paul of Samosata) who simply say that the man was crucified (instead of saying "that Christ was crucified, knowing that in his manhood he was crucified and died, and not in his Godhead, and not while separated from it") (176), and also the error of the Manicheans that God was crucified. God the Word never "forsake his united temple from the beginning of its fashioning"

36 Nestorius of Constantinople, *Epistula ad Cyrillum Alexandrinum* (CPG 5669) (25 June 430): *ACO* I 1,1, p. 29,4–32,23, § 4.

in the womb onwards and while growing, in his whole life whether sleeping or being active, in suffering, on the cross and in the tomb. He will be with him always also when coming again at the end of time to judge all. Only his humanity was tested, but not his Godhead: "For God is not tempted by anything human, … for he has nothing to fear of death". (178)

If God the Word would have suffered all passions that Christ underwent, he would be only God by name or by honour. "For all these human characteristics which his manhood bore according to its nature are far from the divine nature: immutable, immortal, incorruptible, intangible, invisible, and infinite Spirit which is unchanging" (179). The Godhead "perfected its rational and united temple" in which it is dwelling unitedly forever. God "took for his revelation a man of our race, which is the bond of all creation, that through him he might renew all and become the father of a new world".

Babai explains: "We venerate the cross because of him who was crucified upon it, and we worship him who was crucified because of God the Word who dwelt in him unitedly and infinitely who gave him all things belonging to himself except for his nature, that is, the name of Sonship, authority, Lordship, honor, power, exaltation, in the one conjunction of the one *parsopa* of Christ, the Son of God, in one worship and honor".

When Babai uses the body-soul-analogy, he adds immediately that the christological union, on the contrary, is a voluntary and parsopic union (while the other is natural and qnomic) (176–177).

V 19 offers a rather long discussion, how to understand Christ's resurrection. From the beginning, Babai underlines against numerous errors "that the actual body of our Lord rose from the dead" and that it was not a spherical one (against those who say "he rose in the likeness of a sphere"). The "holy Church of Christ" confesses that "the same actual body which died in its nature and *qnoma* on the cross" and which was placed in the tomb while his soul departed from it, is the same which rose in the resurrection when its soul returned. In the course of Babai's explanations, it becomes obvious, that the main opponents attacked by him are the followers of Ḥenana of Adiabene (183, 187, 195). God does not give another body or a spherical one but a body which "is renewed in its own nature unto immortality" (183).

Justinian, very much hated by Babai, however, condemned the idea of a spherical form of the resurrected body in his anathemas against the Origenists of 543 and at the ecumenical council of Constantinople II in 553, too.[37]

37 See A. Grillmeier, *Christ in Christian Tradition 2/2* (1995) 397–398, 400, 405. It was anathema no. 5 of the edict 543 and can. X of 553.

Three miracles before Christ's passion and resurrection testify, for Babai, to the power of the divine nature in the mortal body. 1) The virginal birth (with Mary's virginity also after birth)—in parallel with Christ's coming through the closed doors to his disciples after the resurrection. 2) Walking upon the water (with explicit mention of Peter, therefore referring to Mt 14,22–33). 3) Transfiguration. After the resurrection he showed the disciples his hands and feet—and at that moment "he made the scars and spots in it" (190), in order to convince them "that the same body which died was the same also which rose". "Subsequently the places which had been pierced were made smooth and firm according to the nature of immortality and immutability in which he rose spotless, there being no scars or marks on him." (191)[38]

More and more it becomes obvious that the Ḥenanians are the attacked opponents with their teaching about the resurrection and the spherical body of resurrection. According to Babai, the opinion of the followers of Ḥenana is: "they deny not only the resurrection of the body of our Lord, but also the general resurrection of the bodies of all men: 'Salvation is only for souls, and this is their salvation: to be freed from the prison of the body in which they are confined.'" (195). With heavy impetus Babai states: "bodies do not rise up in a spherical state" (196). "Jesus did not become a sphere, and he did not ascend to heaven in a spherical condition, but in his same bodily form, the one which he showed them after his resurrection. And he will come in the same united body" (197). Babai emphasizes that this faith is necessary for salvation: "Anyone who does not thus confess rejects the truth and his life is lost." (198)

Treatise VI with chapters 20 and 21 is dealing with Christ's names and with the significance of terms like assumption, dwelling, temple, cloth, adhesion, union. VI 20 is a long chapter (the most voluminous after chapter 9 on the union, except Treatise VII, added later). This might indicate its importance for Babai. But he explains also that there was some error in this regard (he probably has in mind Philoxenus, the Theopaschites and the Chalcedonians): it is necessary to distinguish the names and to show: what are the names of His Godhead and how many there are. What are the names of His manhood and how many? What are the names of the ineffable union and which is the significance of each of them? Babai dealt with this topic already in the earlier books. There are names

38 For a discussion of Babai's idea of Christ's body after the resurrection, see Abramowski, OCP 41 (1975) 289–295. Christ's risen body was incorruptible; therefore, it had no scars. In order to demonstrate to the disciples that it is the same body as before his death, Christ "made" the scars, which, nevertheless, are real scars and no *phantasmata*.

of the Godhead prior to his union with his manhood, like "Son, Word, God, Lord, Only-begotten, Light, Effulgence, Image, Life, Likeness of God, King, Holy One" (200–201).

The list of names belonging to His (united) manhood or to the one *parsopa* of the Son forever follows shortly after: "Jesus, Christ, Babe, First-born of Mary, Emmanuel, Child, Man, Son of Man, Son of the Highest, First-born of all creatures, First-born from the dead, Priest, Son of David, King, Lord, Prophet, Adam, Image of the invisible God, Righteous One, Holy One, Rock, Bread, Vine, Way, Door, Lamb, Shepherd, Rod, etc.", thus, the list is not exhaustive. All these names can be found in the Holy Scripture, and Babai gives explanations for them.

VI 21 explains the different designations (and their different meaning) used with regard to the christological union, central in the Antiochene theology, namely "taking", "indwelling", "temple", "clothing", and "conjunction"[39]; this was also the original concluding chapter of *De unione*, corresponding to I 2, where Biblical names of the divinity are discussed. In opposition to "heretical" opinions, the precise meaning is demonstrated, which excludes mingling, confusion, and division. For (like a summary): "There, in the wondrous union, is complete God in complete man, the Infinite dwelling in the finite, and united, assumed, and joined, in the one *parsopa* and as together, while the two natures are preserved in the one Christ, the Son of God, and forever." (248)

Treatise VII "Against Theopaschites" was originally a separate Treatise and takes up many concepts and ideas of the other Treatises[40]. It is a polemical discussion of phrases, which are refuted by Babai one after the other[41]. These phrases as such do not form a continuous text but constitute the main statements ("Kernsätze") of such a text, according to Abramowski, which is marked by Philoxenian flavour.

3.2 *The* Tractatus Vaticanus

As appendix (291–307) in his edition of *De unione*, Vaschalde has added a piece from Vat. Syr. 178 belonging to Babai which is also given here in English translation: "a Memra against those who say that as the soul and the body are one *qnoma*, so God the Word and man are one *qnoma*", that is, a Memra against those teaching one *qnoma* with reference to the body-soul-analogy. In a series

39 For a detailed analysis cf. Abramowski, OCP 41 (1975), 328–341 ('Diskussion antiochenischer Grundbegriffe').

40 Cf. Abramowski, OCA 197 (1974) 228, also Chediath, *Christology*, 27 f.

41 These quotations are compiled by Abramowski, OCA 197 (1974) 229–230. They are found in CSCO 79; 252, 259, 263, 272, 274, 276, 278, 279, 280, 283.

of demonstrations, reductions *ad absurdum*, Babai shows "that in no way is it possible for the Godhead and manhood of Christ to be one *qnoma*, but one *parsopa*, in which both natures are made known unitedly in their own qnomic state, without separation, in one conjunction forever" (305). Babai is fighting "a qnomic and composite union" in Christ (306).

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The Treatises of Mar Babai on the Godhead [of Christ] and on [His] Manhood and on the Parsopa of the Union

By your strength, O Christ our Hope, we begin to the discourse on the Godhead, the manhood, and the parsopa of the worshipful union which took place for our salvation, which was composed in separate chapters by Rabban Mar Babai, head of the great monastery which is on Mount Izla, at the request of the brothers.

O our Lord, help me to bring [it] to completion through the grace which is from you. Amen. {1}

1 First Treatise

First chapter: on faith, to those who petitioned us.
Second chapter: on the eternal Being of the Divine Nature.
Third chapter: how that, though the Divine Nature is infinite and all is filled by it, it is not divided into "parts" among those in whom it dwells.
Fourth chapter: concerning the Trinity in one eternal Being, that, as it were by prophetic symbol, the Old [Testament] pre-figured [its] qnome.
Fifth chapter: that the worshipful qnome of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit in one Being were clearly made known to us in the revelation of Christ our Lord in the flesh.

1.1 *First Chapter: On faith, to those who petitioned us*

[1] Christ Jesus is the Head of our life, our Hope, and our God. The hope of all his true worshipers and faithful Christians is truly fixed and fastened on him. In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. He gives wisdom to the wise and instructs the advanced in understanding. He moves and works in those who seek the common good. With outpourings of his grace, he supplies and makes known those things which are helpful toward the life to come through those who give answer to those who question. May he, in his many mercies and from his unfailing treasury, fill and pour into our heart his life-giving knowledge and fulfill his wonders in us through the Spirit, and when our mind is pure, splendid, and shining with his truth, we shall answer in writing these ineffable matters which are set before us by your petition and profitable questions, O my fathers and brothers, sojourners in our Lord and solitaries who are {2}

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truly united, who dwell on Mount Izla in the congregation of Mar Abraham, the head of the solitaries, who is the "first-born" in the blessed land of the Persians, and especially you, O my beloved Mar Habiba, presbyter from the land of Beit Nuhadra, and Mar Narsai, deacon from the of Kashkar, kinsman of Mar Abraham, the spiritual father of us all.

[2] For a very long time your fervent and profitable petitioning of me has increased concerning these matters which are set forth before us. Your questions concerning human things, divine things, and the union are marvelous, glorious, and ineffable. These not only go beyond the small measure and rudeness of mind which I possess, but also beyond all rational creatures, whether visible or invisible. For the Father alone knows the Son, and the Son the Father, [as does] the Holy Spirit, who searches the depths of the Godhead, according to | the apostolic word. If these things are so, as indeed they are, who, without {3}
faith, can venture to speak about these mysteries of the blessed life? "And the life is the light of men."[1] "And this is life eternal," said he who is the Light, the Truth, and the Life, "to know you, who are the true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ."[2]

[3] If, then, faith, which is by the hearing of the ear, and the hearing of the ear, which is by the word of God, does not exist, and the mind is not cleansed and purified by the keeping of the commandments, who can venture to cast himself down within the incomprehensible depths to investigate and make inquiry? Therefore, O my beloved, how can I, wretched and miserable, understand well, even if these things have been written down and explained by the holy fathers and theologians who were the instrument of the Holy Spirit? Now these things which you have asked of me, O my beloved, lo, have been explained by the holy fathers who were reliable pillars in the Church, who through their purity studied, considered closely, learned, and were enlightened. Whoever walks in their footsteps and keeps the commandments of the Lord in love, who is eager for the truth, the fount of blessed life, to spring forth in him, "who has my commandments and keeps them, is he who loves me, and I and my Father come to him," and make a dwelling-place with him.[3] Therefore the foundation is faith, and the framework is the keeping of the commandments. From the keeping of the commandments comes purity, and through purity comes the revelation of the mysteries. "He who believes in me, as the Scriptures have said, rivers of living water shall issue from his belly."[4] And the blessed Paul said, "For God is revealed to us through his Spirit."[5]

[4] ܗܘ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܠܫܡܥܘܢ ܒܪ ܝܘܢܐ ܐܦ ܒܪ ܝܘܢܐ ܐܢܬ ܟܐܦܐ ܘܥܠ ܗܕܐ ܟܐܦܐ ܐܒܢܐ ܐܒܢܝ ܠܟ ܕܐܢܬ ܐܦ ܒܪ ܝܘܢܐ ܐܢܬ

[4] Now then, my beloved, the things which our Lord and his apostles taught are the same as those which are explained by the holy fathers, who were trustworthy teachers in the catholic church. There has been no | change or alteration {4} in them, God forbid! They did not, then, proclaim some other faith than that of our Lord and his apostles, or foreign teachings, commandments, or admonitions, but they were the same, according to times, persons, and circumstances which arose. As wise physicians they took the spiritual medicines and provided healing for the sick by means of the truth. From that time on what new thing has there been for us wretches to say, except for such things as came from the fathers? However, since I am constrained by your love, I will do this: I will gather all those things which belong to them, which are scattered separately, and bring them to a single place and an orderly arrangement, first petitioning those hearers who are just to prepare their minds to grasp the steadfast hope of a settled faith, so that they may be the more able to receive the incomprehensible reports which we have arranged before them from the sayings of the fathers, for none of them are grasped through inquiry, but are comprehensible through faith. For just so the name of us who are Christians, who are called "believers", applies to us in regard to "faith", because there is no one among the impious[6] to whom this name "believers" is ascribed, but this belongs to us who are Christians.

[5] Therefore we Christians are called by this name "believers", for the foundation of the structure of the catholic Church of Jesus is a reliable foundation, deeply laid beforehand upon faith—upon a formation of unyielding rock[7]: "Upon this rock I will build my Church,"[8] and, "Whoever falls upon this rock shall be broken to pieces, and whomever it falls upon it shall crush,"[9] and, "The gates of Sheol shall not prevail over it,"[10] for it is never moved or shaken by any of the powerful gusts of evil winds which ever | blow and are at work in {5} the children of disobedience, and it is never overwhelmed by any of the floods of error of the rivers of the Gihonites and Egyptians, which gush forth from below. For without this steadfast foundation of the faith of Jesus, the Cause of all our benefits, the bulwark of discipline is not constructed on the foundations of excellence, nor is the hope of life strengthened, nor is love perfected, and none of the virtues is perfected.

[6] For behold, our Lord too, in everything which he accomplished and did, first magnified, then repeatedly admonished concerning faith, the fount of life, strengthening the mind of the listeners: "Believe in God, and believe in me,"[11] and, "Anything is possible for one who believes,"[12] and, "Believe that I am in my Father, and my Father is in me."[13] So too, when he worked wonders, "Do you

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believe this?"[14] and, "Let it be to you as you have believed,"[15] and, "Your faith has saved you: go in peace,"[16] and, "Anything which you ask in faith you shall have,"[17] along with many other things. Again, after his resurrection he did the same and gave commands to his disciples concerning the same: "Go to all the world and proclaim my gospel in all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized is saved, and whoever does not believe is condemned."[18] In the same way the blessed apostle Paul, who said, "I live by faith,"[19] in the name of God, on the testimony of Scripture, speaks thus: "The just shall live by my faith, but if anyone shrinks back, my soul does not delight in him."[20] And he continues, "We are not of the hesitancy which leads to destruction, but of the faith which gains for us our souls. Faith is the assurance of those things which exist in hope,"[21] etc., and, "By faith we understand that the worlds were set in order by the word of God,"[22] and, "Without faith no one is able to please God, and one who approaches | God {6}
is obliged to believe that he is."[23] The race and the contest is from faith to faith, and the ending is in consolation: "And together we may take comfort in your faith and mine,"[24] and, "I have finished my race and I have kept my faith,"[25] etc. In the same way we believers are called the children of Abraham by faith: "Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him for righteousness,"[26] and, "He shall be the father of all the uncircumcised who believe,"[27] and, "We shall be justified by faith and not by the works of the Law."[28]

[7] Thus, the rest of the apostles and all the trustworthy teachers who followed in their footsteps, did they not first establish [as] the cornerstone of their teaching and the trustworthy statement of their invincible confession, "We believe in one God, the omnipotent Father," and then add certain characteristics, some of the Godhead and some of the worshipful dispensation? Therefore, we Christians are justly called by this name, "believers", for it distinguishes us from the vain worshipers who are held in the error of many gods, and brings us to the trustworthy knowledge of one true God, the singular and solitary nature, Creator and Cause of all good things, revealed in a Trinity of qnome for our salvation through Jesus Christ our God. May his bright light shine in me through his grace and abundant mercies, to perfect his will and to do what you have asked, to the profit of his faithful worshipers and to the praise of his worshipful greatness, with his Father and the Holy Spirit, yea and amen.

26 Gen. 15:6; Gal. 3:6.

27 Rom. 4:11.

28 Gal. 2:16: "We shall be justified by the faith of Christ and not by the law."

2.1 ܒܫܡܐ ܕܐܒ ܘܒܪܐ ܘܪܘܚܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ ܚܕ. ܐܠܗܐ ܕܟܠ

[8] ܚܕ ܙܒܢ ܕܒܪܝܬ ܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܕܟܝ ܐܝܟ ܕܟܠ ܕܟ ܙܒܢ ܟܠ ܙܒܢ ܕܟ ܐܝܟ

1.2 *Second Chapter: On the eternal Being of the divine nature*

[8] Anyone who by grace has in mercies been deemed worthy to speak for the common profit about God and divine things recognizes the weakness and deficiency of his own earthly nature, and the simplicity of his own understanding, and his lack of skill in these exalted matters. However, | when he is carried away {7}
forcefully by the constraint and petition of others, and in proportion to his measure, he is then obligated to their spiritual love to acknowledge at the beginning of his remarks, in the presence of those who are petitioning him, his weakness, earthiness, and paucity of knowledge, and that, when one is not cleansed of the ways of disorderly, ignorant wickedness, one ought not venture to speak concerning God and divine things. For God is accustomed to making his revelation through the tranquil, pure, and holy, and they are deemed worthy to gaze upon these ineffable mysteries because of the clear vision of their minds. "Blessed are those who are pure in their heart, for they shall see God."[29] In this way, being dignified, distinguished, and exalted in his thought, with prudence and stability, and with secret prayer, through supplication and the crying out of the heart, one may begin then, by the strength of our Lord Jesus Christ, to correctly lay his foundations immovably, without distortion, upon the Petrine faith, so that he may advance well, ascend well, continue well, and end well.

[9] Now if the hope of true Christians had been placed upon something visible, comprehensible, perceptible, and falling under the search and grasp of the mind, they would never have been called by this name, "believers," nor in this search for him would they have proceeded from his creation to the teaching of his hidden knowledge. But what now? "They shall seek and inquire after God, and from his creation they shall find him."[30] For God, the Creator and Cause of all good things, is alone eternal Being, who exists for ever, is the Cause of all, is above all, and remains as he is without change. He is exalted in his Essence above all beings, visible and invisible, and at the indication of his will he brought forth all into being out of nothing. Since he created all, he is not comprehended by his creatures—|except in faith to believers in the Spirit, who {8}
without searching worship him spiritually in the Spirit. "For God is Spirit," infinite, invisible, incomprehensible, "and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."[31] All his works are by faith, and his promises by hope, and all things promised and prepared by him are by faith and by the conviction of hope. "Hope which is seen is not hope, for if we see it why do we await it? But if we hope for something unseen we continue in patience."[32]

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[10] Now if God, the Creator of all, had become subject to the perceptible senses, and had been grasped by the thoughts of creatures, and had been apparent to the inquiry of the mind, he would not have been God the Creator and infinite Spirit, who is in absolutely all and above absolutely all. For anything perceptible or comprehensible, whether it is in part or in whole perceptible and comprehensible, or whether in any of its parts it is perceptible and comprehensible, is also fully capable of being comprehended and perceived, whether from one [part] or from many. However, God is neither partly nor fully comprehended or perceived—not from a part, nor from many [parts], for nothing of him is "parts", and nothing of him is capable of being divided into parts, for he is all in all complete in himself—utterly all of him, indivisibly and infinitely, as he knows[33]. He is infinite, for there is nothing [standing] opposite to limit him. He is not situated relative to anything as the right to the left, nor may he be limited positionally above, below, before, or behind. He has nothing opposite [him] to restrict him, for he would not be above all, beneath all, and in absolutely all, in his Essence infinite and invisible and higher than all. For he alone is the Mighty One, and who is able to divide[34] him into parts? Or what can confine him, that he | may not be in himself infinite? What can restrain him, that he may not be— {9}
all of him—in all, or may not be—all of him—utterly beyond all, or may not be in [any] part of all? For he, in the infinitude of his Being, created the world when it did not exist, and how can his creation limit him who created it out of nothing? Again, after he created it, the same infinite Spirit, since the things which were created by him when they were not—which were unable to confine their Creator, for heaven and earth are filled by him—were not able to limit him, [so] the divine words say: "All is in him, all is from him, and all is through him,"[35] and there is no end to his greatness. How can such as are through him limit him, or inhibit him from the infinitude of his self-existent Being? For lo, his Being is both higher than all that exists, and also above every name which is named.[36] If he were visible, finite, tangible, mortal, and divisible into parts, he would not be God, for such things are creaturely.

[11] However, even though, because of the exalted state of his nature, he is named Being, Life, Spirit, Light, and other names, yet these are not designations and names which elevate him above us, since these are attributed to us and to creatures, for they impress the mind with their perceptible meaning. God is not the same as the names which refer to him, for he is not in the likeness of a material thing, or what resembles [it], or anything which is constructed and receives passions and accidents, as the teachers of the error of the Naturalists and Essentialists[37] say, that everything subsists in him as form in matter, for they have been reduced to silence and have perished. But this is ours: "O God,

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who is like you?"[38] and, "There is nothing like the Lord in the heaven of heavens, or resembling the Lord among the companies of angels. O Lord God of Hosts, who is mighty like you?"[39] etc.

[12] Now the proper names by which he is called in the divine Scriptures by the inspired speakers corresponded to the appearances in which | he was observed {10}
and was incomprehensibly made known. God spoke with the fathers through the prophets of old in manifold and sundry ways as they were able to consider and understand the greatness of his nature, higher than all and before all, and the significance of his judgments and of his providence. Therefore, he is, in his Being, essentially, eternally, and unchangeably beyond "parts" and "likenesses" which impress the mind. For the Self-existent, who existed before he was "named", in order that creatures might understand that there was nothing prior to his eternal Being, and the whole creation, while it was not in existence, came into being at a time pleasing to him—how it should be, and for what end, and why, and for the sake of what—and that all that came to be were created and provided for in the care of his abundant grace through the indication of his will, [the same] was named "Life", who also created such things as live and are moved, and is in all. It is he who quickens all, but is not seen by fashioned things, as, indeed, created "life" [itself] is not visible and does not see itself, nor is its condition comprehensible to its own understanding, but is an invisible form. It is impossible as well for "life" to die, in that their life quickens such things as possess life in their nature, and if it departs from them, they die, and they remain without impulse, but their qnomic life does not die. Just as when a body dies the soul departing from it is immortal according to the word of the Lord,[40] so also God cannot die in any way, God forbid! And as the soul, being one, is incomprehensibly in the body, quickening and moving it, and providing in it all of its rationality—although here the circumscription and union is natural, and they are members of one another in the one qnomic composition of a man, and are limited to one another and together suffer or act (for the example is | for the persuasion of simplicity)—so also God dwells in all his creation {11}
infinitely, intangibly, unrestrictedly, undividedly, and provides and works all in all, while he [himself] is not "from" anything.

[13] So too, he is named "Spirit", a designation [which] indicates to us—to the exalted likeness of his nature—his infinitude, and that he is present to all but is above all in his Being, and from him and in him is the breath and subsistence of all, and his power is indomitable, and the infinitude of his nature is incomprehensible. So too "Light", for he is named "Light" because of the sublimity of his nature, for there is nothing in the visible realm which is more exalted,

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resplendent, and glorious than light, and it "lightens" all. So too God enlightens all with his knowledge and is resplendent in his Being, and all things belonging to him are glorious and exalted. He is above all and not divided into parts, and he is not cut off from his infinitude by those in whom he dwells and makes his habitation impalpably. By his enlightening knowledge, which shines forth in the purity of the saints, he enlightens the understanding of the saints for the delight of their lives—"The inheritance which came to the saints in light"[41]—while they do not venture to inquire into the state of his Godhead that they might not perish in blindness, like those who fix their eyes on the sun to their blinding and not to their delight.

[14] But if God were not as the Cause and Giver of all excellent things, but as the "titles" by which he is called, the concepts of him would impress the mind in the same way as [those] concerning the rest of the created things, and that he exists as a composite of such things. It would seem to everyone that God is composed of parts, as in the thinking of the Naturalists and heathen wise men who foolishly [claimed] that God is the | cosmos, compounded of parts into {12}
one body from being, life, and light, and other things such as these, and that there is nothing else except the cosmos, and that it returns to itself and gives birth and is born, and the rest of the pagan impieties. But God forbid that we should think such things concerning God the Creator and Cause of all, for he is higher in his worshipful Being than all creatures and the names which refer to them. He is invisible and not divisible into parts, and he has no end and is not composite. A rod[42] is simple, and its essence is not something else, or its life something else, or its light something else, although [such things] are said about it according to the human fashion—that it "possesses" and "has" [them] in its qnoma as though it were "something other" that "possessed" them. But how is it? He is called "Being", but not that he "has" being[43], and he is called "Life", but not that he "has" life, and he is called "Light", but not that he "has" light, and "God is Spirit"[44], but not that he "has" spirit[45]. For he is true Being, and he is true Life, and he is the Light lighting all, and he is infinite Spirit[46], and moves all, and is present to all, and is above all. He is not the whole of them as though a whole in parts, and they are not the whole of him as though parts in a whole, but he is one in a singular way—ineffable, unsearchable, and indivisible. He it is who created such things as in their being are fore-ordained. The same gives life to those who live, and the same gives knowledge to the knowing. He gives light and enlightens rational beings with the light of his knowledge, allowing them to know him, as the eyes in the body, which by the sun see the sun, as well as such things as [through the light of the sun] are visible. As it is written, "In your light we see light."[47] He gives movement to such things as are

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moved, while in his Being he is exalted and higher than all, | and holds all and {13}
governs all. From him are all sciences and all spiritual understanding. He does and performs all in all, and he is not part of the whole or the whole of parts, or separable, or divisible. As it is written, "There are varieties of gifts, but there is one Spirit, and there are varieties of ministries, but there is one Lord, and there are varieties of powers, but God is one who works all in all."[48] Again it says to us, "God the Father is one, by whom is all and in whom are we, and Jesus Christ is one Lord, through whom is all, and through whom are we as well."[49]

[15] Let us bring forward a demonstration in another fashion from such things as belong to the soul for the instruction of simplicity: as the soul is one in the simplicity of its nature, and is not, like the body, from various and fleshly parts, it possesses in itself all the various capabilities which the Creator places in its rational understanding, and it learns those various things which are in the organism and they remain in its memory. Whenever it desires it brings [these] out openly, as in metal-working, or in carpentry or other crafts; and we do not say that metal-working or carpentry are parts of the soul, but the operation of the soul. There are thousands of ways, if it desires, for it to do one thing or another—to make various structures or forms which did not previously exist. And although this, its power and wisdom, was given to it by God, yet with material things it works and acts according to its free will whenever it pleases and as it pleases.

[16] In the same way, in this imperfect demonstration it assumes a likeness to God, the Creator of all, who is eternally and essentially complete in all that is his, and possesses in himself absolute freedom, as and however he, and his eternal knowledge [and] eternal wisdom, desires, to create all from nothing whenever he chooses, | and to give life and wisdom to rational creatures, to {14}
each one as it is useful for him and as often as he is capable of receiving it. As he desired and it pleased him, he brought all into being—"You willed [it], and everything rose up before you"—heaven and earth and the rest of the natures, the visible and invisible, the living and non-living, rational and non-rational, those cunning by their nature and those learned by their choice. It is he who holds, governs, alters, makes, and does all by the indication of his will, and this "by the indication of his will" which we talk about is not, however, literally "willing" and then doing[50], but these things which are done by him are described [in the likeness] of such things as are done quickly by us. For at the [very] moment he willed, he created all and governed all, and there was no interval in between. And lo, our Lord also acted in this same manner: "'I [so] choose: be cleansed.' And immediately his leprosy was cleansed,"[51] and other things such as these.

[17] ཡང་སངས་རྒྱས་ཀྱི་སྐུ་ཚེ་དང་ཡེ་ཤེས་ཀྱི་ཕུང་པོ་ཇི་སྙེད་པ་དེ་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱང་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ལས་བྱུང་ངོ་། །ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཡང་ཇི་ལྟར་ཞེ་ན། ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ནི་ཐོག་མེད་ནས་ཀུན་ཏུ་སྤྱོད་པ་ལ་བརྟེན་ཏེ་བྱུང་ངོ་། །དེ་ཡང་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ནི་ཐོག་མེད་ནས་ཀུན་ཏུ་སྤྱོད་པ་ལ་བརྟེན་ཏེ་བྱུང་ངོ་། །

[17] We do not say that God, in aggregate, is the same as these natures which God created, which possess being, life, and wisdom—God forbid!—for this is an impiety! But God is the Cause and Creator of all, and he created and fashioned all from nothing in various kinds, and he arranged, ordered, held, and governed according to his will. His Essence is not as the rest of creatures, and his power is not as theirs, nor his light, nor his wisdom, nor any of the things which are said about him. These creatures are not from his nature, nor are those things which creatures possess of his nature—God forbid!—but he is higher and more exalted than all of his creatures. His Being is not as our being, and his Fatherhood, Sonship, and Procession are not as ours. His works are not as ours, but such as belong to him are high, exalted, and incomprehensible.

[18] Again, in another way: as the simple nature of the soul is one, and is not compounded of limbs and organs of sense, | but its operations and activities {15} are evident in the body and its sensory organs—in the sight of the eyes, in the hearing of the ears, in the orderly speech of the mouth, and in the rest of the senses—and again it lives and moves and operates in [the body's] whole and in its parts, also giving it movement and perception in various ways, though we do not say that the soul is divided into these various parts or that it "is" these things, but that it "possesses" its various operations and actions in its nature that it may act in the weakness of the members and sensory organs of the body, and through its senses, by the power which it has received from the Creator; in the same way too, God the Creator of all is simple in his Being, distributing and granting to the rest of rational and irrational creatures [the ability] to possess or to do this or that, whether by nature or by reason. We do not say that their being is the same as that of God, or their rationality is that of God, or their life is that of God—God forbid!—but they have received these things from God, and he created and brought into being all from nothing, giving life to living creatures, and life and reason to rational beings, and wisdom to the wise, and power to the powerful, while in such things as belong to him he is higher than all creatures, for he created and is the Cause and Maker of all of them, and they possess all good things through the abundance of his grace.

[19] Again, in another way, and as an example, this perceptible sun, while it is one in this visible sphere, gives light and heat, produces growth, nurtures, forms, fattens, alters the taste in fruit, dries out, moistens, loosens, hardens, gladdens, distresses, consoles, saddens, gives pain, heals, is visible to the eyes, and its power is palpable to the senses. It allows healthy eyes to see by its light and man to journey and do all that belongs to him by the great variety of [opera-

[20] [illegible]

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tions] which are given to it by the Creator—though it is not [itself] these things, and these things are not according to nature, but through its peculiar power | {16} and the operations which it possesses in its nature through the will of its Creator.

[20] So too are these things of God, the Creator of all: he creates all and holds, governs, makes, and does all in all as he wills and however he wills, while his nature is higher and more exalted than all creatures. For although rational creatures possess properties which are like his own, whether invisibility, rationality, and immortal life, or whether sentience, or freedom, or wisdom and other such things, yet it is not as if these things which belong to him are comparable to those which belong to his creatures, or that such things as belong to us are of his nature, except derivatively, and as a shadow, and as the likeness of an image to an true prototype which possesses all of them of its own nature, "For there is nothing like the Lord in the heaven of heavens, or that is like the Lord among the companies of angels,"[52] say the divine words. If you should say "self-existent", he is in truth the Self-existent, for he is as he is for ever, and all beings came into existence through him, and if he should desire they would become nothing, as he created them from nothing. If you should say "life", he is true Life and true Wisdom, and these are properly his according to his nature, and these things which he possesses eternally remain with him immutably.

[21] He created all from nothing, and made living, rational, and sentient creatures. But we, among whatever [things] he made, and among material things, resemble what belongs to him in outward form, though we are unable to give either life or rationality, or to change any nature from that which belongs to it. The products of man are unable to resemble the nature of man; neither are men, nor the rest of fashioned things, able to become like the nature of God their Maker, nor to possess such things as are his—infinitude or everlastingness. A man does not make the nature of a man like himself, which possesses all the things that belong to him, and God does not make the nature of a god which possesses everything that belongs to him—though he graciously gives | {17} mastery and dominion to creatures, and such other things as are susceptible of being "given"—for God cannot "give" his own nature, nor is another nature capable of being God, nor can he naturally "give" the exalted name of his own nature.

52 Ps. 89:6.

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[22] This is, then, the proper name of his eternal Being, more exalted than all, higher than all, the Cause of all, and holding all, according to the characteristic designation and worshipful name of his own worshipful nature—that is, "God". He alone is unchanging and immutable essentially and naturally, the same to whom, when his name is invoked, the mind of every rational creature is exalted and lifted up above all perceptible and conceivable things, and as one [at] whose invocation fear is implanted in the nature of men, and, as it is written also concerning the rebellious, "Even the demons believe and tremble."[53] His knowledge is placed in the discernment of men—not the "makeup" of his Being, but that he "is"—and through the instructive works and realities from the creation, he is recognized by those whose discernment has not been disabled. "It is written upon their heart,"[54] etc., and, "The hidden things of God are made visible to his creatures intellectually through [his] works."[55]

[23] If, then, there are those who have been called by the name "god", these are [so] either by honor and affinity, or through rebellion and pride—on the one hand, through rebellion and pride, as [at] the beginning, when Satan first tempted Adam[56] by it, or, on the other hand, by honor and affinity, as when God said to Moses, "I have given you [as] a god to Pharaoh."[57] He said "I have given you", not "you are". But Pharaoh died, Aaron passed away, and the authority of Moses came to an end. "I have said you are gods."[58] He said "I have said" in honor, and not "you are" in truth. But what finally? "Hence you shall die like men,"[59] that is, according to your | mortal nature. Therefore the distinct {18}
and unique name "God", properly exalted in a distinct way, without change and without alteration, is his alone by nature, and as his eternal Being is unchanging, so too the name of God, according to nature, is unchanging and does not properly and naturally belong to another, but to him. As he said to Moses, "This is my name for ever, and this is my memorial for ever and ever."[60] And as it was committed to him for an exalted sign and for the name of the worship of his hidden greatness, and he was called by it from the beginnings of creation, and with its beginnings his worshipful name was given at the same time—"In the beginning God created,"[61] and, "God said, let there be"[62] such and such, and "God saw that it was good"[63]—and in all the things which he made and completed the name was invoked for the hearing and for the teaching of rational beings—"And God saw all that he made, and lo, it was very good,"[64] and, "God completed all the works which he made"[65]—so too with all the rest of the other titles. Some of them concern his authority, Lordship, providence, and judgments, and others concern things which he does not possess for an indication that he is exalted in his Being and hidden from all, and does not possess such things as belong to creatures. On the one hand there is the

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Self-existent One who is, and "ahiyah" and "asherahiyah,"[66] for an indication that he exists eternally, essentially, and without change, and as in "I am God and there is no other,"[67] and other things such as these; and on the other hand [there are] certain other [designations], such as incorruptible, immortal, invisible, unwearying, unsleeping, unchanging, and without necessity and incomprehensible. These, for their part, are negation, and [indicate] that his nature does not possess such things, for in all of them he is high and exalted above such things. Then there is Lord, Ruler, Judge, Almighty, Wise, and other such things, concerning providence, and judgment, etc., which indicate the varieties of the ways of his providence.

[24] But how in his Being he is exalted above all, | all the theologians—the {19}
angels as well as men—have remained in glorious silence, for first he taught concerning the invisibility of his Being when Moses longed for his sight: "No one can see me and live."[68] "No one has ever seen God,"[69] said the Baptist, and our Lord said, "There is no one who has seen the Father except the one who is from God the Father; he has seen the Father,"[70] and, "I know my Father and I am known by my Father."[71] "No one knows what is in a man," said the apostle, "except the spirit of a man which is in him. So too, no one knows what is in God except the Spirit of God."[72] Therefore, from all these things it is clear that through his incomprehensibility God is shown to be true God, by an ignorance which is beyond knowledge, which is true knowledge concerning him who is incomprehensible and infinite, and dwells in the light which no one is able to approach. For how is it possible for the character of one who cannot be approached to be known by creatures—the same who are not able to know their own make-up? For until the revelation of our Lord Christ in the flesh, In that the world had been nurtured with a childlike knowledge concerning the solitary nature of the worshipful Godhead, rational creatures received through revelations and various likenesses significant intimations of his Being, so that they might learn that God is one, who exists eternally in his Being, and [that] he is the Creator and Maker and Cause of all, and the Caretaker of creation, and he puts to death, quickens, and judges all. "See, then, that I am he, and there is no God beside me. I put to death and I quicken, and I am the Lord, the righteous God and Savior. To me every knee shall bend, and by me every tongue shall swear,"[73] to whom be glory from the mouth of every creature which he created, for ever and ever. Amen.

3.1 ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་ཞིང་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཡོངས་སུ་རྫོགས་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡིན་ནོ།།
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1.3 ***Third Chapter: How that, while the divine nature is infinite and all is filled by it, it is not divided into parts among those in whom it dwells.*** {20}

[25] We previously spoke on the higher things of all those matters that concern God, which are known by faith alone and do not fall under investigation, for how can that which is invisible be investigated, or that which no one is able to approach be comprehended? All are filled by him, and the whole exists and is kept by him, and the whole is set forth [and] held in his immaterial hand, and he holds all by the power of his Word. How is it possible, tell me, that such may be seen or comprehended by such as are placed, held, and confined within his hand? He does not appear to them, but is in all and beyond all in his eternal incomprehensibility, for a creature is not able to apprehend, grasp, or investigate his Creator in any way, nor can fashioned things comprehend their Maker, for they are placed in his immaterial hand in the likeness of a drop of water or as a grain of wheat. Tell me, how is it possible for something placed and held within your palm to investigate you? If something placed within your hand can know you, it only knows this, that it is placed within your hand, and it will not comprehend in what way you exist. So too it is granted by grace to creatures to know their Creator, who know only [that] he exists eternally and that they are placed in his hand, and that he holds and governs them. But the character of his Being surpasses knowledge, for lo, not even are we able to know the character of the soul, which is in us and works and acts in our body in various and sundry ways, or how it is in us, or [how] its thinking rapidly passes through the whole momentarily, and goes all round about us, nor [are we able to know] whether it is placed in us in the likeness of confined air, nor whether it spreads over all the parts of the body in the likeness of fire, nor whether its nature exists in all of it[74], nor whether | it is confined in one of the members and its power flows {21} into all the members.

[26] Tell me, how is a power which is insubstantial sensible of perceptible things—air and impalpable light [for example]—and how through the sight and hearing and the rest of the senses does it receive knowledge, or give knowledge through intermediaries? How does it gather in itself, as in warehouses, ten thousand kinds of information and thoughts, and they remain there as in a storehouse, not confusedly or without order, and when necessity requires they issue forth, coming in orderly ranks, the shaped offspring of miraculous things, and they re-enter within many inner parts through the sight and hearing, and there they are kept and do not depart from you? What is their inner chamber? What is the memory which retains them? Whence is the source of thoughts, some of which gladden and some of which distress? How do you banish them, but they do not depart from you? How does something dwell within you with

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which you do not agree? What is the reason they were quiescent in you the whole time, but now they pour themselves out over you? How does a certain report gladden or distress, or cause the body to grieve and draw back and acquire a greenish color; or it may be that the soul rejoices in it[75], and the body also exults and reddens in its gladness? How do the memory and sight stir up natural passions through involuntary impulse? How through fear[76] do all shameful passions and vain memories come to an end? Whence [come] these things and such as these? How is it that the hearing in the ears or the sight do not smell, or the nostrils do not hear, or the touch does not taste?

[27] If you cannot discover your own make-up for yourself, nor the lesser things which in you are comprehensible, how are you able to investigate the nature of God your Creator and the condition of his incomprehensible Being? Therefore the blessed David, who was called the 'heart of God', first said concerning such things of his own, while greatly marveling, "The knowledge and wonder is greater than I,"[77] | namely, the knowledge which is in ignorance, which is a {22}
wonder to me, and my own condition, which is incomprehensible to me, and my own creation, which is too powerful for feeble thought, and I am incapable of knowing myself. Then he adds, concerning the incomprehensibility of his Maker, and how that he is in all, infinitely, indivisibly, not in part, without confusion or confounding, but utterly all in all and in every part, and is wholly above all, and all is filled by him: "Where can I go from your Spirit?"[78] There is no place in which you do not exist, and they are filled by you in the infinitude of your nature. "If I go up to Heaven," that is, to the exalted heights, "you are there," utterly all of you infinitely, "and if I descend to Sheol," that is, to the depths of the depths, "you are also there," utterly all of you, undividedly, "and if I spread my wings like an eagle," regal in all swiftness and eagerness of mind, "or dwell at the extremity of the sea," which is a part of the whole, "your hand shall also hold me there, and your right hand shall guide me,"[79] that is, you are there, utterly all of you, not partially. You are present to all, absolutely all of you, as well as to each individual nature, and you hold them in your hand, and your assistance guides them. Utterly all of you is present to all, as well as to each individual nature, and you hold all in your hand, and your help guides all. There is no existence which is deprived of your presence with it, for you exist, utterly all of you, infinitely, undividedly, and not partially. In his own person he[80] speaks on behalf of all the individual natures of men who are separated in places and distant from one another.

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[28] Let us bring forward another demonstration, as it were from a reflection to a subsisting parsopa, for the satisfaction of a simple mind: as bread and wine are set forth for the Mysteries of our salvation upon all the altars beneath the heavens, and in one brief moment, at the recitation of priestly [and] holy words, the Holy Spirit descends incomprehensibly and perfects the Mysteries which are upon altars in all regions, | making them one body of Christ, and we {23}
do not say there are many bodies of Christ, but one is the body of Christ upon each and every altar, and in a small portion of the Eucharist is his whole body, as well as all of the grace of the Holy Spirit in each and every one of the particles, utterly all of him in all of them, and in the whole portion; and again, as there is one Baptism in all regions at one time and by one endowment, and we do not say "many Baptisms", and Baptism is not divided into parts, but there is one Baptism in fullness in each and every one of the individual natures through the birth of the Spirit for an earnest of immortality, so in this demonstration from the type[81] to the ineffable Antitype we may understand concerning the things of God the Creator of all, for the nature of God, from which [come] grace and abundant mercies and perfect gifts, remains in its Essence infinitely, in utterly all undividedly, inseparably, without mixture or confusion, without parts, and utterly all of it is present to all, and utterly all of it [is present] to [each] part, and utterly all of it is above all, and in utterly all, incomprehensibly and ineffably, as is clear[82].

[29] Again, in another way, from nature to the Creator of nature, and also his works in faithfulness to believers: now as the visible sun, at the moment, that is, when the manner of the progress of its sphere is hidden from us—whether it travels in a straight line and directly, or like a wheel it whirls about and quickly passes by as others say—yet with the appearance of its sphere its light is spread over all creatures, and enters in ten thousand open windows, and it is seen by each one of them, utterly all of it undividedly, along with its heat and its brilliance—all of it, within and without and in all regions—and wherever it appears, all of it | appears in all undividedly, and we do not say that it is partly {24}
visible in all, or that it is partly seen in some place, but we say that all of it appears in the whole, and all of it in a part, undividedly and inseparably, in the same way—and, as it were, in a feeble likeness for the persuasion of the simple—we should think about the worshipful Being of eternal nature, who is in utterly all indivisibly, while his infinite being is not compounded of parts, nor is he susceptible of being divided into parts as in the impiety of Ḥenana of Adiabene.

[30] ܗܘ ܐܠܗܐ ܕܫܡܝܐ ܘܐܪܥܐ ܠܐ ܡܬܚܙܐ ܠܗ ܒܒܝܬ ܡܩܕܫ ܐܠܐ ܒܫܡܝܐ ܒܪܡ ܘܠܐ ܒܐܪܥܐ ܬܚܬ ܘܠܐ ܒܡܝܐ ܕܬܚܘܡ ܐܪܥܐ ܘܠܐ ܒܫܡܝܐ ܕܠܥܠ ܘܠܐ ܒܟܘܟܒܝ ܫܡܝܐ ܕܠܐ ܢܫܬܡܫ ܒܗ ܐܠܐ ܒܫܡܝܐ ܕܫܡܝܐ ܘܠܐ ܒܐܪܥܐ ܕܠܐ ܢܫܬܡܫ ܒܗ ܐܠܐ ܒܐܪܥܐ ܕܫܡܝܐ ܘ

[30] Again, in another way: as you may pronounce and declare verbally a certain name by a certain designation, "one God", and this expression "one God" is admitted into the memory's retention by the hearing sense of all men, and by this one expression, "one God," it comes indivisibly into countless hearings and memories, utterly all of it in you who proclaimed it and in those who heard it, and the memory of it does not depart from you, and all of it is with you, and all of it, and not in part, is with those who heard, and not many gods but one complete God is in all our minds and hearings infinitely, although here it is the faculty of speech that does these things and not a subsisting nature—for this is a demonstration—so is the eternal Being of divine nature, who is all of him in absolutely all, and above utterly all, and holds utterly all, invisibly, incomprehensibly, infinitely, and ineffably, as is clear[83].

[31] Again, in another way: as a certain craftsmanship appears in its operation in a myriad parsope of men, the same [craftsmanship] operating and functioning daily in a myriad varieties—in a certain metal-craft, as one might say—and we do not say "many crafts" of the one metal-craft that is evident in all the parsope, but in all of them the metal-craft is completely "one", nor [do we say] that it is in a division | of parts—in this one and in that—and even if one is more {25}
skillful and capable than his colleague, yet each and every one of them forges a sickle, or some such thing, and the student learns the whole of the craft, but all of the craft remains with the teacher, not part; so God the Creator of all is known by his creations and through his creations and all his works, in which the greatness of his knowledge and impassible wisdom are visible, and his marvelous and ineffable working, being one in infinite nature, and working and acting in the whole and in each part. Yet he is different from the craftsmanship which is in craftsmen in this way: the craftsmanship in those who possess it is without qnoma. However, God, in the infinitude of his nature, is present to all and dwells in all, and he is above all infinitely, for "Heaven and earth cannot contain you."[84] In the likeness of diffused air, present to all, he is breath and life, and gives to [all] and preserves all in the likeness of breath to a living creature. If creatures are deprived of his care their destruction is near: "You turn your face and they are disquieted: you take away their breath and they die."[85] And this was said by the blessed Paul to the Athenians, when he taught the closed-of-soul from nature concerning the Creator of nature: "From one he made the whole world of men to dwell upon the face of the earth. He appointed its time by his commandment, and established boundaries for the habitations of men, that they may search and seek after God and find him through his creatures, for indeed, he is not far from any of us, since in him we live, and are moved, and exist,"[86] to whom it is proper for creatures to lift up glory for ever and ever. Amen.

4.1 ܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܐܠܗܐ ܐܢܐ ܐܠܗ ܐܒܝܟ ܐܠܗ ܐܒܪܗܡ ܐܠܗ ܝܨܚܩ ܘܐܠܗ ܝܥܩܘܒ ܘܐܡܪ ܠܐ ܐܠܗ ܐܒܝ ܐܢܐ ܐܠܗ ܐܒܪܗܡ ܐܠܗ ܝܨܚܩ ܘܐܠܗ ܝܥܩܘܒ ܫܠܚܢܝ ܐܠܝܟܘܢ ܗܢ ܫܡܝ ܠܥܠܡ ܘܗܢ ܙܟܪܝ ܠܕܪ ܐܚܪ ܕܪ

[32] ܐܡܪ ܐܠܗܝܡ ܠܡܘܫܐ ܗܟܢܐ ܬܐܡܪ ܠܒܢܝ ܐܝܣܪܐܝܠ ܝܗܘܐ ܫܠܚ ܐܢܐ ܐܠܝܟܘܢ: ܘܐܡܪ ܐܠܗܝܡ ܥܘܕ

1.4 *Fourth Chapter: On the worshipful Trinity in one eternal Being, that, as by suggestion, | the manifestation of their qnome was pre-figured in the Old Testament.* {26}

[32] As by suggestion, and somewhat allegorically, I mean, the manifestation of the worshipful qnome of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in one eternal nature, the Cause and Creator of all, was pre-figured in the Old Testament, as when God said, "Let us make man in our image according to our likeness,"[87] and did not say "in my image"; and when [it was said] three times, "'ahiyah 'asher 'ahiyah[88] sent me to you,"[89] and, "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob"[90]—the God of, the God of, and the God of, three times—a demonstration of three qnome, equal in all, in one eternal nature; for it was possible to say "the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob", but he distinguished the qnome united in the one nature of the Godhead; and as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are three qnome in one human nature, fashioned and finite, so the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three eternal qnome in one eternally existing, infinite nature. And there is "Come, let us go down and divide the tongues there,"[91] and that which was declared by angels to the prophet Isaiah through the chanting of three hallowings,[92] and that which is in the prophet Daniel, "Thrones were established and the Ancient of Days sat"[93]—for the same was also a declaration of the qnome in one Being—and "The Lord your God, the Lord is one."[94] These, then, and holy sayings such as these, while they do indeed show clearly concerning the one divine nature which is eternal, yet there is in them an intimation and manifestation of the worshipful qnome in one eternal nature, in one honor and authority, the Cause of all creatures, to whom glory is proper from all his creation for ever and ever. Amen.

1.5 *Fifth Chapter: That in the revelation of Christ our Lord | in the flesh the worshipful qnome of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in one eternal Being were clearly made known to us.* {27}

[33] Therefore, when the time was propitious, and nature began to arrive at a state of maturity through prolonged instructions, and men had been disciplined through the Law, [which was] suitable for children, to know one God, the Creator and Cause of all, and to be delivered from ignorant error of a myriad different varieties, and to reject many gods and numberless goddesses, and nature was able to receive full knowledge concerning the one divine nature, who is proclaimed in three qnome—what then? God had pity on his fashioning and sent his Son to it, and by his revelation in the flesh he taught us, enlightened us, and made known to us concerning the qnome of the Godhead.

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[34] Let us first hear how, from the beginning of this proclamation and Gospel of our salvation, and by this divine dispensation which was perfected by our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of our life and our God, the worshipful qnome of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were revealed and made manifest, and [how], after the descent of the Holy Spirit, they were clearly made known to us. Therefore, at the beginning of this dispensation in the body of the Incarnation of God the Word, and at the beginning of the announcement of the words of the angel Gabriel to the blessed Mary—the matters were simultaneous—the worshipful qnome were made known as well, for when the blessed Mary asked the angel, after he had told her of the manner of her conception, "How will this be, for a man has not known me?"[95], he made clear the mystery and said, "The Holy Spirit shall come, and the power of the Most High shall rest upon you. Because of this, he who is born from you will be holy, and he shall be called the Son of the Most High."[96] Behold, then, the true manifestations of the worshipful qnome in one eternal nature, for at the beginning of this | dispensation the mystery {28}
was manifested to us. "The Holy Spirit shall come." Lo, the qnoma of the Holy Spirit who proceeds eternally from the Father. "And the power of the Most High shall rest upon you." Lo, the qnoma of the Father from whom the Son is begotten eternally, and from whom the Holy Spirit proceeds eternally. "He who is begotten of you is holy and shall be called the Son of the Most High"—this for a manifestation of the qnoma of the Word, the eternal Son of the Most High, who, behold, unitedly dwells in him who is fashioned by the Holy Spirit, making him one Son with himself in one inseparable conjunction[97]. For although it is said that the Spirit fashions, and the power of the Most High rests upon, and the Son indwells unitedly, yet one is the nature in three qnome, and one is the will, power, authority, and Lordship of the Father, [who is] not united[98], and the united Son, and the Spirit, [who is] not united. So also in the spiritual birth of the united man of our Lord, who mystically, through holy Baptism, was born to immortality that he might be the first of all, the same Trinity was manifested: the Father who cried out, "This is my Son,"[99] and the Spirit, who descended in the bodily form of a dove, and the Son who dwelt in him who was baptized and bound together with his own Sonship.

[35] In the same way, after our Lord was baptized and began his life-giving Gospel, with miracles and signs which he continually worked through the power of the Spirit, as he spoke, he began little by little and, as by parable, to make known concerning the qnome of the worshipful Trinity, and that their nature is one in one Being. "I and my Father are one,"[100] and, "Whoever sees me sees the Father,"[101] and, "I am in my Father and my Father is in me,"[102] and, "No one knows the Father except the Son,"[103] and, "As the Father raises up the dead

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and quickens them, so also the Son gives life to those whom he chooses,"[104] and, "My Father has worked until now, and I work as well,"[105] and, "The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father,"[106] and, "When the Holy Spirit comes he will make known to you all | truth."[107] {29}

[36] So also, in the resurrection of our First-fruits from the dead the holy church received[108] a manifestation of the Trinity: "God the Father who raised him from the dead"[109]; and, in the parsopa of the Godhead of the Son who was united to his manhood, he said, "Destroy this temple and after three days I will raise it up"[110]; and concerning the qnoma of the Holy Spirit it is written, "If the Spirit of him who raised up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead will also quicken your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who dwells in you."[111]

[37] So also, after his resurrection, while he was teaching his disciples to preach in all the world and to turn the nations from a multitude of gods to the true knowledge of the one God who is known in a Trinity of qnome—that as he created and brought all into being from nothing, the same renews all by the power of his eternal Trinity—he said this to them: "Go forth and disciple all nations, and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,"[112] that is, the one Essence. And if you say "nature", and it is infinite and the Cause of all, which in three infinite qnome is differentiated by way of their parsopic properties, in this way too is manhood the Son, in union with the eternal Son, one Son. But the eternal qnome are one infinite nature, for while they are distinguished, they are united in Essence, and while they are infinitely united, they are distinguished in their qnome eternally, without confusion, infinitely, invisibly. Among them one does not precede another in its qnoma, as also one does not follow in its parsopa, the Father being the Father alone, the Son being utterly singular in a different way which is unsearchable—the Simple from the Simple—and in his property being singular, and there is no other. The Father exists eternally | and for ever and not by stages as with {30} us, nor with another Son, but remains eternally the Father—the Father alone of the Son alone, a whole natural Son of a whole natural Father in a distinct, incomprehensible way and with a singular property. Again there is no other Son consubstantial with the Father, eternally Son and eternally Father. The Son did not begin in [his] Sonship, as the Father did not begin in [his] Fatherhood. The Father is not able to be the Son, nor is the Son able to be the Father, and never do these properties change into one another, but the Father remains eternally and for ever, and the Son remains eternally and for ever. And the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son, but eternally, perpetually proceeds from

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the Father. He did not "begin" in his procession, as neither did the Father in his Fatherhood nor the Son in his Sonship. The proceeding remains eternally and for ever, and there is no other Holy Spirit going forth from the Father in the manner of a procession, as there is no other begotten in the manner of "the begetting of the Father". The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father alone, is not "later", just as the Father does not precede the Son who is eternally begotten from him. In the same way the Holy Spirit is not after the Son, as he is not after the Father, for the Father does not leave his eternal Fatherhood, nor the Son his eternal Sonship, nor the Holy Spirit his eternal procession. They did not end or begin: eternally the Father, eternally the Son, and eternally the proceeding Holy Spirit remain in one united and sole nature of eternal Being.

[38] The sphere of the sun does not precede its shining radiance, nor does the heat follow the radiance and sphere, although here they are powers and not subsisting qnome, for this is an apostolic demonstration for an explanation of the incomprehensibility of the Trinity. Therefore the apostle says "the effulgence", and adds "the image of his qnoma"[113], for as | here there are {31}
"powers", there we may understand "qnome"—complete qnoma from complete qnoma[114], the Father being a complete qnoma, and the Son a complete qnoma, and the Holy Spirit a complete qnoma. And like the Cause and the Caused in the one everlastingness of one nature, the sun is not without heat and light. You perceive the sphere of the sun, and along with it is its light and its heat, and the three of them are one sun, and one sun is the three of them. The radiance is the "begotten" of the sun, and the heat [that] which proceeds from it.

[39] In the same way too was another thing spoken by the Son of Thunder, "In the beginning was the Word."[115] Now there was nothing "existing" prior to "in the beginning". But by the name of the qnoma of "the Word", he makes known [and] causes us to understand also concerning the qnome of the Father and of the Spirit, for there is no "word" without a soul and without life. Therefore, if you name a soul, its life and its rationality are understood along with it, and these are without succession and without division, and one is not prior to its companion—the word "the soul," the soul which possesses rationality and life. However, here too is a likeness and a demonstration, for these are powers and operations. But there it is not as powers without qnoma, but complete qnome, and because of this, after it says "In the beginning was the Word," it continues and illuminates concerning its qnoma, "And the Word was with God, and the Word was God"—qnoma with qnoma and from qnoma, Cause and Caused, the Father the Cause of the Son who is begotten of him, and the Holy Spirit who

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proceeds from him. One is the nature in three qnome, equal in all other than Fatherhood, Sonship, and Procession—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, one God—Light, Light, Light, one Light.

[40] Let us present a demonstration of a similar example, which is from a type to an antitype, how that in "one nature" these terms are true and not false and do not | contradict one another: Adam was not at first "begotten", and he was {32}
never a son. He begot Abel in the way of sonship, and Abel was begotten and never was a "father". Eve came to be by way of "procession" and not by way of "begetting", and she was never a daughter and was never called a sister. If, therefore, in this visible creation and in this picture of the house of Adam the qnome preserved their properties in one nature and were not confused, how can one be in doubt concerning the same of the eternal Trinity, which remains as it is without beginning and without change in the infinite qnome of Fatherhood, Sonship, and Procession, one eternal Being essentially, and one Godhead in Trinity and Trinity in one Godhead—not Godhead without Trinity and "one", and not Trinity without Godhead and "one". Have you named the "Father"? With the designation "Father" is understood "Son" without separation. So too with the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father—there cannot be Father and Son without Spirit and without Holiness, nor a Spirit who does not dwell infinitely in the Father and in the Son, for the whole nature of the Trinity is called "Spirit". For God is Spirit and "Holy" Spirit, which searches the depths of the Godhead. Begetter, Begotten, and Proceeding—three qnome, one nature, beyond all time, beyond all measuring and balancing; one God, three qnome; three qnome, one God, one power, one authority, one Lordship, one will, one unchanging Essence, one infinitude without beginning, one impassible everlasting [state].

[41] You must leave their "state of existence"[116] to them alone. They alone know themselves in all that belongs to them, and the infinitude of their | mutual {33}
indwelling without confusion. If the riches of Christ are unsearchable, how is the nature of his Godhead? For only the Father knows the Son and the manner of his begetting, and only the Son is acquainted with the condition of the Father, and the Holy Spirit who searches the depths of the Godhead. Believe, O man, and do not investigate. Consider the sun to your profit and not to your injury. Draw near to the fire for your heat and not for your burning. Attend to our Lord, and believe and be convinced: "I am in my Father and my Father is in me."[117] He keeps you from investigation and is silent about the "manner of [his] being", for this does not result in the comprehension of rational beings. So also, when he commanded his apostles to preach and to baptize in the name of the

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Trinity, he did not tell them [its] "mode of being", but what? "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, and whoever does not believe is condemned."[118] And the Baptist said, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, and whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God shall remain upon him."[119] Let us then believe and obey these things without investigating, that wrath may not come upon us. Whoever casts himself into the sea of incomprehensibility without the ship of faith is swallowed up and his life is lost. For God is Spirit, and the Spirit blows where he wishes. So the beloved John informs us that these things of the Godhead are unsearchable and inscrutable: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."[120] Four times he says that God was in the beginning with God, and is silent about the "mode of being". And the blessed Paul teaches us that "By him he made the worlds," and, "He is the effulgence of his glory, and the image of his Being,"[121] and teaches us that he is a complete qnoma like his Father, but is silent concerning the "mode of being". | {34}
The angels called out three "hallowings" for an indication of the three qnome in one Being, but they did not learn nor did they teach the "mode of being". So too the Church hallows one holy Father, one holy Son, one Holy Spirit in one doxology, "Holy God, holy Mighty, holy Immortal, have mercy upon us." This was related by the angels and the Church [so] holds and sings without doubting: one holiness in three hallowings of the one holy nature in three holy qnome.

[42] There is no duality in the Trinity, as there is also no quaternity or quinity. However, there is not a trinity of numbers, for one and one and one is one God, and one God is one and one and one without separation, and infinitude without confusion. Do you invoke the Father? Believe in him and in his Son. Do you believe in his Son? Acknowledge also his Holy Spirit. As a particular name is the distinct and eternal parsopa of Fatherhood, so a particular name is the distinct and eternal parsopa of Sonship, and a particular name is the distinct and eternal parsopa of Procession—Creator from Creator, Omnipotent from Omnipotent, Infinite from Infinite, eternal Trinity in self-existent Being, eternal Being in self-existent Trinity. For there is not one qnoma in one nature in three empty names, as in the impiety of Sabellius, but perfect and complete qnome in one nature. Again, the qnome are also not separate in their essential Being as in the madness of Arius, but three qnome—Begetter, Begotten, and Proceeding—in one nature, as Adam and Eve and Abel are one nature. The Father is Father in truth, and the Son is Son in truth, and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit in truth—one Truth without falsehood, one incorruptible Light, one unchanging Nature, one impassible Being, one unalterable Everlastingness, which remains as | it is {35}
without interruption. If you perform an amputation of the Son from the Father,

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or the Holy Spirit from both of them, truth comes to an end and falsehood has resulted. And if you venture, O inquirer, to mark out the qnoma of the Son from the Father, and you number one as "prior", as it were, in the beginning, the qnoma of the Son throws your numbering into confusion—"I am in my Father"[122]—and the Son of Thunder rumbles at you and brings you to naught—"In the beginning was the Word."[123] Again, if you venture to number the Son second after the Father, the Father casts you far away from a sequencing of numbers—"My Father is in me," and, "My Father, who dwells in me."[124] Again, if you find an excuse to set in order your numbering, and you distinguish and limit to a space the Holy Spirit in relation to the infinite Father and in relation to the infinite Son, the infinite Spirit breathes upon you in his Godhead and brings your life to an end—"The Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father."[125] It is not that he proceeds and is restricted, but he proceeds for ever, without beginning and without end, in him and with him for ever and ever, the Father in the Son, the Son in the Father, and the Holy Spirit in the Father and in the Son, dwelling in each other infinitely, orderly, inseparably, unconfoundedly, without mixture or confusion. But while they are distinguished they are united, and while united, they are distinguished. There is no distinction in a disunited way, and no union without distinction, in the worshipful qnome of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in one eternal and infinite nature, one power, one operation, one will, one Lordship, one authority, one Godhead, one worship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, from the mouth of all above and below, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Treatise, five chapters, is ended.

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122 Jn. 14:10.
123 Jn. 1:1.
124 Jn. 14:10.
125 Jn. 15:26.

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2 Cf. Rom. 11:33.

3 Rom. 10:10.

4 Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:3.

5 Jn. 1:1.

6 Jn. 1:14.

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Sixth Chapter: Concerning why there was not a union of the Father, or of the Holy Spirit, or of the whole Trinity with the nature of our manhood, which was assumed to the parsopa of this worshipful dispensation, but to one of the qnome of the Trinity, that is, to God the Word, though the nature of the Godhead is one and co-essential with him.
Seventh Chapter: A demonstration from nature concerning the matter.
Eighth Chapter: Concerning the union which God the Word—that is one of the qnome of the Trinity who is the eternal Son—had with his manhood, who was from us, exalting [and] taking him to his own parsopa, and making him one Son with him in one eternal union.

11.6 *Sixth Chapter: On why there was not a union of the Father, or of the Holy Spirit, or of the whole Trinity with the nature of our manhood, which was assumed by the parsopa of this worshipful dispensation, but by one of the qnome of the Trinity, that is, by God the Word, while the nature of the Godhead is one and co-essential with him.*

[1] First, let us ask them: Why was there not a union of the Father, or of the Holy Spirit, or of the whole Trinity with the nature of our manhood, which was exalted and assumed for the parsopa of this worshipful dispensation, which was through our Lord Jesus Christ for the renewal and salvation of all, but by one of the qnome of the Holy Trinity, that is, by God the Word? That there was a union we have accepted and confess; and that God the Word was united parsopically to our manhood and made it one Son with himself in one honor and authority we have believed and we hold without hesitation, without question. Again, concerning the manner[1] [of this taking], it is not for us to investigate or search out, | for we have learned from the blessed Paul that the riches of Christ {37}
are unsearchable,[2] but that we should believe in the heart and confess with the mouth that we may be saved and justified.[3] For we are children of believing Abraham through faith, concerning whom it was said, "Abraham believed God and it was reckoned to him for righteousness."[4]

[2] Without question this was committed to us by the Son of Thunder, who proclaimed this to the heavenly and to the earthly, and they accepted [it] without doubting: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."[5] And after other things he said, "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."[6] How is the mind able to judge, or to investigate, or to grasp, or to interpret here, tell me? In the beginning God was with God—the Effulgence of the Father, the Image of his qnoma, Infinite from Infinite; but

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[also] Light from Light, God from God, Living from Living, Eternal from Eternal; the Father, utterly all of him, infinitely, and the infinite Son; and the Son, utterly all of him, in his divine nature, begotten of the Father eternally, and his Begetter not prior to him, and from the infinite Father and begotten of him and existing in him. The Father begets but is in his Son: "My Father is in me and I am in my Father."[7] How is his Begotten in him? How is the Father of his own Begotten in the Son? How is he with him, and eternal, and in the beginning? How is it the Son is not after his Cause qnomically, or the Father, who is the head, not qnomically before the Begotten who is from him?

[3] In the same way too what concerns the Holy Spirit moves quickly, incomprehensibly before all small minds: "He proceeds from the Father,"[8] Infinite from Infinite, all of him in the Father, utterly all of him in the infinite Son, but they do not precede, | as also they do not follow one another. And whenever the thinking of him who ventures to investigate is lifted up and hastens to understand the Father, at the same moment that he finds the Father, who was in the beginning in his eternal qnoma and in his Godhead in which there is no beginning, [he] likewise [finds] the Son, who was in the beginning with the Father eternally, like the example of radiance to a sphere, or a word to a soul, though not beginning and not ending, and the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father eternally, but does not begin in his procession, as also he does not end, the same who searches the depths of the Godhead. There is no space which separates; there is no interval which follows or precedes, and no bodily form, for God is Spirit. How is the bodiless and infinite the Begetter, Begotten, and Proceeding, but the Begetter is not the Begotten or the Proceeding, and the Begotten is not the Begetter or the Proceeding, and the Proceeding is not the Begetter or the Begotten, and these properties are not exchanged with one another, but while they are united they are distinct, and while they are distinct they are united in infinitude, not preceding one another and not following one another? If, then, these things lead to an investigation [of] their manner [of existence], how indeed can we search out the things of this dispensation without faith? For lo, all his works are indeed by faith, because not even his works are searchable, since they[9] are from nothing, in all these different varieties which surpass numbering, along with others which have been or are to come. Why was the world not created prior to six thousand years, and why has it continued all this time and then is to be renewed? All these things we should leave to their Maker, and we should believe and stand firm as we have been commanded, and keep the commandments, so that we might be exalted in tranquil thought, without comprehension, in assurance of the hope higher than all comprehensible things. {38}

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[4] Just so are the things of this worshipful and ineffable dispensation, and the | incomprehensible union, for concerning God the Word it is written that {39}
he became flesh, and was revealed in the flesh, and [that] he is the likeness of God, co-essential with the Father; that he took the likeness of a servant to his own parsopa, which is Jesus Christ, the man from Mary; and [that] he is not the Father and not the Holy Spirit. Concerning him it is written that, by agreement of will, God sent his Son in the likeness of flesh, and the temple of the Son—not of the Father and not of the Holy Spirit—in oneness of parsopa, is his own man. But because of the infinitude of nature they are utterly one, boundlessly. However, it is not said of the Father that he became flesh, but of God the Word who was in the beginning with the Father. And the Holy Spirit was not sent, nor was he made from a woman, but all things of this dispensation are attributed to the parsopa of the Son, for the Father was not one Father with the man who was from us, nor was the man from us one Holy Spirit with the Holy Spirit, but with God the Word he was called one "Son of the Highest"[10], according to the word of the angel to his mother: "The Holy Spirit shall come, and the power of the Highest shall rest upon you. Therefore he who is born from you is holy and shall be called the Son of the Highest."[11] As those things concerning the Godhead are trustworthy, and the properties of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit are not exchanged with one another, so also this, that "the Word was made flesh,"[12] and that "God sent his Son"[13], is not exchanged with the Father and with the Holy Spirit.

[5] Therefore let us speak concerning these matters of the Holy Scriptures, and let us shed light on them according as we have learned from the trustworthy fathers who were our guides in this way washed in blood, while trusting in him who belongs to Christ our Hope, who accompanies our wretchedness, for he knew all beforehand, who is God eternally, whom nothing newly enters, or in whom [nothing newly] arises: "Who can first give to him and then take | from {40}
him? For all is from him, and all is in him, and all is through him, to whom be our praises and blessings for ever and ever. Amen."[14]

[6] It was said to Jeremiah, "While I had not yet fashioned you in the womb, I knew you."[15] Our Lord, in the parsopa of his Godhead, said to the apostles, "You were chosen by me before the foundations of the world," as well as other things such as these, and as his eternal Being did not begin, so too there was no beginning to his knowledge. Now all that begins in its being temporally, begins in its knowledge temporally. But God, the Creator of all, who in a Trinity of qnome was revealed for our salvation, eternally possesses in his Being knowledge, wisdom, power, and authority, and this does not fail in any way. For it is

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not that since he began to fashion the creation, he began also in his knowledge, but he possessed this knowledge eternally: when it would be right for him to begin, and how, and in what manner, throughout the entire order, in the beginning and in the end, and in such things as are in between. However, although creatures acquired a beginning and a completion in six days at their creation, yet God did not begin in his knowledge, as neither, indeed, [did he begin] in his Being. And like the skill which is in craftsmen, though from nothing and beyond all marvels[16], so too was this marvelous and worshipful thing[17], for from eternity God, who was revealed in an eternal Trinity for our salvation, pondered its perfection, and when and how he might suitably appear openly. And God the Word, consubstantial with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, was prepared, with his eternal will, to be revealed in the flesh, and to clothe himself with our human nature unitedly for the parsopa of his dispensation, and to make it with himself one Son in one honor for ever, and to fulfill in it the whole dispensation of our salvation and our deliverance, and to reveal in it his knowledge, and to renew in it all that is in heaven and that is on earth.

[7] As it was said by the blessed Paul in the | first letter to the Corinthians, "We {41}
speak wisdom among the perfect—a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world who come to an end, but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, which was hidden, and which God fore-ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this world knows, for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, 'The eye has not seen, and the ear has not heard, and it has not entered into the heart of man, what God has prepared for those who love him.' "[18] You, then, whence did you know and learn concerning these mysteries, that they are thus, O marvelous and blessed in every splendor, Paul? Well then, is it not [that] "God has revealed [them] to us through his Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God"[19]? So too, to the Ephesians he says by way of thanksgiving[20], "Blessed is God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heaven in Christ, as he chose us beforehand in him from the foundations of the world to be holy and without spot before him."[21] Again he says: "He has made known to us the mystery of his will, which he fore-ordained to bring to pass in him for the dispensation of the fullness of times, that everything in heaven and on earth might be made new again in Christ."[22] Again he says: "To me, who am the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I might proclaim among the nations the riches of Christ, which are unsearchable, and might show clearly to everyone what is the dispensation of the mystery which had been hidden from the ages in God who created all, that

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through the Church the extraordinary wisdom of God might be made known to the rulers and authorities in heaven, which he prepared of old and effected in Jesus Christ our Lord."[23]

[8] By all these mighty and trustworthy testimonies, then, it was made known in each | that from everlasting this knowledge existed of this dispensation of God, {42}
a testimony which came in its time, and because of this there were promises to the fathers, and because of this there was the separation and non-intercourse of the nation with the nations, and because of this was the Law—"The Law led us to Christ"[24]. Because of this were symbols[25], types, and allegories—"This is a great mystery, but I myself refer [it] to Christ and to his Church,"[26] and, "All of these things were a type for us"[27]. Because of this, in all of them there were tokens and shadows with regard to the perfect whole, which is Christ. Because of this there was the Torah and the prophets—"The Torah and the prophets were until John, but from that time the kingdom of God was proclaimed."[28] For the name[s] of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit were signified beforehand mystically in the Old Testament, but not with exactitude as now the eternal qnome have been revealed for our salvation—that is, that the Father from everlasting has an Only-begotten Son, co-essential with him, equal [to him], in a qnoma as he is—but in this[29] the divine nature was named "Father" because of the providence, care, and sustenance of God toward them[30] uniquely, and because they were separated from the other nations, as in "children of Elohim," and "My son, my first-born, is Israel,"[31] and, "Let my son go and he shall serve me,"[32] and, "If you do not wish to let my son go,"[33] and, "Is he not your Father who purchased you?"[34] and, "You, O Lord, are our Father"[35]—and as in that which is given by promise, mystically, concerning this dispensation, how that in affinity and unitedly, although in a hidden manner[36], one would come from the family of David, and "He shall cry out to me, 'You are my Father' ", and also, "I will make him the first-born,"[37] and, "He shall be a son to me, and I will be to him a Father."[38]

[9] Now also concerning | the Holy Spirit, the Fountain of life: it is not as we {43}
have known and believed for our salvation [that] they[39] were also persuaded thus—that he is a qnoma like the Father in all that is his, or that he proceeds from the Father eternally, or that he is the Lord God in the one nature of the Godhead with the Father and with the Son—but it was because of his[40] care and attention toward them, or because of his kindness and goodness, as in, "Let

40 I.e., God their Father's care and goodness.

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your sweet Spirit lead me in the path of life," and, "Do not take your Holy Spirit from me,"[41] etc., or as it is said that a man [has] a good mind, a kind soul, or a tranquil spirit, etc., though these are not considered "qnome" apart from the man. When the Light which strengthens life in every creature had made itself known, yet if you should say in the presence of the ignorant and impious Jews, "God is a Father, who eternally has a Son in a qnoma, and there is a Holy Spirit in a qnoma, in one eternal and divine Being," not only would it be considered a fable by them, but also a blasphemy. And how many heretics have blossomed in the Church like tares, and in various ways have blasphemed like them concerning the Father and concerning the Son and concerning the Holy Spirit? And in the same way also were the ungrateful Jews toward our Lord: "For us there is one Father, God."[42] However, these names, Father and Holy Spirit, originated from above, and they have continued with them[43], as in "The Lord God has sent me and his Spirit,"[44] and, "Where can I go from your Spirit, and, where can I hide from your presence?"[45], although accuracy of belief concerning the names—that they indicate the parsope of the qnome—was not understood until the revelation of our Lord Christ in the flesh and subsequent to the descent of the Spirit.

[10] Now the name "Son", according to the symbols, types, allegories, and signs which were set down concerning it and for its sake, rose up from below for our salvation, and this, as befits the wisdom | which does not pass away, so that {44}
infancy might be gladdened at the beginning of the revelation of Christ, and might long for and come to maturity. Because of this, and for the sake of this, it[46] preceded the worshipful dispensation, for everyone toward whom God had special care and honor, assumed the name "son of God" by grace for an affinity and honor which was distinct from the ordinary, as with Israel, "My son, my first-born,"[47] and with Solomon, and with all the rest—especially the title of "sonship", as in the promise given to the blessed David,[48] because of which the Head of our life sprang forth from his family, as the blessed Paul shows clearly,[49] although they[50] were not acquainted with the loftiness of the exalted union at the time of the beginning of his Gospel. In the same way also was this "Anointed One"[51]—he who was anointed to kingship or to administration, whatever it might be, was called the "Anointed of God". So too they had an expectation, as from the Holy Scriptures, that the Anointed One [would] come—although they were not yet acquainted with these exalted things belonging to him, and thought that he would be like one of the ordinary anointed ones, even if more excellent than they, but they were unacquainted with his Godhead—that therefore, when the truth was revealed by him at the beginning of the Gospel, this would not be a name or a thing foreign to the hearing, while little by

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little knowledge was revealed and brought to fullness in its perfection by way of gracious gifts, subtle devices, and wondrous miracles through the Holy Spirit.

[11] Because of this, and for the sake of this, it was right, proper, and very suitable that the Son in his qnoma, that is God the Word, should fulfill parsopically this dispensation, with the will of the Father and the Holy Spirit, through his revelation in the flesh, and not the Father or the Holy Spirit, even though one is the Being, power, authority, Lordship, and will. For it was impossible for the | {45}
Father to dwell in this dispensation, and to be called by the angel with respect to the union, as I stated, and was not strange to the hearing of the deed. So too it was not possible for the Spirit to be accepted by men who did not even believe that there was a Holy Spirit in a qnoma who proceeded from the Father. How could the Holy Spirit say concerning his own qnoma, when united to manhood in one parsopa, "I proceeded from the Father and I am he who searches the depths of the Godhead"? Utterly nothing at all had been indicated in the Scriptures concerning his qnomic procession from the Father. How could the Father have cried out, "This is the Holy Spirit in whom I am well-pleased"? or the Son witness from above, "This is the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father"? Concerning the Son these were suitably acceptable in their time—in the beginning for infancy, and in the perfection [of] understanding afterwards—for the way was trodden out and the door was wide open, and the gates were watched and kept, and creatures were waiting for Christ the King to come in the trodden and smoothed way, and the door-keeper, the Law, to quickly open the legal door in all gladness of heart—"We have found the Christ!"[52] And the messenger and prophet nearby called out in the ears of the hearers and made known, "This is he"[53], although at that time they were not aware of the Godhead of Christ and his eternal begetting, that he was unitedly in his manhood. As he said to the people, "You judge according to the body,"[54] and, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, on that day you will know that I am he,"[55]—which was for the sake of this worshipful and ineffable union. Also, the name "Christ", as well as that of "Sonship", had been predicted and also was not strange | to the {46}
hearing.

[12] But what then? Lo, at the very time the King had begun to be revealed, messengers hastened to them[56] in rapid succession. Those who were waiting began to question the envoy who preceded him, for they had also seen his[57] glorious deeds, which were more exalted than any preceding, "Who are you?[58] for [you do] so many exalted things, and in deeds you proclaim the forgiveness of sins through repentance?" And he instructed them with all abased humility, "I am not the Christ, but I am the messenger who precedes him. I am the

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voice which cries in the wilderness"[59]—which is an allegory of those to whom "I" call, for they had been deprived up to that time, and were destitute of true knowledge and of the service of earnest virtue |.[60] {46, line 12}

[13] For the man who was assumed to be designated, "He shall be called the Father of God," or, "The Son has sent me," or, "This is my Father in whom I am well-pleased," for it is evident that this runs counter to order—that the Caused should send the Cause, and [that] he should be confirmed by the Son—in that, as well as this being improper, yet also, as I have said, the signs, symbols, and allegories pre-figured the revelation of the Son in the flesh, and this was not strange, but was acceptable to the hearing because of those who by grace had been called "sons" and "anointed ones" and "deliverers", who were sent by God for the salvation of the people now and again, like Moses and all the rest. This angelic word to the shepherds was very acceptable, "A Savior is born to you today, who is the Lord, the Anointed One, in the city of David,"[61] according to the promises which had gone before and the expectations in all generations. That the Father should become with manhood one parsopa of the Father unitedly—he would [then] have had a non-united Son who is in everything co-essential with him, and whom he resembled in his union as well, and he would be begotten from the united Father—would not have been seemly or acceptable to the hearing, for the united Father would have a non-united Son | consubstantial with him and simple, who in everything is like him, and {47} the effulgence and image of his own qnoma would have been falsified[62]. But the united Son from the non-united Father was possible, both to be as well as to be received by the hearers: one according to his eternal nature, in which he is named "Effulgence" and "Word", in which he would be exalted with the Father, from whom he is begotten qnomically, without succession and beyond time; and another according to the affinity of his united manhood which was, in one conjunction with him, one parsopa of Sonship.

[14] And this was acceptable to the hearing also, from the beginning until the hearers should be perfected with understanding, for, as I have said, signs, symbols, and allegories manifested [this] beforehand to the people, through the discipline[63] of the Law and through the prophecy of the prophets, as in "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand,'"[64] and, "He will be for me a son,"[65] and, "Until he comes to whom the kingdom belongs, and the nations shall wait for him,"[66] etc. For how would it have been possible to accept in the hearing the sound from above, from heaven, "This is my Son,"[67] [if] it were the opposite, "This is my Father in whom I am well pleased," something which, up to that moment, was utterly unknown—that there was an eternal Son in a qnoma like

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the Father? And as our Lord said, "You have not known me or my Father"[68]—this saying being very appropriate for the Son and acceptable, since it had been predicted after the birth and baptism, signs and miracles and other wonders were performed by our Lord and through his apostles, and he had been crucified and had risen, in all a marvelous wonder; and his disciples had seen him and were assured regarding his resurrection, and it was promised to them that the Spirit would come and would enlighten, strengthen, and equip them with all those things that are necessary for the completion of his proclamation, then, as he had previously told them, behold, they saw him taken up into | {48}
the heavens, and according to his promise, the Spirit descended, gave wisdom, instructed, and equipped them with all wondrous things.

[15] From then on that was also found trustworthy which he had previously indicated to them in the many things which he taught: that he is God, who is eternally begotten of the Father, and in so very great humility he had clothed himself with our manhood, and had dwelt unitedly in this temple of our manhood, in order for the completion of this worshipful dispensation and for the renewal and salvation of all, and that he was prepared to come in his great glory in the same union to effect the resurrection and to judge the earth in justice. What then did those of the company of Peter and John say to the [man] crippled from the womb of his mother? "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up upon your feet,"[69] and the deed followed the voice and the word. The teaching of the blessed John the Evangelist was also found trustworthy, that which thundered in all beneath heaven: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,"[70] and, "All was made through him,"[71] and, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."[72] And again, that which was said by the blessed Peter concerning his manhood, "He was exalted at the right hand of God,"[73] and that "He it is who went round about and healed, for God was with him."[74] Again, when the blessed Paul spoke to another [man] crippled from the womb of his mother, in the city of Lystra, in an audible voice, through the power of the Holy Spirit, "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, rise up upon your feet,"[75] the deed followed the word. The mystery of the Gospel which was proclaimed in all beneath heaven was found trustworthy, that "he was revealed in the flesh,"[76] and, "the likeness of God took the likeness of a servant,"[77] and, "He is the effulgence of his glory and the image of his Being, and he holds all by the power of his Word."[78]

77 Cf. Phil. 2:6–7.
78 Heb. 1:3.

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[16] Because of these things and on account of these | testimonies, | it was | {50, line 6}
predicted concerning me in prophecy, "I will prepare the path of the Lord and {49, line 1}
make straight the pathways of our God in the plain."[79] In the same way also appropriate and distinct dwelling-places were prepared beforehand into which the King was prepared to enter: "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, or the law-giver from between his feet, until he comes to whom the kingdom belongs, and the nations await him,"[80] etc. And, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel."[81]

[17] And another in another way, "Also you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are not the least among the kings of Judah, for from you a king shall issue, and he shall lead my people Israel."[82] And another exults and cries out, "Behold, he comes, lowly and mounted upon an ass, and upon a colt, the foal of a she-ass."[83] And another says concerning the honor of his entrance, "Children and youths shall glorify him."[84] Another speaks of his authority on his shoulder[85], which is the victorious cross. Another says that he is killed, and also the city is laid waste, and another is prophesied in his parsopa, that he rises uncorrupted from the tomb and is not left in Sheol—"You did not leave my soul in Sheol, and you have not allowed your Holy One to see corruption"[86]—and that he is raised immortal and immutable. It is said concerning him that he shall be the First-born of many brothers unto the adoption of sons for the salvation of our bodies, as in "You are my Son; I have begotten you today,"[87] and the blessed Paul interprets this, "Thus God raised him from the dead, that he might never again return to corruption."[88]

[18] The same blessed David cried out concerning his glory after the resurrection, through which the exaltation was effected by God in him, and all was made subject to him: "What is man that you have remembered him? and the son of man that you have visited him? You have made him a little less than the angels and have crowned him with honor and glory"[89]—and that he ascends and is exalted in honor | in the same union, and remains in the order of God- {50}
head through eternal Lordship. The same, his ancestor, prophesied, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies as a foot-stool beneath your feet.'"[90]

[19] Therefore, when these things had already gone before in prophecy, and in proper sequence, and in their order and season, and they had gained fulfillment, and consequently, | came about in their time, God the Word assumed {47, line 24}
our manhood to his own parsopa unitedly, and made it one Son, the Lord, with himself, who is Jesus Christ, "the same, yesterday, today, and for ever,"[91] in one

ואמר אלהים יהי רקיע בתוך המים והי מבדיל בין מים למים׃ ויעש אלהים את הרקיע ויבדל בין המים אשר מתחת לרקיע ובין המים אשר מעל לרקיע ויהי כן׃ ויקרא אלהים לרקיע שמים ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום שני׃ ויאמר אלהים יקוו המים מתחת השמים אל מקום אחד ותראה היבשה ויהי כן׃ ויקרא אלהים ליבשה ארץ ולמקוה המים קרא ימים וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ותוצא הארץ דשא עשב מזריע זרע למינהו ועץ עשה פרי אשר זרעו בו למינהו וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום שלישי׃ ויאמר אלהים יהי מארת ברקיע השמים להבדיל בין היום ובין הלילה והיו לאתת ולמועדים ולימים ושנים׃ והיו למאורת ברקיע השמים להאיר על הארץ ויהי כן׃ ויעש אלהים את שני המארת הגדלים את המאור הגדל לממשלת היום ואת המאור הקטן לממשלת הלילה ואת הכוכבים׃ ויתן אתם אלהים ברקיע השמים להאיר על הארץ׃ ולמשל ביום ובלילה ולהבדיל בין האור ובין החשך וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום רביעי׃ ויאמר אלהים ישרצו המים שרץ נפש חיה ועוף יעופף על הארץ על פני רקיע השמים׃ ויברא אלהים את התנינם הגדלים ואת כל נפש החיה הרמשת אשר שרצו המים למינהם ואת כל עוף כנף למינהו וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ויברך אתם אלהים לאמר פרו ורבו ומלאו את המים בימים והעוף ירב בארץ׃ ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום חמישי׃ ויאמר אלהים תוצא הארץ נפש חיה למינה בהמה ורמש וחיתו ארץ למינה ויהי כן׃ ויעש אלהים את חית הארץ למינה ואת הבהמה למינה ואת כל רמש האדמה למינהו וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ויאמר אלהים נעשה אדם בצלמנו כדמותנו וירדו בדגת הים ובעוף השמים ובבהמה ובכל הארץ ובכל הרמש הרמש על הארץ׃ ויברא אלהים את האדם בצלמו בצלם אלהים ברא אתו זכר ונקבה ברא אתם׃ ויברך אתם אלהים ויאמר להם אלהים פרו ורבו ומלאו את הארץ וכבשה ורדו בדגת הים ובעוף השמים ובכל חיה הרמשת על הארץ׃ ויאמר אלהים הנה נתתי לכם את כל עשב זרע זרע אשר על פני כל הארץ ואת כל העץ אשר בו פרי עץ זרע זרע לכם יהיה לאכלה׃ ולכל חית הארץ ולכל עוף השמים ולכל רומש על הארץ אשר בו נפש חיה את כל ירק עשב לאכלה ויהי כן׃ וירא אלהים את כל אשר עשה והנה טוב מאד ויהי ערב ויהי בקר היום הששי׃

7.II בראשית אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ׃ והארץ היתה תהו ובהו וחשך על פני תהום ורוח אלהים מרחפת על פני המים׃ ויאמר אלהים יהי אור ויהי אור׃ וירא אלהים את האור כי טוב ויבדל אלהים בין האור ובין החשך׃ ויקרא אלהים לאור יום ולחשך קרא לילה ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום אחד׃ ויאמר אלהים יהי רקיע בתוך המים ויהי מבדיל בין מים למים׃ ויעש אלהים את הרקיע ויבדל בין המים אשר מתחת לרקיע ובין המים אשר מעל לרקיע ויהי כן׃ ויקרא אלהים לרקיע שמים ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום שני׃ ויאמר אלהים יקוו המים מתחת השמים אל מקום אחד ותראה היבשה ויהי כן׃ ויקרא אלהים ליבשה ארץ ולמקוה המים קרא ימים וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ותוצא הארץ דשא עשב מזריע זרע למינהו ועץ עשה פרי אשר זרעו בו למינהו וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום שלישי׃ ויאמר אלהים יהי מארת ברקיע השמים להבדיל בין היום ובין הלילה והיו לאתת ולמועדים ולימים ושנים׃ והיו למאורת ברקיע השמים להאיר על הארץ ויהי כן׃ ויעש אלהים את שני המארת הגדלים את המאור הגדל לממשלת היום ואת המאור הקטן לממשלת הלילה ואת הכוכבים׃ ויתן אתם אלהים ברקיע השמים להאיר על הארץ׃ ולמשל ביום ובלילה ולהבדיל בין האור ובין החשך וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום רביעי׃ ויאמר אלהים ישרצו המים שרץ נפש חיה ועוף יעופף על הארץ על פני רקיע השמים׃ ויברא אלהים את התנינם הגדלים ואת כל נפש החיה הרמשת אשר שרצו המים למינהם ואת כל עוף כנף למינהו וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ויברך אתם אלהים לאמר פרו ורבו ומלאו את המים בימים והעוף ירב בארץ׃ ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום חמישי׃ ויאמר אלהים תוצא הארץ נפש חיה למינה בהמה ורמש וחיתו ארץ למינה ויהי כן׃ ויעש אלהים את חית הארץ למינה ואת הבהמה למינה ואת כל רמש האדמה למינהו וירא אלהים כי טוב׃ ויאמר אלהים נעשה אדם בצלמנו כדמותנו וירדו בדגת הים ובעוף השמים ובבהמה ובכל הארץ ובכל הרמש הרמש על הארץ׃ ויברא אלהים את האדם בצלמו בצלם אלהים ברא אתו זכר ונקבה ברא אתם׃ ויברך אתם אלהים ויאמר להם אלהים פרו ורבו ומלאו את הארץ וכבשה ורדו בדגת הים ובעוף השמים ובכל חיה הרמשת על הארץ׃ ויאמר אלהים הנה נתתי לכם את כל עשב זרע זרע אשר על פני כל הארץ ואת כל העץ אשר בו פרי עץ זרע זרע לכם יהיה לאכלה׃ ולכל חית הארץ ולכל עוף השמים ולכל רומש על הארץ אשר בו נפש חיה את כל ירק עשב לאכלה ויהי כן׃ וירא אלהים את כל אשר עשה והנה טוב מאד ויהי ערב ויהי בקר היום הששי׃

will, power, authority, and Lordship. It is not the Father and not the Holy Spirit in this dispensation, although one is the nature, power, authority, and will of the non-united Father, the united Son, and the non-united Holy Spirit in one glory and worship for ever and ever. Amen.

11.7 *Seventh Chapter: An example from nature concerning the matter for the persuasion of simplicity.*

[20] But let us speak by way of example through a likeness from nature for the persuasion of simplicity and the divided in mind, on how God the Word alone had union with our manhood, although one is the infinite nature and one is the equality of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for by these lofty things, and according to the truth which is from the Scriptures, we have clearly shown that although one is the nature and will of the Trinity, yet the parsopa of Sonship bears the whole dispensation which was for our salvation. But let us again take a small demonstration from the things of nature for a likeness of incomprehensibility. However, the judges of truth ought to know that a demonstration, whatever it might be, when it is taken as | an explanation of invisible things, is not sim- {51}
ilar in everything, and if not, is not a [fully adequate] demonstration. But a qnoma which is seen and perceived outwardly, which is not a demonstration of a likeness which is from a different nature—as, for example, if a man desires to know what the nature and qnoma of Adam is, lo, he recognizes it in each one of the qnome of men—this is not a demonstration [of a likeness] but the truth of the matter. However, a "likeness" is not able to show the nature and qnoma of anything which has need of an explanation. So too a writing, when it desires to show by example how it is that the worshipful qnome do not precede one another, although there are the Cause and the Caused—the Father Begetter, the Begotten Son, and the Proceeding Holy Spirit, and they are from the Father without succession, without separation, and without interval—it sets forth "Effulgence" and "Word", although "effulgence" and "word" are not subsisting qnome but powers and operations. Yet the example has been set forth, and is accepted for a likeness, and it is made clear, in that it approximates an image of his qnoma, that he is not a power or operation, but that the "Word" is God, etc.

[21] Let us, then, propose a likeness here too, though it is not in all things a likeness. Since we do not propose examples according to how they differ in nature from one another, in the same way, the contentious man, such as the Arian mind, ought to accept them according to [their] distinctive natures. But we take in a demonstrative way what the fathers of old employed for the persuasion of the contentious, how that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, while they are one

ཁྱོད་ཀྱི་ཐུགས་ཀྱི་ཡེ་ཤེས་ཀྱི་ཕྱག་རྒྱ་ཆེན་པོ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་ལ་ཞུགས་ཤིག་ཅེས་བྱ་བ་ལ་སོགས་པ་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོས་ཀྱང་ཡིད་ཆེས་པ་ཡིན་ནོ།།

[22] ཁོང་ནས་ཀང་ཁ་ཅིག་ཏུ་

infinite nature and three infinite qnome, dwell in one another unconfused, and the properties of each one of their parsope are retained without mixing; and while one is the nature, authority, will, and infinitude, God the Word alone had the union with the likeness of a servant | which was assumed. {52}

[22] Then let this space, bounded by the firmament downward, be set forth as a likeness to infinitude or to unbounded space. In your mind diffuse the air within this space throughout its fullness, there being no place in it which is lacking in it[92]. Then add into your thinking that there appears in all this space, from the firmament downward, which is filled with air throughout its fullness, the sun with its light-giving brightness and its heat, though the air has not departed from before it, nor has the quantity increased, but the same space is filled, all of it, by the sun from the heavens downward. In the same way that the air [and the sun][93] are one without confusion and without limiting one another, the sun and its heat are unconfused and unmixed, for the discriminating mind discerns that heat is not light and light is not heat. For when the four elements were first created, one of them [being] fire with its heat, light had not been created. For behold, fire was in stones[94], as well as in the rest of physical nature, by way of mixture, as behold, we see that it issues from stones and from the beating of the waves of the sea, and it is in all the rest of physical things, and burns and shows its operation, though it is not kindled by the light. For example, a mustard seed, garlic, a radish, sulfur, lime, and other things such as these burn but do not give light; and also light appears in many things while heat is not associated with it, as it appears in stones which shine at night and make things manifest, and herbs which shine in the field, and a small insect | which shines in the likeness {53} of the rays of a lamp, while their light is not that of fire, as well as other things. And behold, as they say, the eyes of each one of the savage beasts shine at night in the likeness of a lamp. Therefore it is clear that it is possible to distinguish in the mind the heat of the sun from its light.

[23] Thus we see also the same concerning air, for behold we see that the sun departs with its light and heat and is obscured and hidden from us at night time and the air remains as it is, the firmament downward being filled by it, while it does not lack in anything by the going of the light, nor is it diminished or contracted from its expanse when the solar light and heat arise in it, and they are in one space—the light-giving sun, its heat, and the air—without confusion, mixing, confounding, or mingling. For "blending" works corruption, and its parts cannot be distinguished after they have been blended, and the portions which have been blended also add quantity to one another. So too, that which is a "blend" is a mingled confusion. The parts are not capable of being distinguished

ཁམས་ཁམས་ཀྱི་ཤེད་བཅའ་བའི་ཚུལ་ལ་ཐུག་ཅིང་། ཁོ་ཚོས་ཀྱང་ཁོ་ཚོའི་ཁྱིམ་ཚང་ནས་ཁོ་ཚོའི་ཁྱིམ་ཚང་ཁོ་ཚོའི་ཁྱིམ་ཚང་ཁོ་ཚོའི་ཁྱིམ་ཚང

after the blending. For example, someone mixes flour of wheat, or of barley and pulse, with lime or dust or other things such as these: it is impossible to distinguish these after the blending. So too is "mingling", even though they are not confused. For example, beans, wheat, and barley: although the commixture of these is distinguishable, yet in their mingling with one another the quantity is increased and they take up more space. Therefore, in this small demonstration a type of the incomprehensible hiddenness is described: air is not confounded, nor does it acquire mixture or mingling with the sun and its heat. Neither is the sun and its light in some sort of mixture, confusion, or mingling with its heat which is in the air, and the air which is in the | solar heat and light, for {54}
behold, the mind is able to distinguish them from one another, as it were, by their nature, as has been demonstrated above.

[24] Then take, by way of demonstration and in miniature, one small part of water and join it to the air. You see that in this union which water has with diffuse air, with which all beneath the heavens is filled, there is no more space added in quantity, for lo, the cavity from the heavens downward is all in all filled with air, and after the little water which has been taken up by the air through its evaporation has been joined to the air and has become a bright cloud, it is the same quantity. Now, in the same way, in your mind spread out the same sun with its heat, as well as the air which is joined with water, which it bears upon itself in a fine vapor, and you see that there is the same non-confusion in the infinitude of the fullness of the air in comparison with the water, for the air is joined with the water in an ethereal cloud, and is filled by the same light-giving sun with its heat along with the water with which it is joined by way of evaporation in one cloud. For the evaporation of water with the union with air establishes a cloud. Water is not joined with light to make a cloud, nor with heat, for lo, heat is destructive of the vapor of water. Water is properly joined with air to establish a vaporous and transparent cloud which does not hinder the light of the sun and its heat from passing through it and giving light to all beneath the heavens, while it is all in all in the air which is joined to the ethereal vapor of the water.

[25] In the same way let us take this imperfect demonstration for a simile, for God the Word, co-essential with the Father and the Holy Spirit, took his own man and united him to himself parsopically in one Sonship, while he remained | infinite like the Father and the Holy Spirit. For we have said above {55}
that it was not possible in this orderly economy that this worshipful dispensation should be fulfilled through the parsopa of the Father or of the Spirit because of the preparation which went before, but only in the parsopa of the

ולא יכלו לעמוד מפני הגבורה שהיתה בהם ולא יכלו לראות פניהם כי היה נוגה מפניהם: ולא היה אחד מהם שיכול לעמוד מפני אחד מהם אלא כל אחד ואחד היה עומד במקומו ולא היה יכול לזוז ממקומו כי היה נוגה מפניהם: ולא היה אחד מהם יכול לראות פני חבירו כי היה נוגה מפניהם.

Son; thus, while the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit remained in one Being and in one infinitude, God the Word took our manhood and united it with himself in one Sonship, though nothing was added to the Trinity in its infinite nature, and the Father and the Holy Spirit dwelt infinitely in the infinite Son, who took to his own parsopa a finite man, and dwelt in him unitedly and infinitely, and gave him all that was his own except for his nature, like the example of air and water; and it is the same infinite Being in infinite qnome—the Father non-united, the Son united, and the Holy Spirit non-united—in one glory and exaltation for ever.

[26] Again, another example, for your love also requests the same of me, that along with things of the Scriptures things from nature may also be taken for a simile, as also the fathers did, for indeed the fathers brought the same forward for the persuasion of the contentious. Therefore, set forth in your mind three shining and immaterial lamps which are complete in all undiminished luminosity, and bring them into a house. You see that the house is utterly filled with the light of the lamps. Then in your mind take one of the lamps and go outside, and the house is filled with the same light of the two and does not lack. Then bring out another lamp and the same | light fills the house. Take the lamps back {56}
again into the house, and there is the same light, while the quantity of light is not increased, nor is there more space by the departure or arrival of the lamps, as the light of the moon or of a great fire does not add to the light of the sun in the daytime.

[27] Again, in your mind remove something from one of those lamps, which are not connected materially, and unite it with, [and] set fire to, some small material, whether cedar-wood or a stick—something of small size—and return it inside to its companion lamps, and you [still] see the same quantity of light. While the addition [of] some material is small, it makes no increase, for the three lamps were complete in their perfect light in the likeness of the visible sun. There is nothing to add to its light, and it is the same with the light[s] of the lamps, for they dwell in one another unconfused, and the one material thing is joined with the lamp[95] in one unconfused light, along with the two unconnected lights, without confusion—unconnected light, united light, unconnected light—one light.

[28] In the same way God the Word—that is, the likeness of God, co-essential with the Father and the Holy Spirit, Light from Light, true God from true God, consubstantial with the Father and the Holy Spirit—took the likeness of a servant unitedly to his own parsopa and dwelt in it unitedly in one conjunction[96],

ܒܗ ܒܫܡܐ ܕܐܒ ܘܒܪܐ ܘܪܘܚܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ. ܐܡܝܢ ܟܝ ܟܠܗܝܢ ܐܝܟ ܕܐܒ ܗܘ ܐܠܗܐ ܘܡܪܝܐ. ܐܡܝܢ ܟܝ ܒܗ ܒܫܡܐ ܕܐܒ ܘܒܪܐ ܘܪܘܚܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ: ܟܝ ܒܗ ܒܫܡܐ ܕܐܒ ܘܒܪܐ ܘܪܘܚܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ: ܐܡܝܢ ܟܝ ܒܗ ܒܫܡܐ ܕܐܒ ܘܒܪܐ ܘܪܘܚܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ. ܐܡܝܢ

without mixture, without alloy, with no confounding or confusion, and made it one Son with himself for ever. The united Son [continued to] dwell in the non-united Father[97], and the non-united Holy Spirit [dwelt] in the | non-united {57}
Father and in the united Son; and the non-united Father dwelt in the united Son and non-united Holy Spirit in one unconfused infinitude and as they know[98], while there is no addition to the Trinity because of the "taking", nor position, nor limit. The same Trinity is in its Being infinite from everlasting and for ever, while their qnome are preserved unconfused in the infinite Being in one nature. They dwell in one another without confusion or mixture and as they know[99].

[29] So too in this worshipful union God the Word, who is an infinite qnoma like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, was united with the finite qnoma of his man, which he exalted [and] took to his own parsopa, like the fire in the bush[100], in one parsopa of Sonship, without confusion, mixture, or alloy, while the properties of both natures were preserved in their qnome in one conjunction of one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit be glory, honor, worship, and exaltation for ever and ever. Amen.

11.8 *Eighth Chapter: On the union which God the Word, that is one of the qnome of the Trinity who is the eternal Son, had with his man who is from us, whom he exalted, taking him to his own parsopa, making him one Son with himself in one eternal union.*

[30] Let us speak now, by the strength of Christ our Hope, the Head of our life and our God, who accompanies our wretchedness, our weakness, and the scantiness of our childish knowledge through our confidence in him, concerning what belongs to the worshipful dispensation, which was for our salvation and the renewal of all through our Lord Jesus Christ, and concerning all that belongs to him, as it is given to us through | the outpouring of his mercies {58}
from his blessed treasury ([mercies] which have never failed, nor do they fail) according to the sense of the Holy Scriptures and the tradition of the trustworthy fathers, those who spoke by the Spirit, who were confirmed pillars and shining heavenly lights in the holy Church of Christ, who is her exalted Head. This is the way the Church of Christ has believed and held from the beginning of his life-giving Gospel, and she continues in all generations and forever as she has received from our Lord and his blessed apostles, whom he made the light of the world:

[31] ܕܐܢ ܐܠܐ ܐܬܐ ܒܫܡ ܕܐܒ ܕܝ ܐܡܪ: ܐܡܪ ܐܢܐ ܐܬܟܠܡ ܐܠܐ ܐܡܬܟܠܡ ܒܐܢ ܒܐ ܐܢ ܐܬܐ ܐܠ ܒܝ ܐܢ ܐܬܐ ܐܠ ܒܝ ܐܢ ܐܬܐ ܐܠ ܒܝ

[31] Each of the qnome of the worshipful Trinity is of the same nature: that is, the Only-begotten Son, God the Word, is co-eternal with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, eternally begotten from God the Father before all worlds, beyond time, true God from true God, Light from Light, begotten and not made, consubstantial with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, through whom everything came about and was created. They are at once equal in all that belongs to them, in Being, in power, in authority, and [in] will—other than the property of the parsope of their qnome, I say: Fatherhood, Begottenness, and Procession. Therefore the Son, God the Word, co-eternal with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, for us men and for our salvation, descended without removal, while [at the same time] heaven and earth were filled by him in the infinitude of his nature, and with the will of the Father and of the Holy Spirit, in a wondrous and astonishing abasement which has no equal, became incarnate and was made man through the Holy Spirit and from the Virgin Mary. That is, he took from her a complete man who, through the Holy Spirit, was conceived and formed in the order of his human nature unitedly and without intercourse. He was ensouled with a rational soul after forty days in the union, and was begotten, like all babies, at the completion of nine months from | the blessed Mary—that {59}
is, from her nature, beyond nature, while her virginal tokens were not violated and the natural seals of the truth of her excellent chastity remained unbroken. In the same union, God the Word assumed him who was in her, who became temple, shrine, and dwelling-place in one eternal conjunction.

[32] The blessed Virgin was of the family and descent of the house of David and Abraham according to the promises which came previously to them, and according to the words of the prophets, which they prophesied concerning him in all generations, and, as the blessed Paul clearly showed: "He did not take from angels, but from the seed of Abraham,"[101] and, "He raised up for them David the King. From the seed of this man God raised up for Israel, as he had promised, Jesus the Savior."[102] However, he was not raised up and then assumed and united, but his taking by God the Word was at the beginning of his fashioning, and he dwelt in him as in a temple, unitedly, and made him one Son with himself in one honor and worship, in one ineffable conjunction of the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God for ever, while the natures were not confused, nor confounded, nor mixed in their distinct qnome with their properties, because of the union, nor were their natural orders changed, but while united they were distinct, and while distinct they were united in one parsopa for ever. The nature of God the Word was preserved without change in its qnoma like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, and so too his man, whom he took to his parsopa unitedly, was formed, membered, ensouled, and begotten according to his nature in the

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union, and was worshipped by the Magi in the union because of God the Word who dwelt in him from the beginning of his fashioning. God was worshipped and adored in his temple, and his temple was worshipped and adored because of the Godhead in it, in one worship, in one | eternal honor, but as together, {60} when he was circumcised according to the law of his race, and while he was growing up in his stature, his wisdom, and grace, according to the word of the Evangelist Luke[103]. But when he hungered, when he grew weary, when he was justified in the Spirit, when he suffered, was crucified, and was fulfilling all obedience unto death, and when he died and God who was in him raised him up, the Godhead in him did not suffer, but was perfecting him through his sufferings, and while he was lifted up in an exalted manner and is prepared to come in his great glory in the same union to judge the dead and living, in one power and authority with God the Word in him—in all these changes which his manhood endured according to its nature, as I have said, the Godhead in him did not endure in any way, for the Godhead is impassible and was not changed or altered from its Being. Neither was this worshipful union loosed, nor did his Godhead depart from him, that is, God from his united and eternal temple, but the same Godhead in him perfected his own united manhood by degrees in all exalted things.

[33] Thus, while the properties of both natures were preserved without confusion in their qnome, unitedly, in the one conjunction of the Godhead and manhood of Christ, this worshipful dispensation was perfected in one united parsopa of Sonship. Christ suffered in his human nature according to its nature, and Christ did not suffer in his divine nature according to its nature, for it is impassible. But the man of our Lord, apart from God in him, tasted death for everyone[104], and his temple was destroyed, as God in it said, "Destroy this temple" in which I dwell unitedly "and in three days I will raise it up"[105]—the loosing of the qnomic construct of man, of the soul from the body, in the death of three days of the manhood of Christ. | But the power which raised his own {61} temple from the dead, which preserved it without corruption and perfected it through sufferings for immortality and immutability belongs to the Godhead of Christ—"His soul was not left in Sheol, nor did his body see corruption"[106]—and "it is proper to him through whom is all and for whom is all," who is God the Word, "that he should perfect through sufferings the head of the life"[107] of men, which is his rational temple—that is, the likeness of a servant, the man Jesus, whom he exalted and took to his own parsopa that he might be revealed in him unitedly, that through sufferings he might perfect him [and] that he might possess all exalted things. And although the man of our Lord was the Son from within the womb in one union of Sonship with God the Word, who took

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him in one honor and for ever, "from the fear and sufferings which he endured he learned obedience,"[108] which is so very profitable[109] for those who achieve it. Thus, through this obedience unto death he was perfected in all excellent things—in immortality, in immutability, and in impassibility. He was wonderfully in the order of the Godhead which was in him in a union of Sonship which he possessed from within the womb, though it was not yet clear that by reason of [this] exalted state he possessed honor because of God the Word who dwelt unitedly in him for ever. "He was declared the Son of God by power and by the Holy Spirit when he rose from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,"[110] that he might reveal to us that one is the Son in one parsopa of one Lord Jesus Christ—from the union, thenceforth, and for ever—who in his manhood died according to his mortal nature, and by the power of the Godhead in him, which was immortal, rose—that is, he raised up his own united manhood which was his temple, as he had said, "Destroy this temple and on the third day | I will raise it up."[111] {62}

[34] One is Christ in the one parsopa of the Sonship of his Godhead and of his manhood, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and for ever."[112] That which is "yesterday" and "today" belongs to the manhood of Christ; that which is "for ever" belongs to the Godhead of Christ, in one conjunction of Sonship in one parsopa forever. "From them Christ appeared"—behold, the parsopa of union which was within the womb—"in the flesh"—lo, of the human nature of Christ—"who is God over all"[113]—lo, of the Godhead of Christ. And one is Christ in both, and one is the Son in both—not in the same[114], but from the parsopa of union without separation, from the annunciation of the angel Gabriel and for ever. From the union and thenceforth his Godhead was not without his manhood, and his manhood was not without his Godhead, though they were not united as one in the one parsopa of Christ the Son of God[115], but their natures are preserved in their qnome without confusion in one eternal conjunction, in which one gives the other exalted things but does not receive its lower things. As fire is joined to iron, giving it all of its heat and brightness, while the fire does not receive from the dark [color] of iron, but cleanses and purifies it, so, as a result of the union of God the Word with his manhood, the properties of his own nature are not changed[116], nor does he suffer with its sufferings, or participate in its sufferings, but he perfects his manhood through suffering while not himself suffering. Neither did the nature of his manhood come to an end, but he gave it all that was his own unitedly—except for his nature—the glory, power, Lordship, authority, honor, [and] name of Sonship, for he took it for his own parsopa that he might be revealed in it and might work in it all things of the dispensation through miracles, but not that he might suffer in its sufferings—God forbid!—for "he, apart from God, tasted death for everyone."[117]

[35] ཁས་ལེན་པ་ནི་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱི་ཡང་དག་པའི་ཡེ་ཤེས་ཀྱི་ཕྱག་རྒྱ་ཡིན་ཏེ།

[35] Iron does not become warm or glow or become resplendent without fire, nor is the | operation of fire or its inflaming power visible except in iron or {63} in some other material thing. So now, in this union of fire and iron you have seen the iron full of fire, and if you seek to see fire, and to know its power and the operation which it possesses, lo, [it is] in the iron, in one operation, in one parsopa of metal with fire. Indeed, this is the abasement which is spoken of concerning God the Word, who, lowered himself, while he [remained] exalted in all that was his, and assumed our feeble nature and made it one Son with himself in one honor—not that he participated in its sufferings, God forbid, for the lowliness and obedience unto death belonged to the united manhood of our Lord, and because of this obedience the God in it greatly exalted it, an exaltation which was not according to its own nature, and which it possessed from within the womb. It is clear by the facts [that] it is the man of our Lord who was obedient unto death, for God the Word had no need of exaltation, in that all excellencies belong to him. They are his naturally [and] eternally in his Being, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit. Therefore he did not die, for it did not belong to him that through obedience he should make restitution for disobedience, but to his united manhood, which repaid the debts of its race, the same which he made one Son with him from within the womb, to which he subjected all. When the blessed Paul marveled at this exaltation, along with the prophecy which was fulfilled, he said, "'What is man that you have remembered him, and the son of man that you have visited him. You have made him a little lower than the angels. You have placed upon his head glory and honor, and you have given him power over the work of your hands. You have subjected everything beneath his feet.'" In that he said that he subjected everything to him he did not leave out anything which was not subjected to him. "However, now we do not see that everything is subjected to him. But he who is a little lower than | {64} the angels we see to be Jesus because of the suffering of his death, and glory and honor is placed on his head. For he, apart from God, tasted death for everyone."[118] Let the Theopaschites now tell us about these things. What is the insight made manifest by this, showing the differing natures and their properties in the union?—the one which remembered and the one which was remembered, the one which visited and the one which was visited, the one which made low and the one which was made low, the one which placed glory and honor on the one which was made lower and less than the angels because of the suffering of its death, and the one which received glory because of its obedience unto death, and the other in its nature which subjected all to the one to which all was subjected? Behold, it is clear! What was it that apart from God tasted death for everyone if not the man of our Lord who was his united temple, whom he raised up on the third day?

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[36] Let us hear the blessed Paul: "Through man was death, and through man was resurrection."[119] What is the truth from this insight? For lo, in the union the natures are preserved in the properties of their qnome without confusion in the same one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, as the fire in the bush and the bush in the fire, according to the example of the fathers. And as the natures in their qnome were united in one parsopa, so their names were united in one designation belonging to the same one parsopa. For the name "Son" rightfully belongs to the Godhead of Christ—"God sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,"[120] and, "The Only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of his Father"[121]—but in the union it also belongs to the humanity of Christ, for it is said concerning him, "I will be a Father to him, and he shall be a Son to me,"[122] and, "You are my Son, and I have begotten you today,"[123] and, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest,"[124] and, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased,"[125] and, | "He {65}
sent them his beloved Son, and they took him outside the vineyard and killed him,"[126] and, "He did not spare his own Son, but delivered him over for us all."[127] In the same way the name of "Sonship" which the man of our Lord possesses is not[128] in a separate way, but in union with the eternal Son, the Son of the Highest, the one Son of the Highest, as it was said to his mother, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David."[129] For in his human nature [he is] the son of David, for it[130] is from his seed in the transmission of the blessing. But in the union with the Son of the Highest it is one Son of the Highest forever, for he took it to his own parsopa unitedly, that he might be revealed in it.

[37] He appeared in the flesh, and the same was the likeness of the invisible God—not at a distance, but dwelling in him unitedly in one conjunction, the Infinite in the finite, God in his own man, and perfected in him all the dispensation in one conjunction, authority, power, and Lordship, in one honor and worship and for ever. And since mortals were able to draw near to him, for this reason his ineffable brightness and the invisible mystery of his Godhead was hidden by the veil which was his flesh, and as he showed the mystery of his splendid transfiguration on the mountain in the sight of his disciples, and the parsopa of his manhood shone in it like the sun, so also in his last appearance, which is great and glorious, he will appear in all his ineffable glory in the union. "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not show its light. Then they shall see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with power and great glory."[131] And what again at the time of his last coming? "All those who lie in the dust shall hear his voice, and they shall rise."[132] He shall judge all the habitable world in justice in the same | union, and, as the blessed Paul says in the Acts, "He has {66}
established the day on which he is going to judge the whole earth in justice

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through the man whom he designates, and he will turn everyone to the faith, in that he raised him up from the dead,"[133] for he shall show that one is the authority, power, Lordship, and judgeship of the Godhead and of the manhood, in the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God. "All of us are going to stand before the judgment-seat of Christ,"[134] to be recompensed, each and every one of us, for whatever is done by him, whether good or evil.

[38] Therefore the union is not in a separateness of natures, and here too it is not the same as Paul bearing the parsopa of Christ in separateness. For it is not as Paul was assumed as the parsopa of Christ, [that] thus Christ was assumed as the parsopa of Paul, that there might be a common "name"—Paul is Christ, Christ is Paul—but here the natures bore the "parsope" of each other in one union, in one conjunction, in one common name, for they gave and took of one another in the union. "The Son of Man, he who is in heaven"[135]: while the name "Son of Man" belongs to the nature which is his manhood, yet in the union it also belongs to God the Word derivatively, in the same way also as "Jesus" and "Christ". So too that of "Son" and "Lord of Glory", though these properly belong to the Godhead of Christ, yet in his union of parsopa they belong to his manhood derivatively—"For if they had known it[136], they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory,"[137] and, "If he did not spare his own Son, but delivered him over for all of us."[138] Behold, in his manhood he was crucified and died, and not in his Godhead, but it[139] is the Lord of Glory and Son of God because of the union and conjunction which it had with the eternal Son and Lord of Glory who is God the Word, to whom they[140] belong rightfully, but become its own derivatively [and] unitedly. "God made this | Jesus, whom you crucified, Lord {67}
and Christ."[141] God the Word was not made Lord, nor was the same anointed to be "Christ" in an honor of Sonship with the Son, but his manhood was anointed that it may be, with him, the Son in one parsopa.

[39] Let us bring forward an example for a likeness, although [things which] belong to us and which are relative to us are inferior to these things: as a certain man is called the "image of God" in the union which he possesses[142]—although in this case the union is qnomic, natural, passible, finite, and necessary, but in that case the union was parsopic and voluntary, since Godhead did not "begin" in that case as the soul is created within the body and is a part of a man, for this is an example—while in this example from the parsopa of union of one human qnoma we say that he is wise, understanding, and rational, and again, that he eats, drinks, and dies, knowing that certain things are of the soul, which are life and rationality, and certain are of the body, which are hunger, thirst, and death, yet in one human qnoma these things and those things appear, so also

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is it in this worshipful and ineffable union. For one is Christ, and one is the Son in one parsopa, and we say that Christ is visible and invisible, and the Son was crucified and suffered in his human nature, and in his Godhead he did not suffer or die. "I am the resurrection and the life."[143] The Son was known and perceived, and the Son was not known and perceived. "You have known me and you know where I am from,"[144] and, "You have not known me or my Father,"[145] and, "I go," and, "I come," and, "I am with you always."[146] We know that the Son, in his divine nature, is impassible and immortal, but in his human nature he was passible and mortal, and he rose from the dead—not the Godhead who did the raising. "This Jesus | whom God raised up."[147] {68}

[40] As the proper name "Son" belongs to the Godhead of Christ, so the proper designation "Christ"[148] belongs to the manhood of the Son, for it was "anointed" by the Holy Spirit within the womb at the beginning of its fashioning, that it might be with God the Word one Son in one conjunction, in one power, authority, worship, and Lordship for ever, even though all is not yet subjected to him, as was shown above from the apostolic word. From the time of the union and thenceforth Christ was the Son and the Son was Christ in one parsopa, and in the same manner the two natures and two qnome are known in their properties. Neither is God the Word the Son without his manhood from the union and thenceforth, nor is his man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ without his Godhead. As also the blessed Paul taught, instructed, and clearly showed the same, for he early set forth in the letter to the Hebrews the name of the Son from the parsopa of the union, saying thus, "In the last days he spoke with us through his Son,"[149] and thereafter added and set forth concerning the same that which belongs to the parsopa of Sonship. He says these things of the manhood in the union of the parsopa, "He appointed him heir of everything,"[150] and adds these things of his Godhead concerning the same parsopa, not cutting them asunder, "Through him he made the worlds, and he is the effulgence of his glory and image of his Being, and he holds all through the power of his Word."[151] In the same way, through the entire sequence of his letter he unites while distinguishing and distinguishes unitedly, these things of his Godhead, those of his manhood, and shows clearly the properties of both natures without confusion, moving from this to that and from that to this in the same union, as concerning "one", unto the end of the letter, concluding, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and for ever."[152] For he placed at the beginning of the letter the name of the Son | from the parsopa of the union and concluded at the end of it with the {69}
name of Jesus Christ from the same parsopa of the union, showing clearly both natures, and teaching and confirming this worshipful union without confusion, in one parsopa of one Son, Christ, and for ever.

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[41] He teaches and shows clearly the same as well in that which is to the Philippians, for there, while teaching concerning humility, he early sets forth the parsopa of union, speaking in this way: "Purpose this yourself, which is also Jesus Christ." Then he adds the things of his Godhead in the parsopa of the union: "He who, though being the likeness of God, did not consider this, that he was the equal of God, something to be grasped,[153] but emptied himself and took the likeness of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and in form was found as a man."[154] Then he adds the things of the manhood of Christ in the same parsopa without division, as concerning "one", and not cutting them asunder: "He humbled himself unto death, the death of the cross,"[155] etc. Then he concludes with the same union, "And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, his Father."[156] In Hebrews he at first sets forth the name of the Son from the parsopa of the union, which belongs rightfully to the Godhead of Christ, but by the union belongs also to his manhood, adding the things of manhood, "Whom he made heir of everything."[157] Again, in Philippians he at first sets forth the name of Jesus Christ from the parsopa of the union, which is the proper name of his manhood, in that it was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be, with God the Word, one Son of the Highest unitedly. He adds those things of his Godhead in the union, "Who, being in the likeness of God, did not consider this, that he was the equal of God, something to be grasped, but emptied himself and | took the likeness of a servant"[158]—the 'Assumer'[159] and {70}
the 'assumed',[160] the likeness of God and the likeness of a servant, one Son, one Lord Jesus Christ, from the time of the union and thenceforth.

[42] In the same one parsopa of the Godhead and manhood of the one Lord, Jesus Christ, the divine writings speak of certain things of his Godhead and certain things of his manhood: these things of his Godhead in the parsopa of the union, clearly showing the properties of his divine qnoma, as in "one is the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom is all"[161]—it is not through his human nature that all was created and established, for lo, in the last times this came about and was 'assumed'—and in "not from men or through a man, but through Jesus Christ,"[162] although adding later those things which belong to his manhood. Thus, in the parsopa of the union, while the properties of his human qnoma are revealed clearly in the same union, as in, "One is God, and one is the mediator of God and men, the man Jesus Christ,"[163] and, "To you is born today a Savior, who is the Lord Christ, in the city of David,"[164] and in another [in] which it was said, "Thus, because of the obedience of one man, Jesus Christ, many were made just,"[165] so also [those of] the Son, when he says, "I am in my Father, and my father is in me,"[166] this being an indication of his divine qnoma, which is equal in its nature to the Father, and the same, "My Father has worked until

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now, and I, too, am working."[167] Again, certain things belong to his Manhood, as in, "The Father loves the Son, and he gives everything into his hands,"[168] and, "You have given him authority over all,"[169] and, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased,"[170] and, "If he did not spare his own Son, but delivered him over for us all,"[171] and other things such as these which make known to us in this one parsopa of Sonship some things belonging to the Godhead of the Son, and other things belonging to the manhood of the Son, while both natures and both qnome are preserved without confusion in the one parsopa | of Christ, the Son of God. {71}

[43] As in the eternal Trinity the qnome are preserved in their properties and united in one nature unconfused, infinitely, and inseparably—the Father, I say, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit—in one power, will, Lordship, and authority, and in each one of the qnome the whole nature of Godhead is manifest, so too the two natures of Christ are preserved in one parsopa—the Son of God—in the property of the qnome of his Godhead and manhood in one parsopa, and each of the qnome alike is known in the parsopa of Sonship indivisibly, but in the Godhead inherently, and in the manhood parsopically and unitedly, as also the name "Son of Man" is inherently and naturally of his human nature, but derivatively, parsopically, and unitedly belongs to his Godhead. In the same one parsopa of the one Lord, Jesus Christ, the properties of the two natures and two qnome of the Godhead and manhood of Christ are made known. As the nature of God is made manifest in the property of the three qnome of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so in the same one parsopa of one Lord, Jesus Christ, the two qnome of God and man are made known—the likeness of God and the likeness of a servant, one Son in one union in one authority, worship, and Lordship, with the non-united Father, and with the non-united Holy Spirit, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Spirit be glory, confession, worship, and exaltation, now, always, and for ever and ever. Amen.

The Second Treatise is ended.

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167 Jn. 5:17.
168 Jn. 3:35.
169 Jn. 17:2.
170 Mt. 3:17.
171 Rom. 8:32.

III הלכה וזמנים

בקרבה ובכרכי קיר הפנימי הפנימי בשני חלקי כלאחורי כל מקום ואם בכרכים. בכפרים וכן בשאר ערי ישראל שאין בהן חומה מימות יהושע בן נון: בשני בשבתות. וביום טוב שחל להיות אחר השבת: ובמוקפין חומה מימות יהושע בן נון. בכרכים שהקיפום יהושע בן נון או שהיו מוקפין חומה מימות יהושע בן נון ונתבטלה חומתן: אבל מוקפין חומה מימות אחרים. כגון שהקיפום אחרים לאחר יהושע בן נון: אחד בשני בשבתות. ואחד ביום טוב שחל להיות אחר השבת:

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[1] בכרכים מעיר אינם יכולים לבוא בזמנו בשני ואחד ביום טוב השני: [2] בשני מעיר אינם יכולים לבוא בזמנו בשבת ואחד ביום טוב השני. בשבת ויום טוב שחל להיות אחר השבת. בכרכים

III Third Treatise {72}

Ninth Chapter: In what way we ought to understand this worshipful union according to the sense of the Holy Scriptures and the tradition of all the holy fathers who continued in the footsteps of the apostles.
Tenth Chapter: By clear demonstrations it is right to show at what time this union of the Godhead and manhood of Christ in the one parsopa of economy took place.
Eleventh Chapter: How while God was everywhere infinitely, we say that unitedly and specifically he dwelt in his man.

III.9 *Ninth Chapter: In what way we ought to understand this worshipful union according to the sense of the Holy Scriptures and the tradition of all the holy and orthodox fathers who continued in the footsteps of the apostles.*

[1] A multitude of different heresies, in the likeness of bitter tares, have sprouted in the midst of the Church of Christ through wicked men, who have willingly been instruments of Satan. They have erred and have led astray and corrupted many, and have caused them to fall and become alienated from the truth of the trustworthy confession, not only in that the wretches have blasphemed against the Godhead, but a multitude, to their own destruction, have blasphemed against this worshipful dispensation which was for the salvation of all through our Lord Jesus Christ. Some in their madness have spoken impiously, that they may assert a "natural and qnomic union" out of necessity and restrictedly, in the way that a body and soul—a man—is one qnoma: "A body was assumed but a soul was not assumed, but God was united qnomically to the body, being in it in the place of a soul, and working in it all things belonging to the economy according to the will of the Father."

[2] Now | Satan had previously brought forth this madness through the raving {73}
Egyptian, Arius, with whom Eunomius, the bitter snake, agreed. These even separated the Godhead of the Son from the Father: "He was a creature and made and was not 'like' [the Father]," and, "God confined him and joined him to a body without a soul, that with it he may be one nature and one qnoma, and as through him God created everything, as through an instrument, at a time when he had not [yet] been embodied, so also, when he was embodied, he renewed all through him. Christ is one qnoma, who suffered and died, and God raised him up, who had created him in his Godhead from nothing, and also had fashioned him in his manhood qnomically as well, and the nature and qnoma of Christ is one, and he is not called 'a nature and a nature' nor 'a

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qnoma[1] and a qnoma'." But these were destroyed by the three hundred and eighteen[2] with sharp swords, spiritually, and their bones were scattered over the mouth of Sheol. The holy fathers made known and showed clearly that the Son is not a creature, but true God from true God, consubstantial with the Father and the Holy Spirit. That God the Word took a complete man, animated with a rational and sentient soul, and made him one Son with himself in the one union of the one Lord Jesus Christ, they demonstrated from the Scriptures, as in "his soul was not abandoned in Sheol,"[3] and, "My soul grieves,"[4] and, "I commit my soul into your hands."[5] These things are characteristics of a soul and not of the divine nature.

[3] Again, from the bitter root of this one sprouted Apollinaris the Laodicean, who, through the crafty guile which he possessed, deceived even more than the many before him, and, after the Arian tumult had occurred, in the name of orthodoxy he sowed bitter doctrine through myriad impieties and blasphemies, and like a cunning brigand | he spoke the same wickedness as the {74}
company of Arius, even if he changed his argument, for his mind was the same: "He took the body with the soul, but did not take the mind. Instead, the Word was in the place of the mind in a natural and qnomic union and suffered with the sufferings of the body." All things which took place and were done in this economy he attributed to God the Word qnomically, obscuring the properties of the body. Sometimes he spoke of a union of "mixture and mingling", and sometimes he said, "He brought down the body from heaven." Again he said impiously that after the resurrection men [will] eat and drink and [be] joined in marriage, and other impious babbling. But this man was also exposed openly to be a ravenous wolf, clothed with the garb of a lamb, and the wicked one was expelled by the watchful shepherds of his day. For God the Word took a body and rational soul, as with us, that is, a complete man, and in everything resembled us apart from sin, and as through a complete man, the first Adam, came death, so through a complete man, the new united Adam, came the resurrection of the dead. Our Lord said, "Lo, my soul is troubled,"[6] and, "My soul is grieved"[7]; and the Evangelist said, "He grew in stature and was filled with wisdom"[8]; and how could the soul which did not possess a rational mind receive wisdom? or become weary? or become troubled and sad? That a union of mixture and mingling creates confusion is clear to the discerning, in that the previous property of that which is mixed is diluted, acquiring a different potency or a different taste, and from liquefied and dissolved parts, both of which are finite in nature, there is blending, as in wine and water. This is alien to the infinite God, who is infinite Light from infinite Light, and impassible and immutable, and remains as he is. And again, that in the resurrection of the dead they [will]

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not eat, | drink, or take wives, as in the impiety of this man, was declared and {75}
decreed by the utterly trustworthy truth, and that the body was taken from Mary, and that its descent was from the seed of the house of David and it was fashioned by the Holy Spirit the prophecies also bear witness, and the truth of these matters is also undeniably proven. But these also were driven out by the watchful and courageous shepherds with spiritual slings and unyielding stones, who laid low all error and brought wickedness to an end.

[4] Yet from the root of the serpent, the many-faceted[9] Apollinaris, a vicious multi-headed viper came out and went his way, breathing venom, and devouring and destroying many. He went about, circling round, seeking whom he may devour. This is the accursed-of-life Egyptian, the impious of the impious, Cyril, the father of a multitude of heresies, the son of Arius and the son of a concubine[10] of Macedonius, the disciple of Apollinaris, the heir of Mani and the co-heir of Satan, who was endued with all that is his. The same grew strong in the midst of the flock of Christ and became for them an evening[11] wolf, a winding serpent, and a venomous viper, who with all his heads breathed and exhaled poison continually in order to destroy. Sometimes he craftily acknowledged the "taking" in order to deceive: "Our Lord took a complete man." After he had said and imagined[12] that the properties of both natures were preserved, he turned aside and spewed out bitterness and yoked God into a natural and qnomic union in the likeness of his impious father: "God was qnomically begotten in the flesh, suffered in the flesh, and tasted death in the flesh, while he remained living and life-giving." He obscured completely all the properties of the manhood of our Lord. Sometimes he taught the things of Arius, sometimes those of Apollinaris, sometimes he was a true Manichean, and in sum he was a reviver of the evils which preceded him and a progenitor | of other things which the many {76}
Theopaschite sects thenceforth multiplied in the world in myriad varieties, the same who were begotten by him like the children of vipers and a multitude of vicious snakes. The errant Eutyches sometimes said, "Before the union I know two natures: after the union, one nature and one qnoma." Sometimes he completely denied the taking of the head of our race, impiously saying that God the Word became flesh qnomically and suffered and died, and "We are saved by the death of God"—but also a certain Dioscorus the bitter serpent, son of the sister of Cyril the asp, who inherited his see along with his impiety. These were brought to a very bad end with their fellow-sectarians through the holder of the see of great Peter, the marvelous Leo, and henceforth again the son of the accursed wolf was found to be expelled from his land through the watchful and zealous shepherds of his land, those who are continually eager for the truth.

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[5] Then there leapt into the flock of Mabbug, which is in the land of the Romans, Philoxenus[13], a stranger to the truth, a bone-breaker[14], and he also worked myriad corruptions[15]. When he too was cast out of that place by the watchful shepherds, he began treacherously, in the likeness of an evening wolf, to insinuate himself into monasteries with unlearned and simple men, untrained in the Scriptures, while hiding his impiety. Through the dishonoring of all the saints, and many impious and execrable calumnies, he increasingly sowed his bitter tares, those which he had received from the accursed Cyril and from the impious Eutyches, and in all of his writings, with which he increased his insults—but with powerful curses—against all who did not agree with his impiety. The same altogether increased his blasphemies, more than his colleagues in many ways, also saying impiously that "It is not these things | which {77}
our Lord worked which ought to be called signs and wonders—that he changed water to wine, multiplied bread, healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead—but these signs and wonders which he worked: that while he was not a man, he became man, and while he was not finite, he was confined in the womb of the Virgin and was begotten from her qnomically, and sucked milk, and was wrapped in swaddling-clothes, and while he was not passible or mortal, he died and was buried and rose," and other impieties more wicked than these. Also, this life-accursed man was driven from land to land and from place to place, while shepherds warned their colleagues and cried out to them through their writings, "Beware of the lurking and destroying wolf." Every land to which he went they equipped with that which was worthy of him: powerful anathemas destructive of his life.

[6] Again, soon after, founders of wickedness[16] arose, the children of spotted leopards, mutual tormentors, the sons of Cyril—celebrated in his impieties—a certain Julian[17] and Severus, his step-brother, from two concubines. Julian said that it was not this mortal body of the house of Adam [which] our Lord took, which was passible and mortal, but that which existed before Adam sinned, while he was [still] immortal and impassible. The stupid one was not able to show from whence came the body, or where it was laid by and then taken up, and, if Adam was made immortal, lo, his body bears witness that he died, for it was made mortal, but his soul did not die because it was immortal in its nature. Lo, the Scriptures have proven that from the seed of David and Abraham the family of our Lord descended, and from the nature of Mary, for from their family he was taken. | The succession of these was from the first Adam, as {78}
the Evangelists recount, especially the blessed Luke, for to Adam he attaches the genealogy of Joseph, who was a relative of the blessed Mary. Both of them were from the seed of the house of David, for it was said to her concerning the

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baby who was from her, "The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father"[18]—although he was begotten of her without intercourse—and Joseph was from the tribe of David and, according to the lawful admonitions, tribes may not be mixed[19]—indeed, Joseph was the son of David according to what was said to him by the angel in a dream, "Joseph, son of David"[20]—as Zechariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John, were from the same tribe of priests.

[7] Therefore, the fool was swallowed up in error, blaspheming and saying impiously that "The bodily descent of our Lord was not from the first Adam—from the sinning and mortal one," for lo, this is he who recompensed the curse which condemned his own race, as also the apostle testifies, "God sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, that he might condemn sin in his own flesh,"[21] and, "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our infirmity, but who was tested in everything like us, [though] without sin."[22] Behold, sin is not "natural", but willful, and because of this, many are righteous and many are sinful. Therefore, lo, he is proved wrong along with his disciples, clothed with the form of righteousness in the likeness of wolves. There is no other body which is newly a Son to God except this one of the house of Adam, from whose seed and descent is Christ in the flesh, according to the testimonies of the Evangelists.

[8] But at the same time the impious Severus, for example, his own brother, refuted this fool with powerful demonstrations that God the Word took a mortal and passible body from the house of Adam, but he too was not altered from the thinking of Cyril, the son of Nebat, | [who] worshipped idols and made {79}
drink-offerings to demons, who sinned and caused the Israel of God to sin, and greatly slaughtered the priests of God in the likeness of the son of Kish. Instead, he walked in the paths of Cyril, his father, and did not depart from imputing suffering to the Godhead through a natural and qnomic union. As the evil which pulls down its companion and rises in its place, and as a scorpion which smites a snake and kills it, though it too is a murderer, so also the foul and abominable Severus did. After confessing a complete human nature from the house of Adam, and a divine nature—one of the qnome of the Trinity—and that the manhood was not done away, again preposterously, in the likeness of crossed eyes looking at a certain thing, so too he changed, blaspheming in the likeness of Cyril, his father in impiety: "The union took place naturally and qnomically, like a soul and a body which suffer with each other necessarily, by natural law, constrainedly." Behold, then, that according to the impiety of this man and his blasphemy one ought to say that, although the Godhead and manhood are preserved in their natures, like a soul and a body in a natural and qnomic union, and voluntarily God the Word became man, and, according to the impiety of

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this man, suffered, died, and was buried, yet voluntarily he became man in a man in a natural union, as the Theopaschites say these things. But behold, you have confined God within a natural union more than a soul is confined within a body, for lo, a soul does not die, nor come to an end, nor does its life perish, according to the proper usage of the word, but you have subjected God to death qnomically in a death like [that of] a body.

[9] Behold, it is clear to the discerning that the soul of our Lord did not die. How did his Godhead die? Then two parts of God died, but the one which was his soul did not, for in entrusting the imperishable [thing] he said to his Father, "I commit my soul into your hands,"[23] | and, "His soul was not left in Sheol."[24] If {80}
God died, according to the blasphemy of these impious ones, even if he died by his own choice, according to these madmen, yet in every way his nature, which was mortal, died! And if in whatever way he might have died—whether by his own choice or according to the flesh—since not everything in his nature was mortal, in some way or other he did not die, as the soul does not die when the body dies! If the Son in his Godhead is able to die, the Father and the Holy Spirit are also mortal, and in some way, whatever it may be, they are also able to die.

[10] And again, the Godhead of the Son without the body is not a complete qnoma like the Father, nor does his manhood possess a complete qnoma like the rest of men without his Godhead, nor does his manhood have a free will, for lo, its will is perforce bound up with God by the natural union. Why is it, "Not as I will but as you [will]"?[25] The will of the Trinity is one, but the body by its nature is life-loving and does not wish to die. If the manhood does not have a free will, where is it obedient and justified if there is no free will with which to be obedient to the will of God and by its own choice to be justified through virtues? And how is it possible for the finite with the Infinite and the Maker with the made to be one nature and one qnoma, and for them to suffer with one another as the soul and the body?

[11] Therefore behold, this is clear that the body is feeble, weak, and stricken by the anxiety and care of the soul, and the soul is feeble and its thoughts tormented when it[26] is ill, and by its[27] hunger and sickness it[28] is weakened and saddened. But God forbid that this worshipful union was in this way, but this blasphemy is upon the head of the Theopaschites, for it is not as the body lives with the soul in a natural union | and it[29] also participates in its[30] sufferings {81}
that thus the manhood lived and was moved by the Godhead naturally, and the Godhead participated in its sufferings in a natural and qnomic union, for it is not that the union came about to give life to the manhood, for lo, it[31] lived

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by the soul, nor was the union for the completion of nature and qnoma, but for the fullness of the economy and for the manifestation of invisibility. "No one has ever seen God."[32]

[12] Also, this nature and qnoma which is established from God and from man in a qnomic union in a constricted manner—is the qnoma one like the all the other qnome? Let them tell us with whom we may number it in its qnoma. If it is with the nature of Godhead, there is an addition into the Trinity. If it is with human nature, behold, there is an addition to the human qnoma. If not[33], it is a nature alone and unique in its kind, for it is not God, as the Father and the Holy Spirit, nor man, as coming from the family of Abraham and David. But is it not thus said, O erring one, that the likeness of God took the likeness of a servant? If the likeness of God is God the Word, as one of the qnome of the Trinity, also the likeness of a servant is man, as one of the qnome of men, although he is in the order of Godhead because of the union and conjunction which he had within the womb with God the Word, who exalted and took him, making him one eternal Son with himself.

[13] Again, in the investigation of these things there sprang up the evil of evils which surpassed all previous ones in its wickedness, and all of them existed in it. It is the consummate perfection of impiety, the same which waxed strong through Justinian, the tyrannical king of Rome, and has continued to this day. He was the reviver of the earlier impieties of his fathers, and also added to their evils with his own abominable blasphemies, weltering in mire, the heir of Saul, | {82}
killer of the priests of God. The likeness of Saul, this necromancer who acted more impiously than he, this one who also, through Satanic cruelty, set to work through iniquitous priests in his land against the pillars[34] of the Church who many years since had departed in blessedness and apostolic orthodoxy, that the true ones might be anathematized, and by virtue[35] of their anathematization he, in his madness, anathematized our Lord, his apostles, and all the orthodox teachers who continued in their footsteps, and were celebrated in their apostolic teaching, and stood valiantly and manfully against each one of the heresies which blossomed in their time.

[14] This man in his madness deigned to mix and mingle all the heresies together and agreed with all of them. He anathematized all who did not agree with them, and he blasphemed like them—and more than all of them—in the power of the tyranny of his impious kingdom. Since we have demonstrated all his impiety and blasphemy in a book of refutation which we composed in the course of eight codices[36] and more by the strength of Christ who accompanies

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our wretchedness, and we have shown from the Holy Scriptures and from the testimonies of all the universal doctors and the holy and pure ones whom the impious one slandered, that the orthodox are the true ones, without fault, spot, or defect in their teaching, and also without deceit or treachery in their ways, God forbid!, but with the armor of the Holy Spirit, through their powerful and invincible teaching, they broke through all the fortifications of error, and their writings are an invincible armor, forged in the fire of the Holy Spirit, against all heresies that exist and are to come, that they may be for their destruction, [and] since these also exist in our time through Ḥenana of Adiabene and the Messalians, the soothsayers, it is incumbent upon us that, from his blasphemies, which the cursed Justinian wrote in a book against the true ones—we composed their refutation during the entire period[37]—we should now set forth part of the chapters of his anathemas, and also refute them here, so that, by the refutation of his blasphemies | the invincible truth might be made known {83} concerning this worshipful union which was for our salvation, for there are passages of the refutation which are suitable for the goal which is set for us, and by the same words of truth[38] they shall be brought low here[39].

In the second chapter of the empty anathemas of the accursed one he impiously speaks in this manner:

[15] Justinian: "Anyone who does not acknowledge that of the same God the Word there are two births, [one] which is before the ages from the Father without time and without a body, and this [one] in the last days, when he descended from heaven and became incarnate from the holy and glorious ever-virgin mother of God,[40] let him be anathema."

[16] Refutation: We say that the sense of Holy Scriptures and the tradition of the whole catholic and apostolic Church is thus: everyone who does not acknowledge that of the same one Lord Jesus Christ there are two births—that in his Godhead he was begotten from God the Father before all ages, and in his manhood from the blessed Mary, the holy Virgin, without intercourse, which was fashioned by the Holy Spirit, in which, at the beginning of his fashioning, God the Word dwelt unitedly, making it one eternal Son with himself; and [that] he is one Son of God in two natures, in his Godhead from the Father without a mother beyond time, and in his manhood, temporally and unitedly, from a mother without a father, as the Scriptures show clearly concerning the mystery of Melchizedek—rejects the truth.

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[17] If therefore there are two births of God the Word naturally and qnomically, according to the blasphemy of this man, God the Father is discovered to have brought forth two births naturally and qnomically, one spiritual and one corporal. And if it is the natural Son of the Father in the two | births qnomically from the Father and from Mary, according to the same, the man of our Lord is not begotten in either of these births, for he does not have a qnomic birth from the nature of his begetter[41]. However, there is no qnoma that is not born of a consubstantial qnoma—therefore, a nature[42]—and there is no qnoma which is not beneath a common nature to which it is subject. Then how is the manhood of our Lord named "Son of Man" and "Son of David" if there is no natural birth which is begotten of men, of David, and of their race? For behold, even the praise of the children who became vehicles of the Holy Spirit refutes the blasphemy of the faithless, for they called him "Son of David" in their praises: "Hosanna to the Son of David,"[43] etc. And Paul the great, the intimate of the Godhead, named him the "new Adam", and called him the "second man"[44]. Behold, he was named "new" as opposed to "old" in qnoma, as well as "second" in number, for those who believe correctly know that there is no "second" in the Holy Trinity, as there is no "fourth" or "fifth", as has been shown above. {84}

[18] Again, in another way: if, then, the man of our Lord with his Godhead is one nature with God the Father, then God the Father is also one nature with the man of our Lord, the essence in the being of the Godhead is not incorporeal or simple, and the truth is falsified which says that God is Spirit.

[19] Again, in another way: if, then, the Godhead of the Son is one nature with David, Abraham, and Mary as his manhood, consubstantial with them, is one nature and one qnoma with his Godhead, then all men, with the saints …[45] a natural and qnomic parsopa. It is not that they called the parsopa | "one qnoma", but that in this one parsopa of one Lord Jesus Christ both natures and both qnome of the Godhead and manhood of Christ are understood, and not in separation, but infinite qnoma in one conjunction[46]; and as a body is called "animated" because a soul dwells in it, and "spiritual" because it is the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit, it is the same in this one parsopa of Christ, for both natures in their qnome exist and are acknowledged without confusion—God in his temple, which he took to his own parsopa that he might be revealed in it, and man, God the Word dwelling in him unitedly and revealing in him all things of his Godhead, in one power, authority, Lordship, and honor for ever. {85}

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[20] Like the demonstration which the fathers gave—fire in the bush and the bush in fire—let us present a demonstration from nature for the persuasion of simplicity: as this visible sun is joined to a polished mirror, and all its operation appears in it in one light [and] one heat, while the sun has not been constricted in a finite way within the mirror, and the mirror is not diffused like the sun with the sun, but the properties of both the sun and the mirror are preserved in one united parsopa, so ought we to think about this economy of the voluntary, parsopic, and ineffable union which God had—the Infinite, the Light from Light, the Effulgence and Image of the qnoma of the Father and co-essential with the Holy Spirit—who dwelt and indwelt unitedly in his own manhood in one conjunction and indwelling and in one dominion and Lordship, in the one union of the one united parsopa of Christ, the Son of God for ever.

[21] Again, in another way: as a dinar with the image of the king is cast into the fiery flame, and the fire clothes it | utterly in its whole surface[47] with one heat {86}
and brilliant flame, while all the flame has not been constricted or limited to the dinar of gold, and the dinar is not diffused throughout all the flame, but both are preserved unitedly—the gold in its finitude and small size, and the flame of fire in the extent of its nature—and are united together in the one parsopa of the dinar and the flame in one fire, in one image of the king, in one heat, in one corporeality, in one power, in one gleaming brilliance, so in this union, in this one parsopa of the same union, the two natures of the Godhead and manhood of Christ are united unconfused, while their properties are preserved in one conjunction, power, and dominion for ever.

[22] For it is clear that God the Word dwelt in his manhood unitedly for ever in that he cleansed the lepers, cast out demons, restored the ill, gave sight to the blind, created sight that did not exist, changed water to wine, multiplied the bread and fishes, created bread and fishes and a stater, raised the dead, and other things such as these. As for his own words, which are trustworthy and not false, they indicate that the Son is co-essential with the Father, in that he said, "I and my Father are one,"[48] and, "Whoever sees me sees the Father,"[49] and, "My Father is in me, and I am in my Father,"[50] and, "My Father has worked until now, and I too am working,"[51] and, "You were chosen by me before the foundations of the world,"[52] "Before Abraham was, I am,"[53] and, "He was in the world, and the world through him was made,"[54] and, "He is the effulgence of his glory and the image of his Being,"[55] and, "He made the worlds by him,"[56] and, "In the beginning was the Word,"[57] and, "I am with you until the end of the world"[58]; and again, of his | united manhood, in that he is from the seed of the {87}

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house of David and Abraham, and was taken from the Virgin, and was fashioned unitedly by the Holy Spirit and completed in his order, and was begotten and passed through the virginal gateways, while God the Word was clothed with him, and he was wrapped in swaddling-cloths and placed in a manger; he was circumcised, grew in his stature and his wisdom and grace[59], was strengthened by the Spirit so that it might be shown by this that the power of the Trinity is one; he was justified in the Spirit, and hungered, thirsted, became weary, and slept; he was tempted by the Accuser, but cast him down by the power and succor of the Godhead in him; he suffered, and was smitten on the cheek, and was slapped, and they lifted [him] up and hung him upon the wood while impaling his body with nails; he died and delivered over his spirit, and was wounded with a spear, and his side was riven, and blood and water issued forth in a great mystery; they lowered him from the cross and his body was wrapped in a cloth and placed in a tomb, and he was in it three days, and his Godhead in him raised him up.

[23] In all these things it is also very clear that he had a soul, and that it operated of its own nature in freedom of will, and that he was a complete man: that "while he does not yet know good or evil, he will despise evil and choose good,"[60] and that he grew with bodily stature and advanced in wisdom,[61] and that he was declared righteous, for his will agreed with the power which sustained him[62]; and that he was distressed, grieved, and troubled at the time of the crucifixion, for the property of the rational soul possessed discernment, suffering with its body, though it was strengthened in its thoughts by hope—as he said, "The body is weak but the spirit is ready,"[63] and that he was obedient unto death. These things, and things such as these, make manifest that the properties of the body and of the soul were preserved in the union without confusion. It is the same after the resurrection, as it is written, "His soul was not left in Sheol, nor did his body see corruption,"[64] | and he assured his disciples con- {88}
cerning his resurrection in that he touched them and ate with them, and the same spoke with them in the rational soul which he possessed, and ascended in their sight while they watched him, and was hidden from their eyes, and that in the same way he is going to come in the form of his bodily nature as he was observed ascending, the structure of his manhood not being put away, though he is going to come in great glory, as he manifested himself above and by the mystical appearance which he manifested on the mountain to his disciples.

[24] ܗܘ ܕܐܬܐ ܒܫܡܐ ܕܡܪܝ ܘܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܕܐܝܬ ܠܗ ܒܝܕ ܡܢ ܡܪܝ ܐܬܝܗܒ ܠܗ ܘܐܦ ܐܢ ܐܢܫ ܠܐ ܢܫܬܘܩܩ ܠܗ ܐܠܐ ܒܫܥܬܐ ܕܡܬܐ ܠܗ ܒܥܠܡܐ ܗܢܐ ܘܒܥܠܡܐ ܕܐܬܐ ܚܝܐ ܕܠܐ ܡܝܬ ܢܗܘܐ ܠܥܠܡܝܢ ܥܠܡܝܢ ܐܡܝܢ ܗܘ ܐܡܪ ܐܢܐ ܠܟ ܕܐܢ ܐܝܬ ܠܟ ܒܝܕ ܠܡܥܒܕ ܛܒܬܐ ܠܐ ܬܥܒܕ ܠܗ ܐܠܐ ܐܢ

[24] So from all these things it has been manifest that from the beginning of the annunciation of the angel Gabriel was the taking [and] the union of the Godhead of Christ with his manhood, which he exalted [and] took to his own parsopa, dwelling in him as in a temple, making him "Son" with him in one union and conjunction, and perfecting him with all excellencies in the union. This worshipful union is not confused or loosed from [the time of] the united beginning, nor is it confused or loosed for ever, but the natures are preserved in the properties of their qnome without confusion, without mixture, and without separation—the Godhead and manhood in one parsopa of union of the one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit be glory, honor, exaltation, and worship for ever and ever. Amen.

III.10 *Tenth Chapter: That through clear demonstrations it is right to show this: at what time this worshipful union of the Godhead and manhood of Christ in one parsopa of the economy took place.*

[25] When, therefore, did this union of the Godhead and manhood of our Lord in one conjunction of Sonship take place? In the same way as concerning the union there indeed have been many differences of one sort and another, so too, concerning this—at what time the union took place—|there have been many {89}
opinions. There are some who have said that at the fortieth day, when the soul was breathed into him, then was the perfect union of the two natures into one parsopa. Some have impiously said that at the time of the baptism was a voluntary union, for God was well-pleased with a man, one in whom, because of his righteousness, his will indwelt, and there was no parsopic union of two natures in one conjunction. By this clear denial Paul, the senseless Samosatan, spoke wickedly, who in the likeness of the Jews called our Lord an ordinary man, like one of the prophets and righteous men, in whom the divine will dwelt, and he had a beginning from Mary, and "There is no eternal Son co-essential with the Father, but the qnoma of the divine nature is one," and, "The title 'Christ' is indicative of a man who is 'anointed' to be like one of the 'christs', for he was called 'son' in honor, like Solomon," and, "There is no parsopa of a union of two natures and two qnome in one conjunction of 'sonship', for he received the grace of the Holy Spirit that God might complete his dispensation in him, according to the saying heard at the Jordan, 'This is my beloved Son in whom I have been well-pleased'[65]," and, "God does not have a natural 'son', for the qnoma of God is one, and this is made known, in that Christ, when he took up the Scripture after baptism and read, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because of this he has anointed me,'[66] etc., said, after he had read, 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing,'[67] as those things which he read before them bore witness of him, for they attested his word." There are some of the heretics

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who have spoken more impiously than the earlier ones: | "From the resurrection {90}
alone was the Sonship perfected, through which he is the First-born of many brothers, according to the testimony the blessed Paul quotes from David, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'[68]," and, "Thus God raised him up from the dead, that he might not again see corruption."[69]

[26] Those other impious men of the company of Arius and Apollinaris, and these of the company of Cyril, and Eutyches and Severus, the disciples of Cyril, all spoke impiously concerning the natural and qnomic union, attributing suffering to God, although they differed from one another. One said he took a body but did not take a soul. Another said that he took a soul but did not take a mind. And Cyril and his cohorts also spoke impiously in different ways and at variance with one another. Sometimes they spoke of the "taking", and sometimes they denied [it], speaking of "becoming"; and sometimes they confessed like the Manicheans. But they spoke the same wickedness, for even those who confessed the "taking" all spoke wickedly of a natural and qnomic union, and thus all of them spoke as one: "A natural union took place with the taking," and, "Something was added to but did not increase this body by way of some sort of completion, for 'organically'[70] it was qnomically complete[71]. The sublime things and the baser things alike ascend[72] to the Godhead—suffering, death, and other such things," and, "It is God the Word who suffered in the flesh, and no other nature suffered, for the animate body was God, and God was the body qnomically becoming man," and, "It is not right to distinguish," and, "Because of this, the natural and qnomic union was at the beginning of his natural fashioning, and a soul was not inbreathed in him according to the order of all infants after forty days, for the natural and qnomic union did not occur twice."

[27] All these perverse minds, therefore, | speak very impiously, and outside {91}
the harmony of the apostolic Church continue to their destruction. But the Church of Christ, whose foundation is established upon the Petrine rock, confesses thus: at the annunciation of the angel Gabriel to the blessed Mary, the union which took place was not natural and qnomic, but voluntary and parsopic through a conjunction and indwelling, so that God the Word might be revealed in him, fulfill in him his entire dispensation, manifest in him the beginning of the new age, and be worshipped in him[73] for ever. It was not to make him co-essential with him, or to become with him one nature and one eternal and infinite qnoma, for this is utterly impossible, but that he might become for him a united dwelling-place and temple for the revelation of his greatness, through power, honor, and worship—"He was revealed in the flesh,"[74] etc.—and that he might repay the debt of his Adamic race. With the taking was the union, and

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with the taking and the union the anointing was perfected, for through the Holy Spirit he was fashioned unitedly, and the Holy Spirit was for him in the place of the oil of anointing, that he might be joined to God the Word and might be, with him, the Son, unitedly and for ever.

[28] This, then, is the true ecclesiastical confession, for though the union he had with God the Word was at the beginning of his fashioning and for ever, yet his human nature preserved its order in all things belonging to it, while both of the properties were preserved without confusion in the perfect union and anointing, which was for the conjunction in one Sonship. With the beginning of its fashioning was its taking [and] its anointing, which was for the union, and the image of the Invisible was received, and God the Word dwelt in it for ever—not as the impiety of those early wicked men who said, "He was raised up[75] and then was anointed," nor as | those of the company of the accursed {92}
Paul who claimed that it was at the baptism, nor as their companions who said that after the resurrection he gained the honor of Sonship, nor that a natural and qnomic union took place, as other impious men have said—God forbid!—but for the united parsopa of one worshipful economy and for ever, and this is made known in all the truth from the book of the life-giving Gospel.

[29] Therefore, after the angel Gabriel announced to the blessed and splendid Mary the good news—"The Holy Spirit shall come and the power of the Highest shall rest upon you. Because of this, he who shall be born from you is holy and shall be called the Son of the Highest, and the Lord God shall give him the throne of his father, David, and his kingdom shall not have an end. And behold, Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has also conceived a son in her old age, for nothing is too hard for God,"[76] etc.—what happened then in consequence? When, therefore, the angel Gabriel departed from her, the blessed Mary was shaken through the divine operation, as it were, to the base of her mind, for she was a daughter of man and had been told about exalted things which had never happened, and that she would know and understand that lo, already matters had begun to be perfected in their wondrousness, and that an infant from her nature had begun to be formed, and at the beginning of its fashioning was[77] its united taking, and that God the Word was joined and dwelt in the fruit which was from her, and that it was not an ordinary conception—albeit without intercourse[78]—but the "Son of God" in union, according to the angelic word.

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[30] "Mary rose up in those days," according to the word of the Evangelist Luke, "and went diligently to the mountain, to a city of Judea, and entered the house of Zechariah. She | greeted Elizabeth, and it happened that when Elizabeth {93}
heard the greeting of Mary, the infant in her womb leapt for joy. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice, saying to Mary, 'You are blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit in your womb. Whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For lo, when the sound of your greeting fell on my ears, with great joy the infant in my womb leapt. Blessed is she who believed that those things would have fulfillment which were told her from the Lord.'"[79] Behold, then, hereafter it was understood by her in all clarity and without doubt. With the annunciation of the angel was the union and the indwelling—although the man of our Lord was not yet complete in his animated qnomic state[80], for as I have said, and according to the agreement of all orthodox fathers, without intercourse[81]—yet the rest, in all that belongs to nature, retained its order, as in all the rest of fetuses, for he was formed and inspirited, "in everything like us, except for sin."[82] And what did Elizabeth [say] to Mary? "Blessed is the fruit in your womb." Behold, therefore, the fruit from her nature, that is, the flesh in which its Assumer became incarnate unitedly, although a soul had not yet been created in it.

[31] "Whence is this to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Behold here the exact understanding of the union of God the Word in his incarnation, for already he was considered "Lord", and that one is the Lordship and worship of God and of his temple, unitedly and for ever. As it is written, "God has made Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified,"[83] and, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand until I establish your enemies as the footstool beneath your feet.'"[84] For he is the son of David in nature, but the Lord, the Lord of David, because of the union which he had with God the Word | within the {94}
womb, in one Lordship and Sonship. This is proven for me by the marvelous, worshipful, and ineffable doings, as they thereafter began according to what belonged to them in this worshipful economy. For from the outpourings of the grace of the Holy Spirit from him who unitedly dwelt, inhabited, and abode in the fruit of the nature of the Virgin, who was the Lord in nature, and was joined to and indwelt him whom he made one Lord with himself, through the voice of his mother power flowed palpably with the virginal voice, and with a marvelous wonder it entered the hearing of the barren one, and from there went in to the infant within the womb of the barren one with the sound, and with the sound the infant was filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit through blessed outpourings, and he was moved with all the perfect joy which was ready to come to all the world. And from the outpouring of Lordly grace from Mary's infant to the

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infant in Elizabeth, as from our Lord to his mother and through the sound of the voice—again, what marvelous and astonishing wonders!—Elizabeth began to prophesy wondrous things, speaking startling and great things concerning the united, marvelous, worshipful, and glorious infant within the womb of Mary, and concerning him who unitedly dwelt in the infant from her nature in one honor and Lordship for ever. And alike it was made known to her that from the beginning of the fashioning of our Lord's man was his taking, his union, his anointing, his indwelling, and his conjunction with God the Word, who exalted and took him to his own parsopa and to the united image of his invisibility in this worshipful economy. As the blessed Paul said, "He is the image of the invisible God,"[85] and, "He sealed them with the likeness of the image of his Son."[86]

[32] From these things it is demonstrated that at the annunciation of the angel was the taking, and with the taking was the union forever, though | in its order {95}
the flesh was completed first, then the soul. Because of this the fathers said that he was made flesh, and then they added that he was made man with a rational soul. As with the calling of the priest in the intercession over the Mysteries of our salvation, when the priest says, "Let the grace of the Holy Spirit come, and may it rest upon this bread and upon this cup, and may it make them the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ," and with the voice of the priest, immediately, in a moment's time, we believe that there is a gift, and the grace of the Holy Spirit has descended and perfected the Mysteries of our salvation, that they may become the body and blood of Christ—one body in one descent and power, which pardons and sanctifies, and one is the body of Christ, not two bodies—although the bread is other in nature and the body is other in nature, and although here the natures are unlike one another, yet in the power and operation of the consecration there is one body, one bread—so we ought to understand also here, that with the voice of the angel, when he said, "The Holy Spirit shall come and the power of the Highest shall rest upon you,"[87] immediately, with his voice, in a moment was the taking, and with the taking was the union. Although the size was small and humble, yet [there was] the conjunction and union of God the Word with his flesh, which was his temple and the image of his united hiddenness, one Son in one Lordship for ever, although the nature of his manhood preserved its order in its fashioning by the Holy Spirit, as I have said, and the lineaments of his features, and the growth in size, in all natural steps, came to completion.

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[33] But it is incumbent upon us to reprove somewhat the stupidity of the heretics who impute suffering to God in a natural and qnomic union. Here too the wretches speak falsely and blaspheme, saying in their error, "From the beginning of the conception the soul and body together in the union cannot be one qnoma." But if not, one of | two things is found in impiety: either God the {96}
Word is lacking in the fullness of his own qnoma, or a bodily quantity is added to his qnoma, and he is removed from the co-equal qnome of the Trinity.[88]

[34] Again, in another way: everything compounded is comprised of the parts of its composition. The parts are collected, one with another, as a house which is compounded of stones and wood, or as a body [which is compounded] of its parts, and its members' parts, each with another, and other such things as these. If this is so, God the Word was withdrawn from the infinitude of his nature with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and came to limitation, confinement, and dimensions, as Cyril the Egyptian and the life-cursing Hnana of Hdayab wickedly say. Behold, this evil opinion was anathematized by the ecumenical synod—anyone who claims [there was] contraction of the Godhead into a measurable quantity, or expansion of the manhood to infinitude [let him be anathema].

[35] Again, in another way: Those who love the truth are also persuaded of this, that anything that proceeds from non-composition to composition establishes some other new thing in aggregate and compositely, [something] the parts of which it was composed did not possess [individually]—the various forms, as well as operations and functions—in one composite adaptation, as a ship or a wagon, which are from wood and iron, which in their parts did not attain to this, but in their composition have so attained and functioned, and as a soul and body function as one qnoma, a man, both before death and after the resurrection, and other things such as these.

[36] Again, in another way, a demonstration from the same hypothesis: | if, {97}
then, God the Word with man constituted one qnoma, with what nature should the qnoma be reckoned, and to what essence is it subject, that it may be numbered among the qnome which are in it[89] and subject to it? Now, with what nature should this qnoma be reckoned? With the Holy Trinity which is simple and infinite, or with men who are finite and passible? If, then, with the Trinity, there was an addition into the Trinity, as we have said above. If with men, behold, an addition into the nature of men. If it is not one qnoma with the Trinity, and not with men one qnoma of men, like the qnoma of all men, but a qnoma distinct and unique in its own way, then it is neither God nor man. Let the impious tell us, now, what shall we worship?

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[37] Again, in another way: There is no qnoma, some of whose parts are finite and confined in space, and some infinite and limitless; and there is no qnoma which in its nature is united with two natures different from one another[90], with one nature remaining the same qnoma, and with the other nature remaining the same qnoma, without [some] alteration, except, perhaps, as an illusion or a fantasy, as the impious Mani says.

[38] Again, in another way: If, then, God the Word is qnomically one qnoma and nature with the body, and this qnoma is consubstantial with the Father in all that is his, like qnome which are established in a nature, and a nature which is known through qnome, then also the Father and Holy Spirit are composite in their qnome, as the Son is consubstantial with them, and may this blasphemy return to you, O wicked men who impute suffering to God in a qnomic union.

[39] Again, in another way: If, then, after the composition of God the Word with {98}
the flesh, which was ensouled, [there is] one qnoma as these wicked men say, then before the composition he was half a qnoma. If before the composition the qnoma was complete, though it was not assumed and not united, and after the composition [there was] one qnoma, what is the composition which came to pass? If neither a [new] nature nor a [new] qnoma came to pass, then it is not a compound construct, nor a union which is made one, and the name of "composition" is empty, a spurious illusion which is nothing. But lo, in writing we have earnestly made a refutation of all the babbling, impiety, and blasphemy of the tyrannical king[91], and we have unmasked all his error. That there should be a composite and qnomic union of an infinite and finite nature is impossible, but the union is voluntary and parsopic. It is not "natures" in a "nature" and a "qnoma", but natures and qnome whose properties are preserved in one parsopa, without confusion or separation, and not at remove, but the infinite in the finite, the form of God in the form of man, the Indweller in his temple, one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. That which the fathers call "God the Word" is one nature with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

[40] Again, in another way: if, then, God the Word is naturally and qnomically begotten of the Father, and the same was naturally and qnomically begotten of Mary, and because of this she is the begetter of God, inasmuch as he was begotten of the Father, then God and Mary are one nature, since God the Word and his manhood are one nature and one qnoma, as Abel was begotten of Adam and Eve, and they were members of one nature and begot in their own likeness as their own image, qnoma from qnoma, consubstantial with man. Behold, then, a blasphemy, for which there is no forgiveness. But it is not thus that the

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Scriptures teach [and] | the fathers, those who spoke in the Spirit, explain, O {99}
wicked Theopaschites. Instead, they teach and enlighten in this manner, that Christ was begotten of the blessed Mary—"The birth of Jesus Christ was in this way"[92]—for the name "Christ" is indicative of the Godhead and manhood of the Son in one parsopa, as was shown above, and in his human nature he was born from Mary unitedly—not in his Godhead, which was begotten from eternity of the Father, and, as the examples of "Effulgence" and "Word", qnomically, without succession, and beyond any movement, but in his human nature from the Virgin Mary, as has been shown. This man, from the beginning of his fashioning, God the Word took and indwelt as in a temple, unitedly, without separation, and for ever. Because of this ineffable union, which was within the womb, the blessed Mary is called the "begetter of Christ", for Christ was God and man. From her own nature she was begetter of man, who from the beginning of his fashioning cleaved to God the Word, but [she was] the begetter of God, since with the beginning of his fashioning he took him and dwelt in him as in a temple in a parsopic union. It was not there that God the Word began, for lo, it is said that he descended, became incarnate, and was made man. The body and man were one thing in nature, and he who became incarnate in it and became man was another, as clothing is different from its wearer and armor from the armed.

[41] If it is said, then, that he whom Mary bore is simply man alone, he is reckoned an ordinary man, as Paul the Samosatan impiously said, and the blessed Mary is deprived of this honor as well by which she was, and was named, "Blessed among women". If, on the other hand, she is called "bearer of God" [alone], our salvation is discovered to be an illusion and fantasy, as the impious Mani spoke, and as those others who wickedly said that she was a passageway for him in the likeness of a channel, and he became incarnate in her while passing through, though he did not | take anything from her. Because of these two {100}
branches[93] of evil the blessed Mary is called "bearer of God" as well as "bearer of man"—bearer of man from her own nature, and bearer of God because of the union which he had within the womb, though God the Word did not receive his origin from her, but God the Word in a union of parsopa, that is, Assumer and assumed, the likeness of God and the likeness of a servant, the same Christ as demonstrated above in the testimony of the letter to the Philippians. The name "Christ" is indicative of the Godhead and of the manhood of the Son in one parsopa: "From them Christ appeared in the flesh, who is God over all."[94]

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[42] Let us bring forward an example for a likeness, although in this case it is a natural union and Christ's is a parsopic union: as it is said that a woman, in bearing in an ordinary way, brings forth a man, although we know that the soul is not from the daughter of man, yet because within the womb the soul was infused, and in a qnomic union it came to birth, we do not say that the woman gave birth to a body or a soul, but to a man, so also in this case, for at the beginning of the fashioning of the man of our Lord the union took place, and he was a united temple for God within the womb. Therefore the blessed Mary is called "bearer of Christ", which is the name which indicates the parsopa of the union of his Godhead and his manhood in one Sonship for ever.

[43] Again, in the fourth chapter of his hollow anathemas Justinian says, "All who say that by grace, or by operation, or as by rank, or as by equality of honor, or as by authority, or by elevation, or as by conjunction, or as by power was the union of the Word with man, and says that it is, as it were, in will | and in {101}
honor and in worship, and does not confess that it is by composition which is qnomically effected, and because of this is the same composite qnoma, which is Jesus Christ, one of the qnome of the Trinity, [let him be accursed.]" He who does not confess in this manner should anathematize the impious Justinian, as he is anathematized by the blessed Paul and by all trustworthy men! Again, he adds, "The union of composition which God the Word had with the flesh, which was qnomic, a union of composition and a mystery of Christ[95], though without confusion, preserves those things which were assembled, yet does not admit of division."

[44] The author: In order that, through the refutation of this error—which lo, is a spreading sore in all the dominion of the Romans through the tyranny of this accursed one[96]—the ecclesiastical truth may be made known which cannot be conquered, I desire first of all that the reader not become worn out, even if, with the same early sayings, according to his own fathers, we go out to meet and refute him, for the matter forces us to the object placed before us, and we shall cut off, gradually, the heads of these vipers.

[45] Justinian: "Everyone who says that by grace, or as by rank, or as by equality, or as by authority, or as by exaltation, or as by conjunction was the union with man, and says that, as by volition, according as it was pleasing to God the Word, he agreed with him on what was good and proper," etc.

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[46] Refutation: Who among those discriminating and knowledgeable in the Scriptures and discerning in their thought is not persuaded or informed that when these various things which the cursed one recounts are not present, neither is a union affirmed. If, then, there is not | a conjunction of the two natures {102}
of the Assumer and the assumed in one voluntary parsopa—not one which is bound to one nature and qnoma—nor one in which there is one honor, authority, and operation, nor mutuality in one operation, there is no union, but the name "union" is empty, it not being clear that there are natures which were united into one, or in what they are two, and in what one, or whether they are united naturally, by constraint and necessity, or are by will (one) parsopa; and again, [concerning] the parsopa, whether [it exists] conjointly or separately, or whether in whatever way. Behold, there is no qnoma and nature which by itself makes a union when there is no other signified with it, or joined with something which is united either by itself, or by another, either by a necessary and constraining law, or by [one that is] voluntary and parsopic.

[47] But this is also incumbent upon the skilled in the truth and the judges of the truth to consider well: that anyone who receives anything exalted—and this is not from his own nature, which is through racial and natural succession, but these things more exalted than his own nature he receives from another who is more exalted than he—receives them in blessedness, and by grace they are bestowed upon him from one who gives him such things as his nature does not [naturally] possess, and he also renders honor and obedience to him who first honored him by just tributes. However, God the Word is naturally the eternal Son of the eternal Father, not by grace in a secondary sense, and all things that are his are his naturally, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, other than Fatherhood and Procession. They possess one everlastingness, infinitude, invisibility, and causation[97] of all. [There is] one power, authority, Lordship, honor, and other such things, in one equality of one eternal nature of the Trinity, complete in all. He possesses them without change, for he possesses them naturally, and they are his eternally. | Some of them are given to fashioned and created {103}
things by grace, as for the cause of desirable ends[98]. Some of them cannot be given to any creatures or fashioned things, such as everlastingness, infinitude, and incomprehensibility. These, then, cannot be given, nor may they be received, for these are immaterial things belonging to the divine nature which is eternal and is exalted in its nature, singular, and above all creatures, and these make known to us concerning the divine unity which eternally exists in its Being, remaining as it is for ever, as also such things make known to us that creatureliness, finitude, temporality, comprehensibility, limitation, and

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necessity singularly and distinctly and solely belong to created and fashioned things. Since by grace they came into being, by grace they possess, from their Creator and Fashioner, such things as they possess, as from the Cause of all.

[48] But God the Word, with the will of the Father and of the Holy Spirit, took for his revelation a complete man from the Virgin Mary, and from the family of the house of David, as was demonstrated above, and at the beginning of his fashioning was his union for the parsopa of his dispensation. He dwelt in him as in a temple in one ineffable conjunction and union, giving to him and sharing with him in all things which are capable of being given, while they are retained with their Giver in the honor of Sonship, in Lordship, in worship, in power, and in authority. He also gave him immortality and immutability and perfect knowledge: "In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,"[99] and subjected all to him[100]. For these things are proper to the Godhead, but they are given in common, and because these do not naturally belong to the likeness of a servant which was assumed, that | is, to the man, unitedly, of our Lord, we say {104} "parsopically, secondarily, by donation, by participation, unitedly" they are his, so that he may be one with him in honor and in name, as it was said to his begetter, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest,"[101] and, "He was given the name which is better than all names,"[102] and as he said after his resurrection in the name of his manhood, "All authority is given to me in heaven and on earth."[103] And the blessed Peter said, "God made Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified."[104] The blessed Paul said in that which was to the Ephesians, "According to the operation of the might of his power which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead, and seating him at his right hand in heaven, above all rulers, authorities, powers, and lordships, and above every name which is named, not only in this world, but in that which is to come, subjecting everything beneath his feet, and giving him who is above all as a head to the Church, and the fullness of him who fills all in all."[105]

[49] Therefore, all these exalted, glorious, and wondrous things do not naturally belong to the man of our Lord, but unitedly, as I have said. Who, then, is there among Christians who has in himself the leaven of life and spiritual discernment, and has knocked and opened, even if but a little, and has looked in and entered within the archives of the Scriptures, who does not acknowledge that these things are so?—unless he is one whose heart is benumbed with the blight of darkness, and it happens that he is an organ of the evil spirits of error. It is not in his Godhead that Christ our Lord received things such as these, who said concerning the qnoma of his Godhead, "Everything which my Father has is mine,"[106] and, "I am in my Father, and my Father is in me."[107] And the

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preachers said, "Everything was made through him, and without him" was nothing,[108] and he was the Light from the Light, and Eternal from Eternal, and Omnipotent from Omnipotent, and Cause of all | creatures. But all these {105}
exalted gifts—the reception of power, I say, and honor, and worship, etc.—these the man of our Lord possesses unitedly, mutually, with God the Word, who exalted and took him to his own parsopa, and as he fashioned him and made him when he was not qnomically a man, so he gave him also these exalted things which were not his, making him a partaker unitedly in all that is his own except for his nature. As it is written, "The Father loves the Son, and gives everything into his hand."[109] It is not that he gives to him his own nature, for it is in the name of his manhood that he gives to him, and not in the name of his Godhead, for he says that everything which the Father has is his, and what is his belongs to the Father, confessing equality, for all of them belonged to his Godhead eternally with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

[50] The trustworthy do not say this, that the man of our Lord was the Son by grace, and like all the rest who were members of the household through the adoption of sons, or by a mere relationship—although, on account of immortality, as it is written, he became the First-born of many brothers[110]—and we are ready to show [this] clearly by the power of Christ. For if the manhood of our Lord was called "Son" of grace, there were two sons, one natural and one of grace. But his own man, in union with the Son, is one Son, and because of this it was said in the name of his manhood, "God so loved the world, as to give his Only-begotten Son,"[111] for by grace—derivatively, parsopically, mutually, unitedly—he was with God the Word who exalted and took him to his own parsopa, and made him one Son of the Highest with himself. He is not naturally Son, and the Only-begotten Son of the Highest. Because of this it is said that he took him for his own parsopa, and he was the united image of his hiddenness. One is the Son in two natures, one naturally and the other unitedly, that there might not be two brothers | or two separate things, one of nature and one of {106}
grace, but as this body upon the altar is mystically one body with that which is in heaven through power and pardon and attributions, and there are not two bodies—although here they are so at a distance, and there by indwelling and conjunction—[they are] one Son for ever.

[51] It is that which is voluntary which this accursed one strives against, for by his own choice God the Word first took him within the womb for the parsopa of his dispensation for the renewal of all, and after the man of our Lord had come to full growth, at the high point of his progress according to his nature, he united himself to the will of God prudently, rationally, and not by force, and

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not by constraint, or naturally, or unwittingly. Although he had possessed union within the womb, "The child while he did not yet know good and evil, knew to reject evil and choose good,"[112] and he, by his own choice, fulfilled all obedience unto death because his will was made one with the will of God in him. Since also he [God] united him to himself within the womb parsopically, therefore the God in him, by operations and by the union which he had in the womb, [which] was hidden, greatly exalted him, that every knee should bow to him in one worship of the Godhead, and since this would not be according to outward appearance, and he would not naturally be honored with this honor, that he should be worshipped unitedly, and should be in the order of the Godhead, and God should be worshipped in his temple, and the temple worshipped because of him who dwelt in it for ever.

[52] That which this accursed one blasphemes and speaks impiously [about], anathematizing all who say that they [both natures] are called by the same name, lo, the discriminating and knowledgeable in the Scriptures recognize, for as the natures are united into one [parsopa], so their names are united into one in one parsopic name, and they take and give to one another in this one parsopa. Lo, in this [matter] this impious one anathematizes our Lord, | the {107}
apostles, and all the fathers who continued in their footsteps, as also we have shown above. "The Son of Man, who is in heaven,"[113] and, "When you have seen the Son of Man ascend to the place where he was before."[114] Behold, the Son of man was not in heaven when he said this, nor had he descended from there, for lo, he was taken from the Virgin, but [this is] from the name of the union. In the same way, "I am the bread which descended from heaven,"[115] and, "The bread which I will give is my body, which is broken for the life of the world."[116] Lo, the body did not descend from heaven! In the same way the names of his Godhead, derivatively and unitedly, are of his manhood. "If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory,"[117] and, "God so loved the world as to give his Only-begotten Son."[118] Behold, it was not in the nature of his Godhead that he underwent death, but it was his temple which was destroyed, and he raised it up, and other such things.

[53] That which this accursed one claimed, that one is the compound qnoma which was Jesus Christ, one of the qnome of the Trinity—this cannot be! And he anathematized anyone who did not blaspheme as he. Let us say a little against him here too by way of the earlier demonstrations with regard to his colleagues, so that his blasphemy may truly be revealed, and through him all those who impute suffering to God in a natural and qnomic union may be reproved, and the truth may be all the more clear. For our fathers continued in the

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apostolic footsteps, and we are continuing in their footsteps, for the trustworthy and well-proven are persuaded that everything that is compounded is either compounded all with all, or part with part, or part with all. Let this madman and all the Theopaschites who agree with his impiety say what this one qnoma is which is one of the qnome of the Trinity. If, then, it is one of the qnome of the Trinity it is not compounded. If it is compounded, it is compounded with another qnoma which is foreign to it in qnoma. | If it is compounded all with all, how? "As the soul and body result in one qnoma, so it is with the whole nature of God the Word with the whole nature of man: he made him with himself one qnoma," according to the impiety of this man. If so, then the holy qnome of the Trinity were separated from one another, for this one left his uncompounded qnoma with God the Father and became a qnoma in part with another for the completion of another qnoma—from the infinite, the finite; and from the impassible, the passible—and he was bound perforce with a man qnomically. It is no longer his not to suffer with the body, or not to do all the things of the body by way of participation, nor [does it belong] to this body, that is, to his man, to do anything natural without the Godhead which is compounded qnomically with him—such things as are of necessity natural and passible. This is, then, the order of things compounded into one, for without their mutual composition it is not theirs to do anything—not to subsist qnomically, nor to suffer, one without the other—so long as they are constrained within the composition. Whatever each one of them possessed when it was in its simplicity comes to an end, for they are in composition and participation with one another. Therefore, they possess whatever their properties consist of, and whatever they do is the same, and whatever they suffer, as it is for the soul with the body, which suffers with its sufferings, and in it learns and acts, and [the body][119] lives by [the soul][120] and suffers and is moved and acts, and as they are strengthened by one another, so also they bring each other down. When the body dies, the soul does not continue functioning, though its life, its reason, and knowledge, as though in sleep, are preserved for it, according to the word of the fathers. But this is not so in this worshipful and marvelous union. God forbid! For God does not suffer compositely with his manhood, for he is impassible | in his nature. Neither did his operations come to an end when the soul was loosed from the body at the time of death, but with the Father and with the Holy Spirit he [continued] to give life, to move, and to guide all, as he also perfected his manhood through sufferings and raised it up from the dead, as I have demonstrated above. {108} {109}

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[54] Again, in another way: If, then, a part was compounded with a whole, what is this portion which is compounded with the whole? If, then, it was a part of God with a whole man, lo, the heathen impiety of Ḥenana the accursed Chaldean! If, on the other hand, it was a part of man with a whole of God, lo, the Arian and Apollinarian impiety, which surpasses all impieties—that the complete qnoma of God the Word should be compounded with a half-qnoma of a man qnomically[121]. That the "parts" do not subsist, one with another, is the opinion of these impious men, although they speak covertly. Thus Origen the heathen: "Souls exist, and then they come, perforce, to bodies that they may be chastened." On account of this they lead innocence astray. "Therefore we speak thus, that the union may not take place twice[122], while the one subsisting qnoma of God and man is incomplete, for that very God and that very man are one nature and one qnoma. It is not, therefore, 'a nature and a nature, a qnoma and a qnoma,' for there may not be two Sons, but one is the divine nature which became incarnate, lest there become a 'quaternity' in the Trinity."[123] Lo, by this, the snare of these wicked men springs upon them to their destruction, for this is clear to the discerning, that one was the body and another the incarnation of him who was incarnate in a body, as the clothed is other than his clothing, and armor | than the armed, and the likeness of God than the likeness of a servant, {110} and he who is indwelt than he who dwells in him. One is God and another is man in nature and in qnoma, for it is written that he was revealed in the flesh, and the Scriptures teach that he was in the likeness of men—not that he was made man in nature and that he suffered naturally. For if God the Word is one nature and one qnoma with his body, then the Trinity is also one nature with his body. But it is not so, O wicked ones, not so, but it is the likeness of God, one of the qnome of the Trinity, and the likeness of a servant, one of the qnome of humanity, yet in the union it is one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in parsopa, not in nature and not in qnoma. For if naturally the Godhead and manhood are one nature, also the Trinity and all men are one nature. This blasphemy is on your head, O Theopaschites, in your sacrilege[124].

[55] But that the union is not natural but parsopic, while the natures are preserved in their properties, and that in his [natural] order the man of our Lord was fashioned and formed, although the union happened at the beginning of his fashioning, the Holy Scriptures and all orthodox speakers in the Spirit testify. For [it is not][125] until the body is formed and membered, and then a soul is created in it, [that] then it is called man, for the body and soul are called man, not the flesh and soul, and the flesh is a part of the body, and the body is not [immediately] arrayed with its members[126]. How, O errant ones, when the body, which is the house of the soul, is not yet constructed and completed, does the

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soul at once dwell in it qnomically? For lo, we see that with the rapid destruction of its[127] principle members—the heart, I say, or the brain—at once the soul departs. That it should dwell in it, whether it is yet in the womb or after it is begotten, but utterly without the fullness of its principle members, | is impos- {111}
sible, for thus it[128] was created in it[129] by its Creator, for with the union of the heart and brain with the rest of the members which serve these, it[130] has [the capability] to be preserved in it[131] unitedly. If these are destroyed, it departs from it.

[56] Let us bring forward an enlightening example for the refutation of the senseless Theopaschites from such things as are relative to Adam, the father of offspring, such as when God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness,"[132] and, "The Lord God fashioned dust from the earth, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life."[133] The Scripture informs us that first he was fashioned with all his members and embodied, and then came the creation of the soul in him, in that by the nostrils, as by a part, it indicates the whole body in which they are. For if there is no body, there is no face, for it[134] is the "parsopa" in which are all the faculties of sense, and as it is in that place with Adam, with the taking of dust and its fashioning, even though the soul had not yet been breathed into him, the dust was no longer ordinary, but with its fashioning became the honored likeness of God, for it was for the instruction and knowledge of the angels that the matter was perfected, for when they saw with their eyes the body, membered and fashioned before them, lying prostrate, not [yet] living and not ensouled, deprived of life and sensation, and after a soul was breathed into it they saw that it lived and was ensouled, and stood up erect suddenly in a marvelous wonder, and began praise to its Maker in the likeness of innocent children in the same marvelous and ineffable wonder, and also spoke like them, though untaught by another, then they understood who it was that breathed the soul and created it in Adam, possessing in its[135] reason all that was theirs except for the body. They understood as well that God had created them living [and] rational from nothing. In the same way his man was completed | {112}
in the image of his Creator in both his parts as one qnoma, a man, which is the bond of all creation, of visible and invisible things. We do not say[136] that one of his parts, though not yet united to its fellow, was not the image of God. For the dust which was fashioned was no longer said to be dust as before its fashioning, but the beginning of the image of God, and after it was perfected was the image of God. We do not say that the image was without honor—the adamite body in configuration—even though its other part, which was the soul, was not completed.

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[57] Thus we ought to consider and understand also concerning this true likeness—this supreme image, which was the likeness of its Creator—that it is the true Antitype who dwells unitedly in him. For he gave to Adam his image in honor, that through him God might be made known, who is the Creator of all, of the visible and the invisible. God did not take for his parsopa the qnoma of Adam and dwell in him unitedly, or make him with himself one parsopa in this worship which is from all, as happened with the united manhood of our Lord. For this reason higher and more exalted is the taking and fashioning of the man of our Lord than Adam's, for he[137] was taken from the unliving earth, without sensation. Here is a great, marvelous, and worshipful thing! God the Word, by the will of his Father and of the Holy Spirit, as we said above, took for his own parsopa, for his revelation, and for his united dwelling place, from the nature of the blessed Mary, a holy Virgin without spot, who was living earth which had never been plowed and seeded in natural husbandry, as neither had the earth from which Adam was taken [been plowed] with a plowshare, and [this took place] at the beginning of the fashioning of this true image, which was fashioned by the Holy Spirit. And as Adam | was honored with the image {113}
of the Godhead at the beginning of his fashioning, so too the man of our Lord was honored with God the Word unitedly, in one parsopa of Sonship, and with the image of his hiddenness, in which he[138] dwelt infinitely and for ever.

[58] Let us further pursue the demonstration: as Adam, at the beginning of his fashioning, was honored in likeness, and was set apart from the rest of all the dust of the ground, so also at the beginning of the assuming of the man of our Lord, his conception was not ordinary, like all fetuses, but it was also exalted in its worshipful honor, even more than the Virgin, from whom he was assumed. For although he was not [yet] embodied, formed, and animated with a rational and sentient soul, yet he was thenceforth a dwelling place and a temple of the Divinity, which took him for its own parsopa[139]. He was honored unitedly in the order of Sonship with him who dwelt in him unitedly, and while he was already indwelling and united, he[140] was built up and embodied and formed, and a soul was created in him by him who had earlier been united with the flesh. For he did not [first] come into being and then God the Word indwelt him, but at the beginning of his fashioning was his indwelling. Although the Spirit fashioned him, yet it was not while God the Word, who was united in him, was separated, nor the Father, who chose him to become the Beloved with his natural Son in one parsopa. For one is the infinite nature of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and there is one power and one will. Although the Spirit fashioned, the Son dwelt unitedly and the Father was well-pleased, and as he grew in his stature, wisdom, and grace while God the Word was united in him, he also

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was baptized and received the earnest of immortality, and suffered, and was buried, and rose, and by his resurrection received immortal and unchanging life, those things which from the beginning of his fashioning he did not possess until he was perfected through sufferings—for it is written, | "the natural, and {114}
then the spiritual"[141]—unto immortality. These he received last in his human qnoma, though his Godhead was in him, as I have said, from the beginning of his fashioning, and in his body he did not possess immortality, and in his soul he did not possess immutability, nor impassibility with his body, yet after the resurrection he acquired these things, putting on incorruptibility, immortality, and immutability. We do not say that the union with God the Word happened twice, once with the mortal body and with the mutable soul, and again with the immortal body and with the immutable soul, but while in him and united with him he dwelt immovably and for ever. So too, while the actual body was without a soul for forty days, God the Word dwelt in it unitedly from the beginning of its fashioning. In the same way, when a soul was created in it by the God in it, the body came alive and became a living soul. We do not say that God the Word [entered] a second time the body in which a soul had been infused, for the same Godhead created the soul within the body while united with it. The soul did not enter from without and dwell in the body, for lo, it was created in it like all the rest of men, nor did God the Word enter from without and dwell in the soul, for lo, he is infinite nature, and heaven and earth are filled with him. He dwelt in his body unitedly in the infinitude of his nature in one conjunction[142]. Nor do we say this, that his soul was created and then inbreathed and united, as neither do we say that the body was fashioned and then united. But with the beginning of the fashioning was the union. So with the creation of the soul it is the same union: one is the union with the body, and the same union with the soul | in the body, which was first united, and then a soul was animated {115}
within it.

[59] Again, in another way: As he[143] did not possess immortal and immutable life before the resurrection, though God the Word was united to his mortality and mutability—but while he[144] was first united to his[145] mortality it was the same union—and his man also [subsequently] gained immortality and immutability and became a quickening spirit—as it is written, "The natural, then the spiritual"[146]—in the same way, while the union was from the beginning of the fashioning of the body, and also after forty days, when the soul was animated, it was the same union, yet one is the parsopa of the union in one Sonship and image of invisibility for ever.

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[60] Again, in another way and in another demonstration: Inasmuch as when the union of the soul with the body was loosed at the time of death, and the body was placed in the tomb while the soul was not in it, and the soul went to Paradise, though the body was not in it, yet the union of God the Word with his manhood was not loosed, but he was united with the body within the tomb, though the soul was not in it, and he was united with the soul though it was far from the body—as it is written, "His soul was not left in Sheol, nor did his body see corruption"[147]—and after the soul returned [and] entered the body at the time of resuscitation—though there too was union, for God is infinite. We do not say that God had union a second time because the soul entered the body at resuscitation, but it was the same union without departure and without alteration and without change. Just so God the Word was united to the body of his manhood forty days before a soul was created in it, and after a soul was created within the body by the God in it, it was the same union | which previously {116}
existed. The union is not twice, but one is the union of the body prior to the soul, and of the soul after it was created.

[61] Again, in another way, by demonstrations from nature: As, for example, you first set fire to some small matter, and you add, little by little, various things dissimilar to one another, but you do not set fire [separately] to each thing, for lo, the fire has kindled[148] the first thing once, so too in this case was the taking of the flesh from the blessed Mary, which was conceived without intercourse, and through the Holy Spirit was fashioned and formed as his human nature. At the beginning of its fashioning was its taking [and] its union, [and] the honor and name of Sonship, in union with God the Word, one Son of the Highest. And at the time the Spirit began to fashion, while God the Word was united to his temple which, lo, was being fashioned, he began in a natural manner to give to the blessed Mary natural matter, which resembled the flesh and the generic seed which was taken, which was from the nature of the Virgin, but in descent was in the family of Abraham and David, according to the promises which were to them, that "In your seed all nations shall be blessed,"[149] and to David it was said, "From the fruit of your belly I will set upon your throne."[150] Lo, the blessing was fulfilled with Christ in the flesh which was from the blessed Mary, which was taken and conceived from her womb. As the blessed Paul makes clear, "It was not said, 'to your seeds,' as if to many, but 'to your seed,' as though to one, who is Christ."[151] However, although a quantity was added to the small "assuming" which had been assumed and united, yet another "union" did not take place with that quantity, which received growth, with the forming of members, forming, and fashioning, but | it took place at the first, with the beginning of the {117}
"taking". So, after the body had formed in its natural order, at the completion of

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forty days a soul was created in it, while the Godhead was already united to the body, and it is the same union, not a second one, according to the demonstration above.

[62] The days of natural purification bear witness, as it is written in the law of Moses, in which appears an exact, clear, and undeniable demonstration that after forty days a soul is inbreathed and created within a body. Let us first present such things of the mystery of nature which the Creator established in it: since the body is in the maternal womb for forty days without a soul, and in the likeness of plants it grows, and a quantity is added to its growth from the natural and maternal matter, and because of the weakness of the conceived thing, and the inert state it possesses in coldness[152], for it is deprived of the soul which quickens and moves it, a secretion[153] exists there and remains without discharge within the confines[154] of the conception, for exit-ways are blocked. But when the soul is infused, then a fullness comes into the quantity in its order, and the nature of the fetus is enabled to be nourished by it, if it is healthy and does not possess weakness. Then, after it is formed, and a soul is infused into it, and it comes to birth, the accumulation which was gathered there in forty days—for it was not without usefulness there, but was for the fetus in the place of a soft bed—nature then, after the infant is begotten, begins to cast out the surplus of blood which gathered there before the soul was infused, and according to the first date it goes out, she is purified at the completion of forty days. Though there is no unanimity in this, mothers alone are conversant in this matter, and they learn it through experience, how the birth of males is and how that of females, and there are also doctors who have written about these things, but also from the writing and | legal provision concerning purification, which was {118}
given through the blessed Moses, it is clearly made known. For thus it is written: "A woman, when she conceives and bears a male shall be unclean seven days. According to the days of her menstrual cycle, she shall be unclean. And on the eighth day they shall circumcise the flesh of his foreskin, and for thirty-three days she shall remain upon pure blood,"[155] etc. "And when the days of her purification are complete, she shall bring a lamb, one year old, for an offering, and a turtle-dove and a young dove for a sin-offering, to the door of the tabernacle, to the priest. And he will offer it to the Lord, and he will show pity upon her, and she shall be purified from the discharge of blood. This is the law for the birth of a male. And if it does not happen that she can bring a lamb, she should take two turtle-doves or two young doves, one for a sin-offering and one for a whole burnt-offering, and the priest shall have pity upon her and she shall be purified."[156]

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[63] That thus, the same things were done at the birth of our Lord Christ according to the flesh, according to the natural order with all infants and their mothers, the blessed Luke the Evangelist wrote, because, more than the other Evangelists, he had a concern for these human things of our Lord, as also the blessed John had for such things of his Godhead, and as both of them were moved by the Holy Spirit, one to write more concerning his manhood, and the other to write more concerning his Godhead, lest there be an error in two evil divergences, as also happened among those who denied his Godhead and among those who denied his united manhood. For the blessed Luke said, after he had written, "It happened that while they were there the days were completed that she should give birth, and she bore her first-born son,"[157] while keeping it in the sequence appropriate to every natural order which the man of our Lord possessed, after other things adds, "When the days were completed that the child should be circumcised, he was called by the name Jesus, which he was called | by the angel before he was conceived in the womb, and when the days {119}
were completed of their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem that they might present him before the Lord. As it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male who opens the womb shall become the Lord's holy one. And they shall give a sacrifice as it is written in the law of the Lord: a pair of turtle-doves or two young doves,' "[158] that the blessed Luke might show us that in all things, other than that the man of our Lord was fashioned without intercourse, yet the nature of his manhood retained its order, in conception, in birth, in ritual[159] purification, and in all things belonging to it, and according to the natural law which is established in nature, and according to all which is given in the Scripture to simplicity[160], and after the fulfillment of the ancient things, which he fulfilled in his qnoma and in all obedience, then [he[161] might show us] concerning the new things of the new covenant, that he was the completion, fulfillment, and perfection of the signs, figures, and shadows in his corporeality. For the truth was, as it is written, "In him all the fullness of the Godhead dwelt bodily, and the fullness of him who fills all in all."[162]

[64] However, it is right for us again to blow on the crucible in concealment that the gold may all the more be purified in its beauty, and that the heretical and brazen deceit of the heretics, full of all blasphemous impieties, might be published abroad, and to take these things of the messenger regarding the King, the King of kings, and of the prophet regarding his Master, his Sender, for he prophesied concerning him nearby. For lo, as a shadowing forth and pathway, everything of his master was symbolized and indicated by him, that he might clear the path and, like him, take stumbling-blocks from before the blind if they

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wished. And as, then, the blessed John the Baptist received within the womb of his mother the grace of the Holy Spirit in prophecy and ambassadorship, yet he, according to his human nature, completed the days of his conception, birth, and upbringing, growing in natural stages | like all babies, and also being {30} strengthened by the Spirit within him—as it is written, "The boy grew and was strengthened in spirit,"[163] and other such things—while with regard to the grace of the Holy Spirit, prophecy, and the message, nothing more needed to be added, for already, within the womb of his mother, he had received power and the grace of prophecy and embassy from him who dwelt within the womb unitedly in his temple; so too here, as it were from the likeness of a lamp to the sun, [it was] inscrutable, marvelous, and glorious in its exalted greatness. For at the beginning of the fashioning of the man of our Lord—his taking, his union—was an exact conjunction, never separable, and the honor of Sonship in the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, while the natures were preserved without confusion. Thereafter, the man of our Lord, according to the order of all babies, was formed and perfected, and was born after nine months. He was circumcised and grew in his stature, and was strengthened by the Spirit in him, as was said concerning John, the blessed Luke maintaining, concerning each sequential step of both infants—the messenger and his Lord—that one preceded the other in everything that belonged to him. The birth of John was announced by the angel, Gabriel, and that of our Lord by the angel, Gabriel. John [was] from a barren woman, and our Lord [was] from a virgin. John was named by the angel before he was conceived, and our Lord by the angel before he was conceived. John was circumcised after eight days, and was named as had been anticipated. So, in the same way also, was our Lord: "And when eight days had been completed for the child to be circumcised, he was called by the name 'Jesus', which he was called by the angel before he was conceived."[164] And concerning John he says, "The child grew and was strengthened in the spirit"[165]; and concerning our Lord, the same: "The child grew and was strengthened in spirit and was full of wisdom, and the grace of God | was with him."[166] Con- {121} cerning John it was said, "He came in the way of justice"[167]; and our Lord says concerning himself, "Thus it is right for us to fulfill all justice."[168] So all natural things and [mature] refinements[169] with regard to our Lord he arranges in sequence as the same which concern John the Baptist. Although the man of our Lord was in the order of the Godhead in honor because of his union with God the Word in one Sonship, and without intercourse he was begotten, yet all other things were completed and brought to fulfillment, while nothing was ever added to the union or taken away, but all his human things retained their own order, and the natures were not confused, God forbid!, but his Godhead made known what belonged to it, and brought to full growth his manhood as

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well. His manhood in its union was perfected in the sufferings of its nature, and was exalted by an exaltation beyond its nature in one conjunction in a Sonship and worship for ever, as we have shown above.

[65] Again, another demonstration for the persuasion of simplicity and for the refutation of the disputatious: as the body and soul are united within the womb in one union—although here the union is natural, constrained, passible, and finite, for this is a demonstration—but the body grows in its stages in the union, and the soul receives growth in knowledge and in wisdom in the union, while nothing is added to the union, so too, nothing was added to this worshipful union in that which belonged to the union, but his manhood grew in stature, wisdom, and grace, and the Godhead in him promoted and led him to | the perfection which he had after the resurrection in all exalted things, while to the union nothing was added, from the beginning of its fashioning and for ever. {122}

[66] Again, in another way: as we Christians from our infancy receive the grace of the Holy Spirit mystically for an earnest of the adoption of sons, while we grow and are strengthened also in faith, in knowledge, and spiritual understandings—though relative to that adoption of sons in a mystical way, nothing is added to us in this life—so also there, the union and honor of Sonship was from the beginning of the conception and for ever. But growth in stages and steps toward perfection and completion went on to the perfection which was after the resurrection, and after the resurrection, then, one was the blessedness. Furthermore, it is not that one gives and one receives, but one is the knowledge, one the power, one the authority, one the worship of the manhood and Godhead of Christ in one parsopa of united Sonship, with the non-united Father and with the non-united Holy Spirit for ever. As the blessed Paul says, "Although he was the Son," that is, in his union with the Son [he was] one Son in honor and worship, "yet from the fear and sufferings which he endured he learned obedience. Thus he was perfected and became, for all those who obey him, the cause of eternal life, and was named by God a high priest in the likeness of Melchizedek."[170]

[67] Behold, then, these things are clear to the discerning, that they are of his united manhood and not his Godhead. It is not God the Word offering sacrifices to God the Father, for lo, he says "All that the Father has is mine,"[171] and, "I and my Father are one."[172] For this is said concerning his manhood: "Now Jesus Christ has received a more excellent ministry than that one, as the covenant | in which he was made mediator is also [more] excellent."[173] And, "By the eternal Spirit he offered himself without spot to God."[174] And, "As it is appointed {123}

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unto men to die once, and after their death is the judgment, so also Christ was offered once, and in himself sacrificed the sins of many."[175] Behold, therefore, the blessed Paul reveals and clarifies for us that of his man is the priesthood of our Lord and not of his Godhead. "He offered himself without spot to God," and, "He was offered once, and in himself sacrificed the sins." Therefore the properties of both natures are preserved: that which is perfected and that which perfects; the temple which was destroyed, and that which raised it up; that which offered itself without spot, and that to whom it offered, that is the likeness of God and the likeness of a servant, while the things of his manhood are not changed into the things of his Godhead[176], and the things of his Godhead are not changed into the things of his Manhood. But while the two natures are preserved in their qnome, [there is] infinite nature and finite nature in one union without confusion, in one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit be glory, honor, worship, and exaltation for ever and ever, amen.

III.11 *Eleventh Chapter: How, when God is everywhere infinitely, do we say that in his man he dwelt distinctly and unitedly?*

[68] Above we showed by the strength of Christ which accompanies our feebleness how that, while one is the eternal nature of the worshipful Trinity—one infinitude, one will, one power, authority, and Lordship—we say that the union took place with one of the qnome of the Trinity—that is, with God the Word—and we made clear its reason, since we learned from the holy fathers | who {124}
continued in the apostolic footsteps, by testimonies from the Holy Scriptures, and also by demonstrations from nature, that this was found to be [so]. Now, therefore, let us tell, according to the mind of Holy Scriptures, and from the tradition of the trustworthy fathers—by the power of Christ, in whom is our hope and confidence, for he is our Enlightener in all that is ours—how, when God the Word is everywhere in his infinitude, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, does he singularly, distinctly, [and] unitedly make his dwelling-place and union in the nature of his manhood for ever in one parsopa of Sonship. For although it is said concerning the divine nature that heaven and earth are filled by him, and they do not set limits to him, and, "Upon whom shall I look and indwell?" yet because of his love and care for those who are deemed worthy of him on account of their love and distinct relationship with him, it is said that he dwells in them and sojourns in them through his excellent grace. As with the sun, while it is spread out over all, those whose sight is pure take more delight in it, and in a polished and shining metal [surface] it shows its light the more, yet does not draw off or come near to the one or to the other in its nature; so too God, in his infinitude, is in all, but is present for the delight of

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those who call upon him in truth, and those who are pure in their heart are delighted by inner revelations of his knowledge. "Blessed are those who are pure in their heart, for they shall see God,"[177] and, "Whom will I consider and indwell if not the gentle and lowly one who trembles at my word?"[178] Concerning those who are the opposite it is said, "The Lord is far off from the wicked, and their heart is darkened, that the light of the Gospel might not shine upon them."[179] Lo, | in his nature he does not draw off or come near, and the light {125}
of his knowledge, in the likeness of the sun, lo, is spread out before everyone.

[69] However, while these things are so, yet everyone who blinds his heart, darkens his understanding, and dulls his discernment through passions and the error of the son of perdition, the words of the Spirit are for him stones of offense and stumbling-blocks, for they [*sic*][180] are confused and stumble about like drunkards hither and thither. But we, according to our strength, will take from before them the stumbling-blocks, if they desire, and will teach them the pathway of life, and that a sameness of names is not a sameness of things, and that as a house of stones is called a temple of God, and men [are called] a temple of God—"You are the temple of God"[181]—yet men are better than stones, so too, while God is in every place, yet it is said that he dwells in heaven, and in Jerusalem, and in a temple of stones, as well as in men in various ways, and here it is not in limitation or in abundance, but because of special gifts or the dwelling-place of blessed mysteries. It is the same in this instance, for God the Word is everywhere in the infinity of his Being, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit: "He was in the world, and the world was made through him,"[182] and after other things, the Evangelist said, "He came to his own, and his own did not receive him."[183] Although he was in the world, they deprived themselves of the light, as he said, "The light shone in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."[184] But "to those who received him"—to what relationship does he deem them worthy?—"he gave the power to become sons,"[185] to those "who were born neither from blood, nor from the flesh, but from God."[186]

[70] He continues, demonstrating the elevation and ineffable union with | his {126}
manhood, and the distinct and exalted dwelling-place, and his ineffable revelation, and to what extent God the Word humbled himself in the worshipful economy for the salvation and renewal of all, since he would be considered by the ignorant only flesh and man, and would possess unitedly in his own qnoma the name of his manhood in a parsopic union. He says, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"[187]—that is, he took flesh and in it made a

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dwelling-place, to wit, in one of the qnome of our humanity. Indeed, in all these astonishing things which he said and did in his united manhood, "we saw" mystically that in it the eternal glory was revealed which he possesses eternally, the things which make known concerning him that he is "the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."[188] And he gives abundantly unto all in the union, as also he adds afterwards concerning the same parsopa of the union, making clear that "Truth and grace are through Jesus Christ,"[189] so that with his saying, "The Word became flesh," he might say that he took flesh and dwelt among us. As the blessed Paul makes clear to us, the likeness of God "took the likeness of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and was found in form as a man,"[190] etc. The Evangelist John did not in any way write the name "Christ", which indicates the union, except from the taking and subsequently, that he might show that, from that time, "one" was the parsopa of the Assumer and of the assumed, and that this had never happened to any of the fashioned, and does not [now] happen, but only to the man of our Lord who was from the seed of the house of David. Behold, then, God was everywhere in his infinitude, but the union took place in a singular way with one of the human qnome, which was his manhood, that is the man Jesus, whom he took for his own parsopa that he might be revealed in him. But he was not united to all men.

[71] Let us again consider the saying of the blessed Paul, for the saying, "The likeness of God took the likeness of a servant," has need of greater light, and whether, therefore, the likeness of God is one of the qnome of the Trinity, and also the form of a servant is one of the qnome of humanity, that is, the united man, Jesus. "He did not say to him 'to your seeds', as to many, but 'to your seed', as to one, who is the Anointed One[191]"[192] the same whose "anointing" was his union, as has been said to us in many ways, and in him God was revealed to the world. He was revealed in the flesh, and it was his "temple" unitedly [and] distinctly, although he was everywhere infinitely in his Being. Therefore, when he was unitedly dwelling in his temple he said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."[193] The evangelist interprets, "But he was speaking concerning the temple of his body."[194] "In him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,"[195] and, "In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."[196] Regarding him alone it was distinctly said, "He is the image of the invisible God,"[197] that he might show the greatness of his exaltation and his honor which is in one Lordship and worship. Because of this the union is spoken of distinctly and as concerning one parsopa—"From them he was revealed in the flesh who is God over all,"[198] and, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and for ever"[199]—that he might show that it is not as though concerning an {127}

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indwelling, nor, as with others, a temporary authority, and it is not the adoption of sons by grace, but a union and conjunction with the eternal Son, one Son for ever, inasmuch as with the beginning of his fashioning there was a distinct and united indwelling in one conjunction of the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, in one power, in one dominion, in one worship, and for ever. "He subdued everything beneath his feet,"[200] | and, "When he introduced the First-born to {128}
the world he said, 'Let all the angels of God worship him' "[201] in one union, and, "To him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, 'Jesus Christ is Lord,' to the glory of God his Father."[202]

[72] It is clear, then, here and altogether, that there was not an ordinary "indwelling" as in others, but by way of union [and] distinctly. Therefore, all the things of his Godhead are made known in him through the union, thenceforth and for ever, in one parsopa, like the fire in the bush or the soul in the body—though here the union is natural and finite, and there parsopic, as we made known above, bringing forth various arguments from the things of nature for the persuasion of simplicity. For it is written, "We see, as though in a mirror, reflectively."[203] Then let us take for an example the mirror, the designation of which is not strange to the matter about which we speak. The mirror by its nature is the same as all iron and is not different in any way in the "ironness" of its nature, for iron is black, according to its nature—dark, coarse, uneven, and not smooth. Then, when the skilled artisan takes up a piece of iron, from which a mirror of iron [is made], and introduces it to the crucible of his craftsmanship, he cleanses from it every residue of earthiness, and confers upon it a long and broad shape, and scours, polishes, and brightens it, and replaces it in the midst of the rest of the pieces of iron from which it was taken, where the light of the sun is shining, and the form of its[204] luminous and glowing sphere in the strength of noonday is direct and without distortion on the surface[205] of the mirror, and all the sun shines in all upon the mirror, as well as on all the other pieces of iron, and on all solid bodies. Why is there herein an appropriate and wondrous demonstration? Consider, now, and greatly wonder at this: the example | of the sun and of the mirror has demonstrated a clear likeness. {129}
How very appropriate it is to our subject, for the sun's nature is one, and without change, and splendid, and it lightens, as it were from its nature, all bodies, and is present to all in its great expanse—to all the world. It shines alike upon the mirror and upon the rest of the material world, and the other pieces of iron from which it[206] was taken. However, in these other pieces of iron, because they are not scoured, or evened out, or polished, and are not refined, cleansed, or adapted, or fitted, and do not redden[207], or shine, or glow with incandescence, there is not imprinted on them the radiant form of its[208] dazzling

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and heavenly sphere in effulgent and unapproachable brightness. But in the mirror, while it is the same in its nature with all the other pieces of iron, and all of them equally alike are present to the sun along with the mirror, and it shines upon them, yet within it[209] alone, because of its purity, evenness, scouredness, smoothness, polish, elegance, and dazzling effulgence, accepts the full form of the sun unitedly, and all that belongs to it, and fire is both ignited and kindled by it if an appropriate material is brought near it. And lo, this is clear to the knowing, that it is impossible for the sun in its light to be divided in any way into parts, nor to be cut off from the whole in a part of the mirror, for lo, it has received utterly all of it in all that belongs to it, but utterly none of it is confined to that place. Although utterly all is in the mirror—though without constraint, in that it is infinite in proportion to the "bodiliness" of the mirror—the world is filled with utterly all of it. Take note, and understand | {130} that if there were a thousand and ten thousand mirrors, and the earth, the seas, and all regions were filled with them, and they were similar in their clearness and luster to the one mirror, it would be found in utterly all of them alike, and each and every one of them equally would receive in themselves the sun, utterly all of it, though it would not be confined in any one of them, but in one, all of it, and in another, all of it, and in all of them, all of it, and above them and beyond them, all of it in utterly all, while nothing is lacking or subtracted from it.

[73] Behold, here, as we have said above, there is no blending, for both the properties of the light and of the iron are unconfused. So too [they are] uncompounded, for the mirror has not defiled[210] the solar light. Neither, in the same way, is there mixture and commingling, for the sun, like its Antitype[211], can never be separated into parts from the whole or be divided. Instead the sun is not changed into the "darkness" of the iron, nor does it become different in any way, nor does it[212] take the properties of its[213] nature. However, the mirror receives everything of the sun, not in its nature, but in union with the sun, one light radiating in the one parsopa of the sun and of the mirror.

[74] It is the same also in this wondrous, marvelous, worshipful, and ineffable union of the Godhead and manhood of Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, the Son of God, for because of providence and unsearchable preparation, and according to unfailing foreknowledge and justice, in which there is no respect of persons, and according to whatever the free will of the manhood of our Lord in all righteousness and perfect obedience was prepared to excel in more than all in all things that belonged to him—for it is written that he was obedient until death, even the death of the cross[214]—for this reason | God in him, on account {131}

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of this lowliness and righteousness and obedience, of which there is no equal, greatly exalted him. "Who among you reproves me on account of sin?"[215], and, "He committed no sin"[216], and, "Wickedness was not found on his lips"[217], and, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to fulfill his work,"[218] and, "The darkness" of error "did not comprehend" him[219], and, "The prince of this world comes, but in me there is nothing which is his."[220]

[75] For the sake of these things, and by these things, and because of these things, with the beginning of his fashioning and forever he was united to the Light from Light, who was ever with his Father, and was with him, in one worshipful glory, one Sun of Righteousness, in one Sonship, in one Lordship, in one authority, in one might, in one worship, as altogether in him dwelt all fullness forever. And as there the two natures of the Sun and of the mirror are distinct in their properties and not confused, but there is one light, and one power and heat, so too in this worshipful union [there are] two natures of Godhead and manhood, but one Son and one Christ in one power, dominion, and Lordship, while the natures are not confused in what belongs to them, nor are the properties of their qnome brought to an end in this one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God for ever. As in this "mirror" demonstration, if you wish to see the sun in all that belongs to it, in its heat and in its brightness, at the same time shining upon all bodies and upon other pieces of iron, but you cannot find it united and showing its properties except through a mirror, so in the same way if you seek to know intelligently all things of the Godhead of the Son, along with, that is to say, that he is infinite in his Godhead and near to all like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, but his power and authority | and Lordship cannot be known in all {132}
that belongs to him except through his manhood which he unitedly assumed for his own parsopa, as he says in the name of his manhood, "All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me."[221]

[76] So also in the demonstration of a pearl you will find the same thing. As we have said in other arguments, although the sun shines upon all, yet in the pearl the union of its light is seen, and no shadow is seen in it. Again, as the soul is united inwardly, but in all the body reveals its power and operation, and as fire is in all bodies, yet it does not result in union or manifest its operation except in matter suitable for it—these, then—a small selection from many things of nature for an imperfect likeness for the sake of the persuasion of simplicity—are explained here, because in other discourses we have greatly extended our speech by demonstrations from nature concerning this worshipful and ineffable union, and how that, while God is in every place, in his manhood alone is revealed unitedly in one parsopa all that belongs to his Godhead, in the one

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union of this one parsopa of one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit belong glory, confession, worship, and exaltation for ever and ever. Amen.

The Third Treatise is ended.

IV ܒܫܘܒܚܐ ܕܡܪܝܡ

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IV Fourth Treatise

Twelfth Chapter: That the "anointing", which is two-fold, is spoken of the man of our Lord.
Thirteenth Chapter: That also the same designation of "Sonship" is said in a two-fold way concerning him.
Fourteenth Chapter: Concerning | the right of the first-born which the man of {133}
our Lord has in three ways.
Fifteenth Chapter: Concerning baptism, and what baptism our Lord underwent.
Sixteenth Chapter: That even if we say that the manhood of the Son was in union with God the Word who was the Son, we are not saying two Sons, nor was there an addition to the Trinity because of the union which God the Word had with the temple of his manhood.
Seventeenth Chapter: Concerning what is the difference between qnoma and parsopa, and how a parsopa is "assumed" or "acquired", but a qnoma is not assumed.

IV.12 *Twelfth Chapter: That the "anointing" is doubly spoken of concerning the manhood of our Lord.*

[1] Now then, that Christ our Lord has anointing in two ways through the Holy Spirit the Scripture testifies, one which is with the beginning of his fashioning, when by the Holy Spirit he was anointed to be one Son and Lord with God the Word, who exalted him and took him for his own parsopa, in one conjunction and union for ever. For with the beginning of his fashioning was his taking [and] his anointing, the greatness of his exalted and worshipful honor, and he was the Anointed One[1] unitedly in the womb of his mother, and this was made known at his birth, for he was the Anointed One unitedly and was then born. As was said to the shepherds and made clear by the revelation from the holy angel: "Unto you is born today a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David."[2] Behold, then, the holy angel teaches [and] informs us that with the beginning of his fashioning and his taking he was unitedly the Son in greatness of worshipful honor. Also, he possessed an exalted anointing in which he was, with God, one Son. As it was said to his mother, "Behold, he who is born from you is holy, and he shall be called Son of the Highest,"[3] making clear to her that his holiness was his distinctive | and exalted anointing which he had through the Holy Spirit in {134}
the likeness of oil, that he may be with God the Word, in one conjunction, one worshipful Son for ever. For this is the order and use of the anointing of anyone, in whatever way[4], that he might acquire an exalted honor, which is higher and more excellent than his own nature. Because of this, it is said concerning him

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in prophecy, "God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows,"[5] for those of old who were chosen, whether for the priesthood, or kingship, or prophecy, or any leadership whatever, were anointed with the sanctified oil and set apart from the ordinary for exalted honor. The man of our Lord was anointed by the Holy Spirit that he might be joined to God the Word and become with him one Son, and his anointing made him the Son and Lord. "God made Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified,"[6] and, "Whom God has anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power."[7] For from within the womb, with the beginning of his fashioning, he acquired his anointing, and then he was begotten. Because of this the Evangelist says, "The book of the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham,"[8] and, "The birth of Jesus Christ was in this manner."[9] Because of this, with his birth he received worship from the Magi with exalted honor, as though for a king and lord, for in the union he was the King and Lord, as well as the temple and dwelling place of the Godhead. As they were enlightened they offered various gifts in all appropriateness for an indication of who it was that was worshipped and honored by them: gold, as for a king, for he was the anointed King who had been expected, and lo, who had come to, and was born in, Bethlehem, according to the predictions concerning him; and myrrh, a prediction of the suffering and death by which he [would] conquer Satan, sin, and death; and frankincense, | for an exact indication of the {135}
worshipful temple in which God dwelt unitedly in one conjunction for ever.

[2] But he had another anointing, that which was at his baptism in the Jordan by the Baptist, John, in which he received the first-fruits of immortality and immutability, [that] he might be the first among all, and the First-fruits of many brothers in the adoption of sons at the resurrection from the dead for the salvation of our bodies. "He shall change the body of our humiliation and make it into the likeness of his glorious body."[10] "For the Holy Spirit descended in the likeness of a dove and remained upon him."[11] He signified to us in his own qnoma mystically the manner of new life after the resurrection, for from that point on he began, by an exalted way and by perfect teaching, to proclaim good news and to teach concerning what belonged to the Kingdom of Heaven, as also he made clear this mystical anointing which is in baptism, in which he became the first-born of many brothers: "He was given the book of Isaiah the prophet, and opened the book and found the place where it is written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. Because of this, he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, and has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, and to proclaim release to the captives,'"[12] etc. And after he had read, he said to the hearers, "Today this writing is fulfilled in your ears," as also they all bore witness to him."[13] But lo, this was not the anointing which at the union had already been perfected in

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the womb—this one which is now fulfilled in baptism—for lo it was shown in the highest regions that, when he was born he was [already] the Anointed One[14]. But this anointing at baptism was the earnest of the mysteries of immortality, and when he was at a manly age he received it, as it is written, "Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power."[15] Because of this all believers, his worshipers, by baptism are called "anointed ones"[16]. By this he is the head of the church, and believers | are his members. "He who {136}
sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all of one. Because of this he is not ashamed to call them his brothers,"[17] while he is Lord of all of them. For we may say they are his brothers in human nature, and through the mystery of the adoption of sons spiritually for the salvation of their bodies, but he is Lord because of his exalted union with God the Word in one conjunction, in one name, [and] in one worship, by the exalted anointing which he had within the womb. For he was anointed to be the Lord Christ in one honor for ever. "God made Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified."[18] By this anointing of him as head for us, and of us as his members spiritually, we are also called "anointed ones". This anointing in baptism which hallows us does not also make us this that we might become sons of God like him, and worshipped in union with God the Word, God forbid! This is impiety and blasphemy! He is the united and Only-begotten Son with God the Word, who exalted [and] assumed him for his own parsopa, to be with him one Only-begotten Son of God the Father in a different way which is unsearchable, in one worship for ever. By this, which is from the baptism of him, our Head, and of us his members, he became for us the first-born from the dead.

[3] Let us elaborate a word because of error, and for the enlightenment of the hearers. Because of this is his Church called by the name of Christ: "As the body is one, and there are in it many members, so also is Christ."[19] In this way, through the new birth, as an earnest and as in a mystery, all the children of the Church possess the name "anointed ones"[20]. "Who anointed us and sealed us,"[21] and, "In him you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit who is the earnest | of our {137}
inheritance,"[22] and, "You have an anointing from God." By this anointing, then, which is from holy baptism, as I have said, Christ in the flesh is the first-born of many brothers, and the father of the age to come. For the first father was the father of offspring in mortality, and men also possessed his name, but Christ in the flesh is our First-fruits, the first-born from the dead, and because of this spiritual connection we are called "Christians"[23]. "He who is joined to our Lord is one spirit with him,"[24] for by the exalted anointing with which, at the beginning of his fashioning, he was joined to God the Word to be with him unitedly one Only-begotten Son of the Highest, by this, as I have said, he became for us

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the Lord in the order of the Godhead, and worshipped by every creature. However, one is Christ in both things, and one is the Son in both things—not in the same [way].[25]

[4] Therefore we have made the matter clear here because of heretics who, through two arch-heresies[26], have spoken impiously, and have been far from the truth and from each other: The Paulinians and Photinians, the children of Jewish vipers, say impiously, "When the Holy Spirit descended upon him in baptism he acquired the anointing and Sonship like the other 'anointed ones' of old, and he did not possess an anointing from the union within the womb which made him Son and Lord with God the Word," by which this one denies the Godhead of the Son. So in the same way they spoke impiously as well who ascribe suffering to God the Word, for they also breathed out destruction in two arch-vipers, belching forth their destructive impiety in open rejection and wicked blasphemy in order to deny the taking of the Head of our race who was exalted in the union. The impious Cyril and the accursed Ḥenana, the spewer of all heresies, impiously spoke in the same way, that "'Anointed' is said because he came to human circumstances," and, | "The finite was from the Infinite," {138}
and "He subjected himself to a measurable state." These [in the one group] are the fathers of those [in the other], and it is the same clear denial—"The Anointed One is God" and "God is the Anointed One," and, "These designations do not indicate anything distinctive," and, "As there is no distinction between the Only-begotten and the First-born," and, "The two of them designate the same thing." Therefore these impious ones all clearly rise up against the Holy Scriptures, and bring to nought each other and perish. But the truth is preserved in holy Church, that the name "Christ" is indicative of the parsopa of the union: "From whom is Christ in the flesh, who is God over all."[27] But this name also indicates that by which[28] he is the Head of the Church through Baptism, and the First-born from the dead, for through him also the Church obtains the name of "Christianity"[29], which is [the state of] "anointedness"[30]. So too are "Only-begotten" and "First-born" together with the designations: the sense of the two designations allows for a distinction, as we have shown in the things which preceded through the strength of Christ, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit belong glory, honor, worship, and exaltation for ever and ever. Amen.

IV.13 *Thirteenth Chapter: That the same name of Sonship is spoken of in a double sense concerning him.*

[5] Therefore, in the same way also the name "Sonship" in two ways belongs to the manhood of Christ, one through which he has honor in the order of God-

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head, for he is the Only-begotten Son with God the Word, who exalted him, taking him to be with himself, in one honor and worship and name, one Son of the Highest for ever. As was said to his mother, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest,"[31] and, "God so loved the world as to give his Only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life,"[32] and, "Whoever | believes in him is not judged, and whoever does not {139} believe in him is judged already, for he does not believe in the name of the Only-begotten Son of God."[33] Behold, it is clear to the discerning that it is not in that which belonged to his Godhead that he was given to death. According to that which is written, "If he did not spare his own Son, but for all of us delivered him over"[34]—concerning his manhood this is said, for by the power of the Godhead in him he cast down Satan, and by his crucifixion he thrust through sin, and by his death he abolished the enmity. His temple was destroyed by death, and God the Word in him raised it up on the third day, as was shown above. "By man [came] death, and by man was the resurrection of the dead."[35] However, from the union on, one is the name of the Only-begotten Son in one conjunction forever, properly of his Godhead, and derivatively and in common of his manhood as well. "The Only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of his Father, he has told of [him],"[36] that is, in his manhood he revealed, declared, and told us concerning all the blessed mysteries and glorious and marvelous ways, in perfect knowledge, through the teaching of true life.

[6] Again, he is the First-born of many brothers, as has been shown, for he is the First-fruits of those who sleep. "And he is the head of the body of the church, for he is the beginning and First-born from the dead, that he may be first in all. In him all fullness was pleased to dwell, and he made peace by the blood of his cross through his own hands, whether in heaven or on earth."[37] Through this Sonship we have fellowship with him, who is the First-born of many brothers and the Head of the church, through baptism, by a spiritual birth, and through the resurrection of the adoption of sons for the salvation of our bodies. "All of us in one Spirit were baptized into one body."[38] But in the united Sonship which he had with God the Word, who exalted and assumed him for his own parsopa, in that he is for us the Lord and we are his servants, he is worshipped, and we, with all his creatures, are | his worshippers and glorifiers by the order {140} of Godhead in him, in one worship and praise. He is for us the cause of our salvation and life because of his obedience and wondrous lowliness. "He humbled himself unto death, the death of the cross. Because of this, the God in him greatly exalted him and gave him a name more excellent than all names."[39] In factual matters, although everything is not yet submitted to him, it is to come to him, for "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth,

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and every tongue shall confess that the Lord is Jesus, to the glory of God his Father."[40]

IV.14 *Fourteenth Chapter: Concerning the primogeniture which the man of our Lord had in three ways:*

[7] In the same way also he had the title of primogeniture in three ways: one natural, the second by the resurrection, and the third, that through which everything in heaven and on earth is renewed in him.

[8] There is, then, the natural, for he it is [who] opened the virgin womb of his mother: "It happened that when they were there the days were completed that she should give birth, and she bore a son, the first-born, and wrapped him in swaddling-cloths and laid him in a manger."[41] Again, it is written, "And when the days of their purification were completed according to the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem that they might dedicate him before the Lord; as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male [who] opens the womb shall be called the holy one of the Lord,' and that they might offer sacrifice as it is written in the law,"[42] etc.

[9] Again he had another primogeniture, the same in which all is renewed, as it is written, "With joy give thanks to God the Father, who has made us worthy of a portion of the inheritance of the saints in the light, and has saved us from the dominion of darkness, and has brought us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have salvation and the forgiveness of sins, who is the likeness of the invisible God and the First-born of all creatures."[43]

[10] And he is for us men, especially by the resurrection, the First-born, and we {141}
are his brothers through the fellowship of the adoption of sons for the salvation of our bodies. As it is written, "He is the head of the body of the Church, for he is the head and First-born from the dead, that he might be first in all."[44] And as the blessed Paul makes clear in the Acts, "The promise which was made to our fathers, behold God has fulfilled for us, their children, who raised up Jesus, as it is written in the second Psalm, 'You are my Son, and I have begotten you today.' Thus God raised him from the dead that he might never again see corruption, as it is written, 'I will give you the sure bounty of David.' "[45]

IV.15 *Fifteenth Chapter: Concerning Baptism, and of what sort of Baptism our Lord was baptized.*

[11] That the Baptism that our Lord underwent in his manhood is the same with which we Christians are baptized,[46] those who claim impiously a natural,

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qnomic, and necessary union, and nullify the properties of both natures: "The soul of our Lord did not manifest its free will through its humble obedience, because it was [already?] in a marvelous and worshipful exalted state." As the Scripture witnesses concerning justice, it should not be with respect of persons! Even if the union was within the womb, as was demonstrated above, when the children of vipers lead astray the simple—"Why would our Lord need Baptism and to receive the Holy Spirit, for already it was in him, and he did no wickedness, as the unwise think in their ignorance, for this is the mystery of Baptism, the forgiveness of sins alone"—[it is] because they have not understood what is sublime, which is the earnest of immortality and | immutability.[47] For although {142}
the Baptism of Christians forgives sins to those who are mature in their age, like the Baptism of John, yet the grace of the adoption of sons spiritually also gives the baptized immortality. "Also we who have the first-fruits of the Spirit await the adoption of sons for the redemption of our bodies."[48] For the Baptism of our Lord indeed gives what John's gave, yet John's did not give that which our Lord's gives. Because of this John said, "He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire."[49] For lo, even children from their infancy are baptized, and this is not for the forgiveness of sins—for lo, how have they sinned?[50]—but for the adoption of sons, for the reception of the first-fruits of the Spirit, for the type of the resurrection, and for the salvation of their bodies. "For we have been buried with him in Baptism unto death."[51] Because of this the Baptist proclaimed concerning him, as I have said, "He shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire."

[12] For, the Baptism of our Lord was that by which he became the first, through spiritual birth, in the mystery of immortality, for although he had union with God the Word within the womb, and was filled with the Holy Spirit, which he had in the likeness of oil that he might be joined to God the Word, yet the nature in its natural state still retained its order in everything belonging to it, and the Godhead in him was co-extensive with him with the progress of his stages,[52] which advanced gradually and carried him forward to full growth—"Jesus grew in his stature and wisdom, and in grace toward God and toward men"[53]—that {144, line 6}
he might demonstrate | | for in it he went before, becoming the First-born, and {142, line 28}
became the first in all. [That] it was not that which John administered, although he was baptized by him, is evident by many things, for the Baptism of John was of repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, and our Lord | had no need of it, for {143}
he did no wickedness, and sin was not found beneath[54] his lips. But the Baptism with which he was baptized and in which he became first is the same with which we are baptized and receive the earnest of the treasure of life for the salvation of our bodies mystically, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, and, as the first-fruits of immortality and immutability. For this reason the Baptist said,

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"I have need to be baptized by you,"[55] as if to say, "I also have need to receive mystically from you the earnest of immortality and incorruptibility, the same which you are prepared to give to all because of the union which you have with God the Word who is in you." Inasmuch as he said, "God did not give the Spirit by measure; the Father loves the Son and gives everything into his hand,"[56] it is clear that this is appropriate to the manhood of the Son and not to his Godhead. Anything whatsoever that the Father and the Holy Spirit possess eternally, the same he also possesses eternally in his Godhead. But he who received all exalted things, who in his nature did not possess them except in union with him who assumed him for his own parsopa that he might be revealed in him, and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit was perfected in all of them, first as in the first-fruits, and then in the resurrection, was made known to be in the order of the Godhead, as also the Scripture witnesses. Now the Evangelist continues, speaking thusly: "When Jesus was baptized, as soon as he went up out of the water heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon him, and lo, a voice from heaven saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I have been well-pleased.'"[57]

[13] But how often, in many different ways, the many heretics have spoken impiously about these things there is not the time to tell, for there are those who have said that God the Word was qnomically baptized, just as he qnomically died and rose. These are those who deny | the First-fruits of our race who {144}
was exalted in the union, and they impute suffering to the Godhead. There are those who contrive in their ignorance to falsify and corrupt the Scriptures: "The manhood of our Lord did not receive any mystical potential for immortality from Baptism," and, "There was not added to him anything more than when the union occurred." But especially | that although men had forgotten {141,
this, that there was growth in bodily stature and wisdom of soul and in support line 15}
and strengthening by grace, yet they are true and not false with God. "He grew and was strengthened in the spirit."[58] Now if "he grew in his stature" is genuine, and also it is not false that "he grew in his wisdom and in grace"[59], why was it necessary for the Evangelist to lie and speak falsely of something which did not happen.

[14] And if it be as these unwise men say, that after the union the manhood of our Lord did not receive anything from the Godhead in him, but was perfect in all things, then neither immortality nor immutability, whose first-fruits are [in] baptism, did he receive in the resurrection, and therefore he did not take the mortal body and mutable soul of Adam, but some other nature, as other heretics impiously say, or the same were so in appearance or fantasy, as the rav-

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ing Mani impiously says, and it is false that in everything he was like us except for sin. "[First] the natural, and then the spiritual."[60] This is because of his baptism, and we Christians are baptized that like him we [may] rise. The blessed Paul says, "We have been buried with him in Baptism into death, and as Jesus Christ rose from the dead in the glory of his Father, so also we should walk in new life,"[61] and, "if the Spirit of him who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead dwell in you, he who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead | shall also give {145}
life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit which dwells in you."[62]

[15] Behold, therefore, it is written, "After he was baptized he was led by the Holy Spirit to the wilderness that he might be tested by the Accuser,"[63] and, "He was justified in the spirit,"[64] and, "Though he died in weakness, yet he rose by the power of God."[65] Behold, if he was perfect in his manhood within the womb in all things, and had no need of anything, how was he crucified in weakness? Even more, while God the Word dwelt unitedly in him, and the Holy Spirit was in him without separation in the place of the oil of anointing, why did he fear and perspire in the contest, and [why] was his perspiration like drops of blood? Why was it necessary for an angel to come near and strengthen him, as his body had [already] been strengthened by bread? [It was] that the Scripture might show us that the weak Adamic nature which God the Word asumed was weak according to its own nature, and retained its own order, and was left in its own natural attributes, so that it might be clear that he truly assumed a passible and mortal man, and he was from the seed of the house of Abraham and David, and the promises are not falsified, and through his obedience he was justified and fulfilled all justice, and through sufferings he was perfected that he might be made immortal and immutable, and the First-born from the dead.

[16] "It was appropriate to him through whom is all, and for whom is all, and [who] brings many sons to glory, that he should perfect the head of their life through sufferings."[66] For "though he was the Son" within the womb in his union with God the Word in one Sonship, yet because of "the sufferings which he underwent he learned obedience and thus was perfected"[67]—that is, he learned whatever came with it[68] through his obedience—for he was not acquainted with immortality and immutability such as it is until | he in fact {146}
received it in his human qnoma, and as he was not acquainted with these painful things until he was tested by them, for they were not naturally his inherently, yet through testing he received them in his own qnoma. "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who was tested in everything like us without sin."[69] Therefore without testing, as well as the areas of ignorance in which he was tested and enlightened, and which he

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came to understand, would it not be false that "he grew in his stature, in his wisdom, and in grace"[70]? But all the things written about him, which he underwent in his human qnoma, are true and not false—God forbid!—for it is an impiety that the Scriptures should be accused of falsehood and his preachers of the truth should be proved deceitful.

[17] But the unwise say, and are diligent to accept their error, "How did the Spirit descend and remain upon him, as though he were deprived of the Spirit?" and, "Lo, he was fashioned by the Spirit, as the angel said to his mother." That the Spirit descended and remained upon him the Scripture attests; and that he grew and was strengthened by the Spirit, this too it confirms by that [saying], "He grew in his stature." Also, "He grew in his wisdom and grace" is sure and not false. If they are false, the Scriptures are false, for the Scriptures say this, that he grew, and also received the Spirit in Baptism, and that he was mortal in his human nature, and although he was united, the God in him perfected him through sufferings and raised him up to immortality after three days when he had been in the tomb, and he became the First-fruits of the sleepers. Lo the Scriptures teach | "This is my Son," though the Father is not confined to heaven. {148, line 6} Again, the Son was united with and dwelt in his manhood, though he was not confined by it, for lo, heaven and earth are filled by him like the Father and like the Holy Spirit. However, these [assumed] modes were by providence, for they were in regard to the man of our Lord in Baptism so that it might be made known that by Baptism he received, as by way of first-fruits, the grace of the Spirit for an earnest of | immortality and immutability. And it did not enter {147} from the outside, but was in him in the infinitude of its[71] nature, and was for him in the likeness of oil within the womb, that he might be joined to God the Word, and be prepared to acquire all perfections in the resurrection, and from his fullness we have all received.[72]

[18] And as, when he rose from the dead and was perfected in all things in the union of the worshipful Trinity, we do not say that power entered him from outside and perfected him in immortality, but the power of the Godhead in him raised him up and perfected him, so also, when he received in Baptism the first-fruits of immortality and immutability and incorruptibility, we do not say that from outside he received these first-fruits, but from the Godhead which dwelt in him, and remains in him for ever. Thereafter, when he worked miracles and exploits, it was not considered ordinary or [by] chance, but through the power which he received in Baptism he did these things. As he said, "If I by the Spirit of God cast out demons,"[73] etc. Also, the witness of the Baptist confirmed, "He upon whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the same who baptizes in the Spirit, and I saw and bore witness that this is the Son of God."[74]

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[19] Therefore we believers are baptized with the same Baptism with which our Lord was baptized, in the name of the Father who cried out, "This is my Son," and in the name of the Spirit who in the likeness of a dove descended and remained upon him, and in the name of the Son who dwelt unitedly in his temple which was baptized, strengthening the Sonship with the type of immortality, and from his fullness all of us have received. And as the apostles, through the sight of tongues of fire, received the Spirit for the confirmation of the new believers, and today we receive [such] hiddenly, not needing the sight because men have become mature in the faith and in knowledge, so too in these things which happened at the Baptism of our Lord: | although God is {148}
infinite and dwells in all, yet, that he might make known his exalted state as well as the distinctiveness of the worshipful qnome, which exist in one Being and one power, for this reason the Father cried out and declared that if he did not rise, neither do we rise. Behold, the sharer in the mystery of the Godhead, the blessed Paul, testifies to and affirms this.[75]

[20] But let us make this clear as well by the power of Christ, the Enlightener of our simplicity, that the Spirit descended while he was in him, according to the witness of the Evangelists. For although he possessed the union from within the womb, and the First-fruits of our salvation was fashioned by the Holy Spirit—that is, the man of our Lord who was the new Adam—yet he was not, with the beginning of his fashioning, made perfect in wisdom and immortality as a result of his having union with God the Word, who exalted and assumed him for his own parsopa, and [as a result of his] becoming the temple of the Godhead. We do not speak thus, that the man of our Lord was utterly made perfect from the beginning of his fashioning and was without need, as [he was] after the resurrection, for lo, how did he hunger, thirst, become weary, sleep, become troubled, fear, and be strengthened, and be in distress in his soul and body? He said he was grieved, and he suffered, died, was buried, and rose, and he underwent all these things and then was perfected, as was demonstrated above. So too with this "dwelling": we do not say this, that the Holy Spirit was separated from him, and that God the Word was not united in him, or that God the Father was remote from him, for lo, it is written, that in him all fullness dwelt,[76] for in the union God the Word dwelt in him, but because of nature, so did the Father as well as the Holy Spirit, for one is the infinite nature: the non-united Father in the united Son—for concerning him[77] it is written that he became flesh, that is, he took flesh—and the united Son in the non-united Father and in the non-

77 I.e., the united Son.

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united Holy Spirit, and the non-united Holy Spirit in the non-united Father and in the | united Son, in that he[78] also served for him[79] in the place of oil within {149} the womb, and he fashioned him. And according to the demonstrations above, one is the power, dominion, and operation of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[21] Because all the early things happened in a sensible [outward] manner at the beginning of this life-giving Gospel on account of the childish state of knowledge, and so that men might be the more confirmed concerning the things of the Godhead, and might believe as well concerning the things to come, whose mysteries we even now have received, for the same reason the Holy Spirit appeared in the likeness of a dove, descending and remaining upon him, though he was [even then] not deprived of the Spirit. Again, the Holy Spirit did not [literally] descend from above, for he is infinite, but in that "he descended from above", [it was] that he might declare the exalted state of his divine nature. In the same way, and for this reason, the Father also called from above, | concerning the united Son who dwelt in him whom he inhabited, that {149, he was well-pleased with his being the Son unitedly with his own Son, eternally line 18} one Son, and the Holy Spirit descended and remained upon him, who perfected him in all things, that is, through the power of the Trinity equally.

[22] So too, we are baptized with this Baptism, for we have been planted with him in Baptism unto death, etc. And as it is written concerning God the Word, "He was in the world and the world came to be through him,"[80] and, "He came to his own,"[81] that is, he came for the revelation in a bodily dispensation, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,"[82] and, "He was revealed in the flesh,"[83] so too is this of the Holy Spirit. Although he was everywhere, and in the manhood of our Lord in all that was his, yet through a bodily vision of a complete bird, in the likeness of a dove, | he descended and remained upon {150} him that everyone might learn that the whole exalted nature of this worshipful dispensation was perfected in him. "In him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,"[84] and, "From his fullness we have all received."[85] Because of this, to the disciples the Spirit descended in part, in a vision of tongues, and was divided among each one of them, but upon him all the fullness of a bird, in the likeness of a dove, and withal that he was the temple of the Godhead within the womb, and was anointed at the beginning of his fashioning to be the Son in union with the eternal Son, yet until he received in Baptism the type of

85 Jn. 1:16.

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immortality, he had not worked any of the miracles and signs, that we might learn that with Baptism we receive the earnest of immortal and immutable life. And he brought to an end every ruler and every authority, and the last enemy, death, was brought to an end, and as it is written, "We were buried with him in Baptism unto death, that as Jesus Christ rose from the dead in the glory of his Father, so too we might walk in new life."[86]

[23] On account of this, after his Baptism he began thenceforth in a new manner of life. He cast down Satan, cast out and drove away demons, purified lepers, opened blind eyes, restored health to the sick, raised up the dead, and also taught them about the things to come, which concern the world to come. Again, he brought [them] the kingdom of heaven and enlightened them concerning the perfect knowledge of the Godhead. It was not because he did not possess power to do these miracles in the union which he had within the womb, but that he did not do them until he was baptized and received the type of immortality and immutability, and as even now he has power to raise the dead and perform resuscitation, and all may be subjected to him because of his union with God the Word, yet he will not bring about the resurrection to immortality until he is revealed from | heaven. For although it is written, "When he was filled {151}
with the Holy Spirit he returned from the Jordan,"[87] it was not that the Holy Spirit was not in him prior to that time, but that at that time he was actually, operationally, filled with grace by the Spirit which was in him to work wonders. And as he is [now] Lord of all, but all is not yet subjected to him, so he possessed power [then], but did not work miracles.

[24] Again, as it is written concerning the blessed Peter after he had [already] received the Spirit with his fellow apostles, "Then Simon Cephas was filled with the Holy Spirit,"[88] but it was that which was [already] in him strengthening him to speak and make a defense before the rulers of the world and before its elders; and again as that which is written concerning the blessed Paul, "Saul, who was called Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit,"[89] and lo, we do not say this, that the Holy Spirit was not in Paul, but that he was moved by the power of the Holy Spirit which was [already] in him to blind Elymas the sorcerer; so too this that was said concerning our Lord, "When he was filled with the Holy Spirit he returned from the Jordan,"[90] that is, he began thereafter by the power of the Holy Spirit in him to work miracles, and to show, as an earnest and in a mystical way, as by the first-fruits, the immortality and immutability which are to come by operations and miracles which he worked for a demonstration that he is prepared to renew and to revive all. For behold, this was made clear by him, which was anticipated concerning him in prophecy, as was demonstrated above: "The

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Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and because of this he has anointed me to proclaim good tidings to the poor. And he has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, and to proclaim release to the captives and sight to the blind, and to strengthen the broken by forgiveness."[91] And after other things it says, "'Today this Scripture in your ears is fulfilled,' and all bore witness to him."[92] But lo, he did not recently receive | the Spirit, for behold, within the womb it was for him in the {152}
place of oil, as has been demonstrated, and by it he was strengthened and was filled with grace. But this was the anointing which the Spirit [already] in him gave him through Baptism: he received mystically the earnest of immortality, by which he also worked miracles and wonders, and taught and enlightened them concerning perfect knowledge, and proclaimed in his qnoma the kingdom of heaven. And as he received, as it were by first-fruits, immortality, so as by the first-fruits he restored human nature, which he was prepared to perfect in the resurrection.

[25] We have said all these things, then, because of the Theopaschites, who deny the taking of the head of our race, and destroy the properties of his nature, and [who deny] that he fulfilled obedience and was justified in the Spirit as it is written.

IV.16 *Sixteenth Chapter: That although we say that the manhood of the Son was the Son in union with God the Word, we do not say "two Sons", nor was there an addition to the Trinity because of the union which God the Word had with the temple of his manhood.*

[26] If we had said there are two Sons, as the Theopaschites charge us with—those who impiously say "a natural and qnomic union", and who deny the taking of the head of our race to the exalted union—because we concede the properties of the natures, and that the qnome were not confused because of the union, perhaps it belongs to them to [so] charge. But if we confess that to the manhood, with the Godhead unitedly, belongs the honor and name of Sonship and worship, how do they charge us with saying two Sons? For if we had said two Sons in one nature, and two distinct parsope in their qnome, and these are from one nature—if then we had so confessed—we would have said two "brothers" from the nature of | a father—or rather, these are twins[93], even if {153}
one preceded his colleague, for this is the order of natural brotherhood. Again, if the manhood of our Lord were called "Son of grace", and also in this way two Sons were discovered separately, one a natural Son and one a Son of grace, and this one was deemed worthy in gracious Sonship as all those who by grace were "sons" in a mere "relationship" or "honor", as that [saying], "Israel is my son, my first-born,"[94] and "I have brought up and exalted sons"[95]—but God forbid! It is

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not so, but in the union with God the Word, who is the eternal Son of the Most High, his manhood was made one Son of the Most High with him, for he exalted and took it to his own parsopa, and joined it to himself that it[96] might be with him in one name, honor, and exaltation for ever. Even if, therefore, it[97] should be united and joined to God the Word, who exalted and assumed it for his own parsopa [...][98] and conjoined it to him [i.e. God the Word], that it might be with him in one name, honor and exaltation for ever.[99]

[27] [Although that it should be united to and conjoined with God the Word, who exalted it by assuming it to his (own) person,[100]] as I have said there is no addition or subtraction, but the body which is united in heaven is human according to nature, but derivatively, through the descent of the Holy Spirit, so is this bread, which is perfected one body: one is the body and power and absolution, and there are not two bodies, and there is no addition to the nature of the actual body which is in heaven, but in union one is, with the other, one body. It is the same way here as well: Properly, Sonship, Lordship, power, and dominion belong to God the Word, eternally and naturally, but unitedly in one conjunction, also belongs to his manhood, with him in one Sonship, in one power, in one dominion, | in one Lordship and worship, with the non-united {154}
Father and with the non-united Holy Spirit for ever.

[28] Let us say a word because of the quarrelsome again: as in that place [above] there is no addition to the actual body which unitedly is in heaven from this body which is daily broken upon the altar, but the same is in one body in two natures, neither was there an addition to the Trinity because of the union which the manhood had with the Godhead, as there also were not two Sons, but one Son for ever, for he assumed it[101] for his own parsopa that he might be revealed in it. One is the parsopa of Sonship and not two, as one is the parsopa of the body of Christ and of the bread which is consecrated, and there are not two loaves or two bodies, but the body is the bread and the bread is the body—one body and one loaf—while the bread and the body are preserved, and they take and give of one another. "I am the bread which came down from heaven."[102] Behold, he took bread and broke [it], and it did not descend from heaven. And as he said, "The bread which I will give is my body, which is broken for the life of the world."[103] Behold, his body here was from the nature of the blessed Mary, and it was fashioned by the Holy Spirit, but these things are [said] in the parsopa of the union, and so are the same things of his Godhead and of his manhood. "When you have seen the Son of Man ascending to the place where he was previously,"[104] but behold, the Son of Man did not descend from heaven, but from the seed of the house of David—for from the parsopa of the union

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they give and take of one another. It is the same with that [saying], "If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory,"[105] and that, "God so loved the world as to give his Only-begotten Son,"[106] for it was not in that which was his Godhead but in that which was his united manhood, for from the parsopa of the union one is the Son in both of them, and the same is the Son of Man, not | in nature but in the union. The Son in nature is God the Word, but in {155}
the union also his manhood with him is one Son in one name and honor, and in the nature of his manhood he is Son of Man. As he said, "They shall deliver the Son of Man into the hands of sinners, and they shall kill him, and on the third day he shall rise,"[107] and, "If you do not eat the body of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in your qnoma."[108] Through the taking of the parsopa, in his Godhead unitedly, he was also called the Son of Man who descended from heaven. For he was not in nature Son of Man, for how is the Son of Man from heaven, and who is the "man" who is in heaven whose "son" this is, unless it is by agreement of name alone? That is called by this, and this by that, while this and that remain in what belongs to them in this same one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, for he says, "If you do not eat the body of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in your qnoma."

[29] Behold it is not the natural body which is in heaven that we eat, but we eat the bread, which is, through power and descent[109], one bread, and we drink the wine of the libation which is consecrated with the bread, but they are the body and blood of Christ through power, and pardon, and forgiveness of sins. It is not the natural blood of Christ, and it is not in nature blood. As in the natural union of body and soul, they give and take the natural names, each of the other. As in "His soul entered irons," it is not his soul that is fettered, and as in "It was not revealed to flesh and blood," it is not flesh and blood that receive a revelation. It is when we speak in the parsopa of both of them, "It is cold to me," "It is hot to me," "I am intelligent," "I know," "So and so the son of so and so died," while | {156}
we know that these are of the soul and those are of the body, so too we say these things in the union: "Christ died," "the Son died," and that by Christ and by the Son everything was created and made, while understanding that these are of his manhood which received death, which was his united temple, and those are of his Godhead, by whose hand all was created and made, while the natures do not lose their properties because of the union. For God the Word did not acquire finitude, or leave his spiritual state and become man in nature, and his man did not possess in his nature everlastingness, or infinitude, or become invisible spirit, or become the consubstantial Son of the Father. But in the union with God the Word he was the Son in one name, Lordship, worship, and honor, though not in nature, that there might not be two Sons, or two [who are] "Son of the Highest", though they give their names to each other, as I have said.

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[30] Let us bring forward a little demonstration from nature as well: as wood clothed with fire acquires the name "fire", and someone says, "Bring the fire to me," and behold, without the material in it the fire is not retained but goes out—for we know [that] when we call [something] "fire" that it is in wood or in something else, since it is not elementary[110] fire such as that which turned to ashes the Sodomites and those of the house of Nadab—so too fire is called by the name of the material in which it exists—a brand or a coal—such as, for example, coals of oak, and behold, the fire is not the nature of an oak, nor is the fire a brand. So too here the natures give and take, each of the other, though not in nature.

[31] Again, in another way: as when | iron is clothed with fire in a union their {157}
nature is preserved and their properties do not come to an end in the union, for iron does not lose the denseness of its bodily state, and the fire does not gain the density of iron and its earthiness, as also nothing is added to the quantity of iron because of the union of the fire in it, and the iron smites or shatters while the fire is in it, but we do not say that the fire shatters, and the fire burns in the iron and we do not say that there is combustibility of iron, or of iron that it burns in its nature, although one is the power which iron acquires from the fire, and it is hammered, bent, and stretched, and iron attains form, whatever it may be, while the fire is united in it, and we do not say that fire is beaten or attains these forms, so too, although God the Word was united to his manhood within the womb, yet his manhood performed certain things of its own nature, and suffered in its own nature, while we do not say that his Godhead suffered with it, nor that, when it[111] was fashioned and formed that it possessed all exalted things, but one[112] gave to the other[113] from its own brightness, honor, and glory, and participation in immortality, and strengthened it in all things, making it[114], with itself[115], one Son in one power and authority, though it[116] did not receive anything of its[117] sufferings, as fire does not take from the darkness of the iron nor from its coldness. Thus in one fiery rod, one is the fire[118], and the fire is unitedly in the rod, and one is the parsopa of the rod and of the fire in one power and operation. So in one humble demonstration [it is shown that] the Godhead and manhood of our Lord is in one parsopa of Sonship, in one conjunction and union, for one is Christ for ever.

[32] Again, in another way: as the body of a man lives by the life | of the soul in {158}
it, and we do not say that the man is two living things, though the body lives by the soul, but [that] the man is one living creature, so we do not say two sons, for to the manhood of the Son, in union with him, belongs that which is Son in one power, worship, and Lordship. It is not distinctly in nature Son, unless

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there were two Sons consubstantial with the Father and Holy Spirit, as was said above, but in union with God the Word there is one Son, as by the union with the soul the body gains life, and one is the life and not two.

[33] Again, in another way: as at the resurrection the body with the soul gains one immortality, and we do not say that a man is two immortal things, but one immortal man, even though before the resurrection the soul also possessed immortality, so we do not say two Sons, one before the union and one after the union, but one is the Son, and his man with him possesses Sonship in one participation and not separately. And as we do not say two immortal men, although the body gains something which by its nature it did not have, so we do not say two Sons, although the man of our Lord was not so in nature, but unitedly possesses Sonship which he did not have in his nature, but because of his conjunction with God the Word. And as a measure and something measured by it, and it and the measure are called by one name, though they are distinct in nature, so too here it is the same.

[34] Again, in another way: as a house and its inhabitants and a city and its inhabitants are called by one name, and "He built David for himself," but he did not build a man, and "Hear, O house of David,"[119] and it was not that he was admonishing the stones and wood to hear, | and "He built a city," and "The city {159}
burned," and "The whole city went out," and "You, Capernaum, who have been lifted up to heaven, shall be brought down unto Sheol,"[120] so by the parsopa of a building its inhabitants have been named, and also by the parsopa of its inhabitants a city has been named, as Shechem and Shamir and others such as these. In the same way the man of our Lord—that is, his united temple—has been named Son and Lord, and his Godhead has been named Christ and Son of Man, and one is Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man, in one name, power, authority, and Lordship for ever, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit be glory, honor, worship, and exaltation for ever and ever. Amen.

IV.17 *Seventeenth Chapter: Concerning what the difference is between qnoma and parsopa, and how a parsopa was assumed and remains, yet the qnoma was not assumed.*

[35] A singular essence[121] is called a "qnoma". It stands by itself, singular in number, being one and distinct from many. It is not, therefore, joined[122] [to anything else]—except, with such things as are creatures, rational and free, when it receives various accidents, either of excellence or evil, or of knowledge or ignorance, but with the irrational [there are] also here various accidents, either in combinations of opposite things, or in whatever way, and these, as I have said,

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are not created and fashioned things alone[123]—for a qnoma is fixed in its natural state and is subject to a species and a nature of its own, a qnoma, along with [any] number of its like qnome. It is differentiated from its fellow qnome in the unique property which it possesses in its parsopa—that of Gabriel is not that of Michael, and Paul is not Peter. However, in each and every qnoma the whole common nature is recognized, and it is known intellectually what that one nature is which encompasses the qnome in general, whether of men or | of any of the others, but a qnoma does not encompass the [entire] general [nature].[124] {160}

[36] Parsopa is also the characteristic of a certain qnoma which distinguishes it from others[125]. Therefore the qnoma of Paul is not that of Peter, even though in nature and qnoma they are the same, for each of them possesses a body and soul, and is living and rational and fleshly; yet parsopically they are distinguished from one another by the singular uniqueness which each of them possesses, whether in stature, or in form, or in temperament, or in wisdom, or in authority, or in fatherhood, or in sonship, or in masculinity, or in femininity, or in whatever way. For a singular and unique characteristic distinguishes and makes known that this [man] is not that [man] and that one is not this, even if they are the same in nature. Because of the unique property which this qnoma possesses, it is not that one.

[37] The parsopa is that which distinguishes—[O] how can we be lifted up to the exalted things which our subject concerns? By the power of Christ, the head of our life and our God, who is our Enlightener—for there are three worshipful qnome of the eternal Trinity, equal in all in one glorious Being, the Cause of all creatures. However, if you mentally seek to distinguish them from one another, you are unable, except in the characteristic of their parsope. The title of the Father—the parsopa of his qnoma—is "Unbegotten", from whom the Son is eternally "Begotten", and is distinguished in the parsopa of his qnoma, for he is not the Father or the Holy Spirit, but begotten of the Father beyond time. So too we distinguish the qnoma of the Holy Spirit by the characteristic and unique parsopa which he possesses: that he is eternally "from" the Father, that is, from his nature by way of "Procession", and that he is not the Father or the Son. Therefore, these things which they possess in their own properties are parsopically distinctive. These | worshipful parsope are given and received, but qnome are not given and received, in that a certain qnoma is not assumed in order to become one qnoma with another qnoma, for this is impossible, but whatever fixedly belongs to this one qnoma, by which it is discerned that it is not another qnoma—that is, that the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not {161}

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the Holy Spirit—these titles, then, are by reason of the parsope. It is not in that qnome are given and received, but this alone "manifests a qnoma", that this one is not that one. As in "two men are coming thither", two qnome are indicated, but who is one or the other is not yet indicated, for the characteristic of the qnoma is not revealed as a parsopa.

[38] "Fatherhood" properly belongs to the eternal Father, but this name is given to others as well secondarily, though it does not continually remain with them. Again, "fatherhood" exists for creaturely things in two different ways: it is either natural with a natural begetter, or through instruction and teaching and by grace, as that which was said by Paul, "Through Jesus Christ I have begotten you in the Gospel."[127] But these things change and it happens to them, according to their nature, that they come to an end. But the Fatherhood of the Father does not happen to change or to come to an end. So too with the natural Sonship of the immutable Son, in that eternally it is his without change. And as it is not that, prior to the Fatherhood of the Father, there must be a Son, and then the Father, but that the Father exists eternally, so too, for the Sonship of the Son, it is not that there must [first] be a Father, but the Son exists eternally, as eternally exist the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever. And it is also the same with the Holy Spirit: although many are called by the name of "spirit", and also his designation is given to others by grace as well as his titles[128], as | the blessed {162}
Paul said, "I will pray in my spirit,"[129] and, "I am with you in spirit,"[130] and, "There are spirits of ministry,"[131] and, "Receive … ."[132]

[39] … of the taking of the parsopa, as well as in participation and name. Also the Godhead of Christ took the name of his manhood: "When you have seen the Son of Man ascending to the place where he was previously."[133] But by the parsopa of the union they give and take of one another. These things are of the Godhead inherently, but of the manhood derivatively and unitedly; and these things are of the manhood inherently, but of the Godhead derivatively and unitedly. One is the common parsopa of the hidden and the revealed: "They spit upon his face[134]"[135] and, "A man does not see my face[136] and live."[137]

[40] Let us take a likeness from this natural and qnomic union, as demonstrated above, how that in the parsopa of the unique characteristics in a union, the parts of a certain man give and take, each of its fellow, and how that by the common parsopa, both of them are mentioned. It was said of the blessed Joseph, "His soul went into irons,"[138] but his soul was not bound; and, "It was not revealed to flesh and blood," but lo, there are no revelations, which are through the mind, that flesh and blood separately receive. So too, from the common

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parsopa of a qnoma a man says, "I am sad," "I am weary," "I think," "I understand," "I know," "I am cold," "I am shaved[139]," "I have washed myself," "I am fair," "So and so is dead," "So and so was killed," "So and so was made well," and other such things, while we know that some are derivatively of the soul, and some naturally, and some are derivatively of the body, and some | naturally, while they {163}
are not in separation but in a union of one man, though here the union is natural and qnomic and bound up and passible. So too in this parsopic, voluntary, unconstrained, and impassible union, the natures give and take of one another, God of man and man of God, in the same one parsopa. And as the natures were united into one parsopa, the names also were united in the designation of the same one parsopa, while they are not separated, either in nature, or in power, or in authority, or in honor, or in Lordship, or in worship, in this union of the one parsopa of Christ, which is in one conjunction of Godhead and manhood, but the natures are preserved unitedly, without confusion, for ever.

[41] However, this one common parsopa is of two united qnome, that is, of God the Word and of his temple, and not of the entire Trinity, although in that which is nature, will, power, authority, and Lordship they[140] are one. For it is written that God the Word became flesh[141], and God sent his Son in the likeness of flesh[142], and the likeness of God, that is God the Word, one of the qnome of the Trinity, took the likeness of a servant[143], one of the qnome of men, the man Jesus Christ. And he did not take the whole nature of men to his parsopa in that which was nature, nor were all the qnome of men assumed in that which was qnoma[144]—although it is impossible that a nature should exist without a qnoma which is subject to a common nature—for if in that which is nature the man of our Lord was united, and it was not in that which is a solitary qnoma—which was the united temple of the Godhead, and was justified and lifted up, and in which he is worshipped, and he in his Godhead is worshipped in one worship, | God in his temple, and his temple because God the Word dwells in {164}
it unitedly—if it was not thus, why did the blessed Paul say, "He did not say 'to your seeds', as though to many, but 'to your seed', as though to one, who is Christ."[145]

[42] Therefore, those who say "two natures in Christ" while not adding two qnome in one parsopa as well, diminish this upright confession of this worshipful dispensation, in that the parsopa is common of both God the Word and of his temple, which is the "second man", and is one of the qnome of men. Also, he who is united is God the Word, one of the qnome of the Trinity, in one united conjunction of both natures in their qnome, in one Sonship. For not all the qnome of men are, with God the Word, one Only-begotten Son, nor is the Father

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or the Holy Spirit parsopically named, with our manhood, "man" and "Son of Man", but God the Word with his temple in one union in one common parsopa, and they take and give the names of one another. Because of this the fathers said concerning this union that the parsopa is "natural" and "qnomic"[146], that we might say the natures, in their qnome, are made known in this one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, and not the natures without the qnome, and lo, the name "Christ" and "Son" makes known the two natures and two qnome in one parsopa from the union on, for natures are made known in the qnome which are subject to them, as we have said above.

[43] Let us then bring forward a little argument from nature as well, in that we have not been forbidden this by your love: how is the parsopa assumed and given while fixed in its [original] exemplar, but the qnoma is not assumed and given? Then bring a piece of natural gold and fashion in it an image of the king in all his features and forms, and also the name which he has, | and let this be for {165}
you, as by example, in the place of the Godhead of the Son, that is the qnoma of God the Word. Take for yourself another piece of wax or clay, and roll [it], adapt [it], and apply and stamp in it the royal image which is on the piece of gold. You see that the clay takes the whole likeness of the royal image which is carved fixedly in the gold in all that belongs to it except for the nature of gold, for this is impossible for the clay to take unitedly, while the image of gold is not deprived of anything, as also nothing is added to the quantity of the nature of clay in that which is its nature, but the clay gains something parsopically which it did not possess in its own nature, that is, the glorious image of the king, and his splendor and honor and all that is his. Therefore he is known to me through this apt demonstration in an exact likeness. And how was the one parsopa of the king in the two qnome of gold and clay? Properly and inherently the image and parsopa was of the qnoma of gold in all its beauty, but derivatively, and also parsopically, it was of the qnoma of clay. Therefore, if you desire to see the image of the king, that which is naturally, inherently, and properly of gold and in gold, behold you see the same parsopically and derivatively in the qnoma of clay.

[44] In the same way it is understood by me here, through this demonstration, concerning this worshipful and marvelous and ineffable union, and the taking of the united parsopa into one, for God the Word gives to his manhood by way of participation in the one conjunction his own Lordship, name, honor, authority, and worship, and all exalted and ineffable things which he possesses in his own nature, except for his own nature and qnoma, which cannot be given or | assumed. Therefore, one is the parsopa of Sonship and Lordship and such {166}

ཐུགས་ནས་ཐལ་བར་གསལ་ཏེ་སོང་ངོ་། །ཁྱོད་ཀྱིས་ཁྱོད་ཉིད་ལ

other things—of God the Word properly, inherently, and naturally, but of his manhood derivatively, unitedly, by participation—and all things of his Godhead appear in the manhood through operations in the one union. However, they are not in separation—let no one forget our previous words about fire in the bush, and fire in the iron, and the soul in the body—but this[147] is not by way of limitation, constraint, nature, or qnoma, but by way of volition and parsopically, for this is a demonstration, in that we do not have an exact likeness to demonstrate the manner of this worshipful union. If there were a likeness, why would it be necessary for us to make a demonstration? For it is not ours to show how that a man dwells in a house, or how he is clothed with his cloak, for lo, these are seen and obvious, and do not need a demonstration.

[45] But that there was a union of two natures, that is, of two qnome—the likeness of God and the likeness of a servant, and the temple and its inhabitant—in one conjunction in one name in one power in one worship, while the two properties of their qnome are preserved without confusion—of the Godhead and of the manhood of Christ—in one parsopa of Sonship, we have learned, believed, and hold. This is our true life, if it has preserved the Lordly commands with an upright confession[148]. But the manner is unsearchable and ineffable. How is the infinite in the finite, and the eternal with the temporal? He whom no one sees or is able to see, who dwells in splendid light which no one can approach, came to this marvelous "descent" that he might be one Son in one conjunction and union, singular in its manner, with his own manhood which was a passible nature, and created and made, which he exalted and assumed | to his own {167}
parsopa, which with him it would be honored, worshipped, and glorified, and would possess everything of the Godhead beside his own nature. Why is it that we should know this as it is? How is it possible for this to be asserted as it is? This is an ineffable wonder! This is an unsearchable marvel, that man should be with God the Word one Only-begotten Son of God in one parsopa. This mystery is incomprehensible and ineffable. Because of this the blessed Paul, marveling, said, "Truly great is this mystery of justice,"[149] and, "The riches of Christ, which are unsearchable,"[150] for these riches are truly unsearchable which the manhood of the Son acquired in this union, becoming one Son with God the Word in one honor and worship for ever. And, "All the fullness of the Godhead dwelt in him bodily"[151], and "In him were hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."[152] Concerning this the Scriptures speak and the fathers elucidate, calling this union by many names—temple, clothing, conjunction, indwelling, and union—which things we too are prepared to demonstrate, by the power of Christ, through such things as belong to those who preceded us.

[46] ܐܝܟ ܕܠܐ ܢܗܘܐ ܠܢ ܫܘܠܛܢܐ ܒܗܘ ܒܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܐܠܐ ܒܗ ܒܠܚܘܕ ܘܒܗ ܩܝܡ ܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܕܐܝܬ ܒܫܡܝܐ ܘܒܐܪܥܐ ܕܢܚܙܐ ܘܕܠܐ ܢܚܙܐ ܐܢ ܟܘܪܣܝ̈ܐ ܐܢ ܫܠܛܢ̈ܐ ܐܢ ܪܝܫ̈ܢ̈ܐ ܐܢ ܫܘܠܛ̈ܢ̈ܐ ܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܒܗ ܘܠܗ ܩܝܡ ܗܘ ܩܕܡ ܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܘܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܒܗ ܩܝܡ ܗܘ ܘܗܘ ܪܝܫ ܟܠ ܦܓܪܐ ܕܗܘ ܒܟܢܝܫܬܐ ܗܘ ܕܫܪܝܪ ܒܟܘܪܣܝ̈ܐ ܘܫܠܛ̈ܢ̈ܐ ܘܪܝܫ̈ܢ̈ܐ ܘܫܘܠܛ̈ܢ̈ܐ ܘܟܠ ܫܘܠܛܢ̈ܐ ܕܒܫܡܝܐ ܘܒܐܪܥܐ ܒܝܕ ܡܫܝܚܐ ܝܫܘܥ ܕܥܒܕ ܠܗ ܫܠܡܐ ܘܚܝܐ ܒܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܘܒܗ ܩܝܡ ܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܘܗܘ ܪܝܫ ܟܠ ܦܓܪܐ ܕܗܘ ܒܟܢܝܫܬܐ ܗܘ ܕܫܪܝܪ ܒܟܘܪܣܝ̈ܐ ܘܫܠܛ̈ܢ̈ܐ ܘܪܝܫ̈ܢ̈ܐ ܘܫܘܠܛ̈ܢ̈ܐ ܘܟܠ ܫܘܠܛܢ̈ܐ ܕܒܫܡܝܐ ܘܒܐܪܥܐ ܒܝܕ ܡܫܝܚܐ ܝܫܘܥ ܕܥܒܕ ܠܗ ܫܠܡܐ ܘܚܝܐ ܒܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܘܒܗ ܩܝܡ ܗܘ ܩܕܡ ܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܘܟܠ ܡܕܡ ܒܗ ܩܝܡ ܗܘ

[46] Therefore [we have] the assumed and the Assumer, the Likeness in the likeness, God the Word in his temple, the Clothed and his clothing, one who was revealed in one through whom he was revealed, one who abode in one in whom he abode, one who was perfected and one who was in him, who perfected him, one who was exalted and one who exalted him with his right hand, and one who was brought low and made less than the angels, and one who placed on his head this glory in recompense of justice, so that together they might demonstrate that the two natures are preserved in their qnome in this union of the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God for ever.

[47] Again, let us take | a demonstration from nature in another way by the {168}
power of Christ, the Enlightener of our simplicity: in that as the man of our Lord received parsopically these things of the Godhead—the title of Sonship, I say, and honor, and worship, and all things of the Godhead, except for its nature, as it is written, "He is the likeness of the invisible God"[153]—in the same way God the Word in him unitedly "received", so as to be called by the names of his manhood in the same union. And in that he was considered man because of his union and indwelling in his united temple, while his own ineffable glory was not revealed—Jesus was called man and Son of Man—these things were naturally of his manhood. But by the reception of the parsopa of his Godhead unitedly we are obliged to show the same here, how that the parsopa of the manhood was assumed unitedly by God in him, though his qnoma was not assumed. As the blessed Paul said, "The likeness of God took the likeness of a servant."[154]

[48] Then let me also propose here, demonstratively and as a likeness, a polished mirror, beautiful in its splendor[155], in the place of God, whose greatness is ineffable and more excellent than an impression or image, or any form[s] or likenesses which are in fashioned things—"O God, who is like you?"[156]—or Light from Light. In light there is no figure or image or form because it is light, nor again in this life, which is incorporeal, and these are corporeal likenesses. Then set forth this mirror, which is polished and splendid and shining all round, as an example of the divine qnoma, that is, God the Word, in that the mirror is free of a likeness, in its polished, radiant, and burnished nature, or of [any] impression, or any form. Apply to this mirror mentally a human qnoma and you see that the mirror has assumed | parsopically all its likenesses and figurations, {169}
and the form of its parsopa, which the qnoma of a man possesses fixedly in his nature, which is his parsopa, while the qnoma of the man is not assumed with his parsopa. His qnoma is preserved in its nature fixedly, and also in the distinct and characteristic parsopa which is in it. It is different in its uniqueness from

[49] ཡང་ཁོ་བོ་ཅག་ལ་ཡང་ཁྱོད་ཀྱི་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཞིག་ཏུ་གྱུར་ཅིག་ཅེས་ཞུས་ཏེ།

another qnoma in some way or other—the qnoma of Paul is not the qnoma of Peter—although in that which is nature they are the same in their qnome. This parsopa of a man is what is in him fixedly, and in the mirror is utterly all of him derivatively. Behold, also here you see a marvelous and apt likeness, and as the brightness and shining of the mirror is veiled within the appearance, features, and likenesses of the parsopa of the man which the mirror took, and there was nothing added to the nature of the mirror by the parsopa which it assumed, nor did the fixed parsopa of the man which was assumed lose anything from its nature or from its qnoma, but its parsopa, such as it possessed fixedly, was united and joined to the beauty and splendor of the mirror in one parsopa of both of them. If you wish to see the mirror, the likeness, image, and parsopa of the man is assumed upon it as the Godhead took the likeness of manhood unitedly. If you wish to see the qnoma and parsopa of a man, you see him in himself, as featured naturally, and in the mirror parsopically and derivatively. One is the parsopa in both the natures of the mirror and of the man, as one is the royal image in both the natures of gold and of clay in one parsopa as we said above—on the one hand the parsopa of the king in the gold fixedly, as the Sonship and Lordship of God the Word naturally, but on the other hand derivatively and parsopically in the qnoma of clay, as the manhood received in the union the name more excellent than all | names, that is, Sonship and Lord- {170}
ship in the order of the Godhead in the union of the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God for ever.

Again, in another way and in another likeness from nature:

[49] As the soul is not made known in the property of its nature to bodily creatures without its union with the body, also its operations and various kinds of competencies do not come to perception without union with it[157]. Indeed, in it [the body] it [the soul] learns according to its nature, for thus it was created that in it [the body] it [the soul] might learn, and the members are instrument[s] of one another, for in one another they subsist, and sympathize, and act. This union [of body and soul] is natural, constrained, and necessary, as we have shown above, but this worshipful union [of Godhead and manhood] is voluntary and parsopic, as we have said above on other matters, the Infinite in the finite. However, this[158] is taken for a likeness by way of demonstration. According to the teaching of the fathers, as the soul in the body makes known its operation, and without it does not make known its property, and a man is called one living creature, although the life is of the soul, so also in this worshipful economy, from [the time of] the union which was within the womb and for ever, God the Word is not named "Son" separately, but with his united manhood.

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Neither was the Godhead of Christ qnomically made known to creatures—that the Son is eternal in his Godhead, begotten[159] of the Father eternally and co-essential with the Holy Spirit in a qnoma like his and like the qnoma of the Father, and their nature is one, and one is the power, worship, Lordship, will, and authority—except in this worshipful economy which was in this union of the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God. As it is written, "In him dwells all fullness, and in him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, | {171} and he is the fullness filling all in all."[160] For one is the power and one is the Lordship, and one is the name of the Godhead of Christ in one conjunction of Assumer and the assumed.

[50] God the Word by nature does not have two natural parsope, as they would constitute two Sons, just as a man is not called two living things[161]. It cannot be that there would be two parsope in nature for one qnoma, as in the babbling of the impious. That two qnome can have one parsopa, behold, has been shown, but for one natural qnoma to have two natural and qnomic parsope is impossible—that the qnoma of God the Word with its parsopa should be one qnoma with the qnoma of a man and its parsopa. However, three qnome in one nature—in this is the Godhead. Also many men are one nature. Again, Christ is two natures and two qnome in one economic parsopa—this is true, as has been demonstrated, for he who assumed and he who was assumed do not have Sonship separately, for thus there would have been two Sons. But for the manhood of the Son with God the Word, who is the eternal Son who exalted and assumed it to his own parsopa, there is for it with him a conjunction and participation in one union in one name of Sonship, in one worship and authority, with the non-united Father and with the non-united Holy Spirit for ever. There are not two Sons, nor is the "Son of Man" two in two parsope—one who was named [so] because of the union, and in the infinitude of his nature was in heaven, and one who was from the seed of David and of Abraham, and was delivered over to the peoples, by whom they were put to shame, whom they crucified, and who died in weakness and rose by the power of the God in him, as it is written, "They shall betray the Son of Man,"[162] and, "Loose | this temple and after three days I will {172} raise it"[163]—but one is the parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, in his Godhead and in his manhood, and this same one parsopa is the Son of the Highest, the Lord, Jesus, the Only-begotten, the First-born, the Son of Man, and Christ; and in the same parsopa which is one Christ, the Son of God, both natures and their names are made known in the properties of their qnome. Though they are distinct, they are united without confusion, and though they are united without confusion they are distinct in their properties, in one union of the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God for ever.

[51] ཐུགས་རྗེས་ཟིན་པ་ཡིས་མཁྱེན་བརྩེ་ཆེན་པོས་ཀུན་ཏུ་བཟང་པོ་ཡི་ཞིང་ཁམས་སུ་ཡང་དག་པར་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཐེག་པ་ཆེན་པོའི་མདོ་སྡེ་ཀུན་ཏུ་བཟང་པོ་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཐེག་པ་ཆེན་པོའི་མདོ་སྡེ་ཡི་ཚིག་ཏུ་བཤད་པ་ཡིས་

[51] Let us repeat again our word, then, because of the strife of the divisive: There is no Godhead, then, without the manhood—the Son, from the time of the union onward; and there is no manhood separately without the Godhead—an ordinary man, and not united, or named Christ. But in this same one parsopa they give and receive from one another—this is that and that is this parsopically, while remaining in their own qnome this and that, in this worshipful union of the one parsopa of Christ the Son of God. Therefore, if you call this same one parsopa Son, or if you call [it] man, it is [so]. If you call it First-born, it is the same. If you call it Only-begotten, it is the same. If you call it Lord of Glory, it is the same. If you call it Son of David and Abraham, it is the same. If you call it Son of the Highest, it is the same. However, it is not so "in the same." But as together, "Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the same yesterday, today, and for ever,"[164] to whom, and to whose Father and to the Holy Spirit belong glory, honor, and worship for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fourth Treatise is ended.

164 Heb. 13:8.

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Eighteenth chapter: Concerning the crucifixion of Christ, and that it was not while his Godhead was separated from his manhood, which was united with him within the womb, this we say: that he was crucified and died as simple man. Although his Godhead did not suffer, it was united with him and dwelt in him.
Nineteenth chapter: Concerning the resurrection of our Lord Christ from the dead, and in what way he appeared together, as well as concerning his ascension.

v.18 *Eighteenth Chapter: Concerning the crucifixion of Christ, and that it was not while his Godhead was separated from his manhood, which was united with him from within the womb, we say this: he was crucified and died as simple man, although his Godhead did not suffer while*[1] *united with him and dwelling in him.*

[1] Although we say that it was the united man of our Lord who was crucified and not his Godhead, and it was his temple which was destroyed, and he raised it up unto immortal life, this we do not say, that his united Indweller was separated from him, he who raised him up on the third day and loosed the pains of Sheol. His soul was not left in Sheol, nor did his body see corruption.[2] For although the man of our Lord cried out in the time of suffering when he hung on the cross, "El, El, why have you left me?"[3], we do not say this, that he was deprived of his Indweller through departure, or this worshipful union was dissolved, God forbid!, but that he allowed [him] to suffer because of the reason for the economy, [which was] for the payment of the debt, which was through disobedience, by way of the transgression of Adam, the father of generations. The man of our Lord did not deserve death, as though from the presence of sin in him, that in which Adam was ensnared and all his children, in that all have sinned. But as it is written, "Him who did not know sin | he made sin for us that {174}
we might live by his righteousness."[4] "And the ruler of this world comes, but there is nothing for him in me."[5] "And the ruler of this world is already judged."[6] "And I, when I have been lifted up from the earth" through the victory of the cross "will draw everyone to myself."[7] And as the blessed Paul says, "As, because of the disobedience of one man, many became sinners, so too, because of the obedience of one, many are made just."[8] "And he was obedient unto death, the death of the cross."[9]

9 Phil. 2:8.

[2] ܟ ܐܝܟ ܕܐܢܐ ܐܡܪ ܠܟ ܕܐܢܬ ܗܘ ܦܛܪܘܣ ܘܥܠ ܗܕܐ ܟܐܦܐ ܐܒܢܐ ܐܬܒܢܐ

[2] It was not while his Godhead was separated from him in these things, but while it was united in him to the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, as has been shown above, for from the union on the name "Son" and "Christ" was the parsopa of the union. The name "Christ" itself belongs to his manhood, and the name "Son" itself belongs to his Godhead, as we have said above. Therefore this one parsopa is the same Christ and Son, according to the confession of Peter, who said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."[10] Therefore the Scriptures say that Christ was born, and Christ was crucified, and Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose after three days, and lo, these things are of his manhood: "And if he did not spare his own Son, but delivered him over for all of us,"[11] and, "Concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of the house of David."[12] Because the blessed Paul knew that he was begotten in an exalted birth in his divine nature which was not from the seed of the house of David, like this [text], "From them Christ appeared in the flesh, who is God over all,"[13] for the Scriptures are speaking in the person[14] of the union, sometimes teaching us concerning his manhood in the union. "One is | the Lord {175}
Jesus Christ, through whom is all."[15] It is not through his manhood that all was created, but in the parsopa of the union. So too, "God is one, and one is the Mediator of God and men, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for everyone."[16] Behold, these things are not of his Godhead, for it was his temple which was delivered over to death: "Remember Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who was from the seed of David according to my Gospel."[17] These things are of his manhood. "We proclaim Christ, crucified."[18] His Godhead was not crucified, for he is Spirit. Though it[19] was in him unitedly, it was in his manhood that he was crucified, that he might overcome sin in his flesh, not in his Godhead. And, "Although he was crucified in weakness, yet he rose through the power of God,"[20] and, "He humbled himself and was obedient unto death, the death of the cross. Because of this God has greatly exalted him, and has given him a name more excellent than all names,"[21] etc.; and, "He reconciles you now through the body of his flesh and by his death,"[22] and, "Making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether [it be] on earth or in heaven,"[23] and, "You have believed in the power of God, who raised him up from the dead,"[24] and ten thousands of examples which in this way proclaim and show clearly that it was his united manhood which suffered on the cross and received death, not his Godhead.

[3] And as, when a man is crucified and dies, we say that a man was crucified and died, and we do not say that his soul was crucified and died, for it is immortal, but in the person[25] of the natural union and common name we say that a man was crucified, so too here we say that Christ was crucified, and Christ died

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and rose, and we do not say that God was crucified and died. We say that the Son of God was delivered over for us, and these things in the parsopa of the union, not that his Godhead suffered and died, which raised up and perfected | {176} his united temple. But we do not simply say that the man was crucified, that we may not be Paulinians who deny his Godhead, and we do not say that God was crucified, that we might not be Manicheans and deniers of the manhood of the head of our race, or those who introduce origin and change[26], but we say that Christ was crucified, knowing that in his manhood he was crucified and died, and not in his Godhead, and not while separated from it; but, while it was united in him, he underwent all things belonging to his own nature. For God the Word did not forsake his united temple from the beginning of its fashioning, which was completed in its order, neither while he was being fashioned and formed, nor when a soul was created in him, nor when he was born, nor when he was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger. And the Magi worshipped him unitedly, and brought him gifts as they had been instructed, some indicative of his united and impassible Godhead, and some, as it were, of the united and common honor in one conjunction. And when he was circumcised, and attended to circumcision[27] for the sake of the truth of God, his Godhead was not separated from him, nor when he received growth in his stature according to the human order, and advanced and attained wisdom gradually, and was filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit by the Godhead in him, which, in proportion to his growth and the progress of his age, increased and strengthened him above his own nature. "And the child, not yet knowing good and evil, shall shun evil and choose good,"[28] and, "The child grew and was strengthened in spirit."[29]

[4] And as the body is joined to, and its impulses are ordered by, the soul which is in it in the course of time, while this discipline and rational discretion, that it might distinguish among tastes, colors, and appearances, does not enter it from the outside, but from the soul within, dwelling in it within the womb—though here the union | is natural and qnomic, and there voluntary and parsopic—in {177} the same way, while the Godhead of our Lord was united with his manhood, which was his temple, from the beginning of its fashioning, he advanced it[30] in all divine things in proportion to the growth of its stature. But also, when the man of our Lord slept according to his nature, his Godhead was united in him, and when he wearied his Godhead was in him—not sleeping with him or receiving weariness, though united with him, for "The Keeper of Israel does not slumber or sleep"[31]—but also when he suffered according to his passible and fleshly nature, and again when he hung upon the cross, he was filled without limit by the Godhead in him. And when they took him down from the wood and

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wrapped him and laid him in the tomb, his Godhead was infinitely and unitedly in him. And when he delivered over his soul and it was transported to Paradise, he was not abandoned by his united Godhead, but when the body rose from the tomb after his soul returned to it through the power of the Godhead in him, as he had promised, and when he was lifted up to heaven through translation and according to his nature—as he said, "I will go," and, "I will come [again],"[32] and, "I will not always be with you"[33]—his Godhead was infinitely in him, by whom heaven and earth are filled, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit. "I am with you"[34]—in his Godhead. But when he is going to come in ineffable glory at his great and fearful appearance from heaven, his Godhead in him unitedly [and] infinitely, and when he sits upon the throne to judge all—that is, in one power and in one united authority, in one Lordship for ever—subjecting everything beneath his feet in one subjection, and every knee bows to him in one worship in the one union of the one | parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, "Every tongue {178}
shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God."[35]

[5] When the manhood of Christ our Lord underwent all these abasements according to its nature, and it was tested in all human things without sin, his Godhead was not tested by them, God forbid!, for "infinite Spirit" is not fashioned and does not receive growth, that by which heaven and earth are filled, and "Light" is not circumcised, nor does it receive blows, nor does the "Spirit" possess a "side" according to his nature which receives the opening of a wound or corruption, for he is invisible and incorruptible in his nature. No one among men sees him or is able to see him. He dwells in joyous light, which no one can approach. For God is not tempted by anything human, God forbid!, for he has nothing to fear of death. He is immortal. And God the Word was not strengthened by an angel,[36] for he is almighty in his nature, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit. He looks upon the earth and it is moved. And God the Word does not offer prayer to another God greater than he, or request assistance from him, he who has everything which the Father and the Holy Spirit have by nature except for Fatherhood and Procession. God the Word does not have perspiration, for he is spirit, nor a head which has open pores which, in the form of a body, he had, which he bent down, delivering up his spirit. For it is not that he[37] possesses a soul in his nature, or that he is compounded with another qnomically, as though he were one thing and his soul another, as a body and soul are qnomically[38] compounded into one natural qnoma of a man. Neither was God crucified on the wood, or impaled with nails, or suspended between heaven and earth. He is | infinite, invisible, impalpable Spirit. And blood and water do not {179}
issue from God the Word, for he is not a body which possesses members which are riven and pierced and destroyed. He is Light and Life and Spirit, and simple in himself, and unseen, and incorruptible, and no one is able to approach him.

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[6] If, therefore, God the Word underwent [these things], he is not God in nature, but God [in] name or in honor alone. And if he made himself a body in nature and suffered and died, as the pagans, the children of Gehenna, say, then he is discovered to have made himself to come into being, and in his own nature he is not God. For all these human characteristics which his manhood bore according to its nature are far from the divine nature: immutable, immortal, incorruptible, intangible, invisible, and infinite Spirit which is unchanging: "I am and do not change,"[39] and, "You are as you are and your years do not cease."[40] If he was dead three days, he was deprived of his life. Therefore, it is clear that all these lower things which are said concerning this worshipful dispensation are what his manhood underwent, and not his Godhead, exalted above all, which perfected its rational and united temple, which is the head of our life, in which it unitedly dwells for ever. "It befits him through whom is all and for whom is all"[41]—who is God the Word, as it is written, "Through whom he made the worlds,"[42] and, "He holds all by the power of his Word,"[43] and, "He brings in many children to his glory, that he might perfect the head of the life of men," that is, the man Jesus, "through sufferings,"[44] this one who was crucified, this one who was loosed in death by the separation of his body from his soul, this one concerning whom the blessed Paul said, "He, apart from God, tasted death on behalf of everyone,"[45] this one "in whom all fullness was pleased | to dwell, and to reconcile everything to himself through him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether on earth or in heaven."[46] {180}

[7] It is not the blood of flesh or the sustainer of the flesh, the ground of the passions, [which] God the Word possessed, O heretics, for he is Spirit, Life, and Light, and above every name that is named, and he has no likeness among fashioned things—"O God, who is like you?"[47] And because he is invisible to fashioned creatures, he assumed for his revelation a man of our race, which is the bond of all creation, that through him he might renew all and become the father of a new world—"All the fullness of the Godhead dwelt in him bodily"[48]—and that he might fulfill in him his entire dispensation, making him a rational temple for himself, that he might be revealed in him and speak with us—"He was revealed in his flesh"[49]—and might be worshipped in him with the Father and the Holy Spirit as in his own united temple. And his temple is worshipped along with him, for he dwelt in it unitedly: "In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead."[50] And we worship and honor the standard of his cross, for by it we are saved from sin and from death and from Satan: "He forgives us all our sins, and cancels by his commandments the bill of our debts which was against us, removing it from the midst and nailing it to the cross,"[51] etc. We venerate the cross because of him who was crucified upon it, and we worship

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him who was crucified because of God the Word who dwelt in him unitedly and infinitely, who gave him[52] all things belonging to himself except for his nature, that is, the name of Sonship, authority, Lordship, honor, power, [and] exaltation, in the one conjunction of the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, in one worship and honor, to whom, with the non-united Father and with the non-united Holy Spirit, belongs worship and exalted dignity for ever and ever, amen.

V.19 *Nineteenth Chapter: Concerning the resurrection of our Lord Christ from the dead, and in what way he appeared, as well as concerning his ascension.* {181}

[8] How often have many erring ones in many variations impiously spoken falsely, as well as denying and blaspheming, concerning the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, and also concerning the general resurrection. There is no time to recite all the corrupt opinions of the erroneous children of the daughter of ignorance, in that some have lied and spoken wickedly, denying that the actual[53] body of our Lord rose from the dead—only seemingly and in the likeness of a body, appearing in the outward semblance of a man. There are some who say falsely and blasphemously that he rose in the likeness of a sphere, and some who have deceived, saying that bones alone rose without flesh, while there were none of the rest of the actual members, and there are some who are even more foolish to say that he was not clothed with the body, which he had shed at death, but [with] something else, and the rest of the impieties and fabrications of falsehood which Satan, the father of falsehood, causes to spring up through his instruments, ready in their will for his bitter seeds.

[9] Now the holy Church of Christ our Lord thus confesses, affirms, believes, and holds fast without wavering: the same actual body which died in its nature and qnoma on the cross, and [which] they took down and placed in the tomb, in the array of its members, while the soul departed from it, is the same body [which] rose in the resurrection in the array of its members when its soul returned to it, as it is written, "His soul was not left in Sheol, nor did his body see corruption."[54] Behold, therefore, it is clear to the discerning that the likeness of a sphere is a corruption of the body arranged in its members, and that the blessed Paul witnesses that a body is an arrangement of distinct members which are united to one another in one body, when he says, "As the body is one, and there are many members in it, and though they are many, the body is one,"[55] etc. Again he says, "Also, the body | is not one member but many,"[56] {182} and, "If all were one member, how is it a body? Now, however, the members are many, but one is the body."[57] He shows us clearly that without the arrangement

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and orderliness of the members it is never called a body, for everything that is a body[58] also is a form[59], but not every form is a body, nor is that which does not possess members called a body, for lo, stones and trees and grass and dust have never been called a body. Therefore, if Christ in the flesh did not rise in his bodiliness and in his arranged members, how does the blessed Paul say, "He will make us like the body of his glory,"[60] and, "Behold I tell you a mystery: not all of us will sleep, but all of us will be changed, suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet when it sounds, and the dead shall rise incorruptible, and we shall be changed"[61]? Behold, the whole man is changed, in his body and in his soul, being upright and blessed. The blessed Paul laid hold of this body, as it were by his hand, and showed the unbelievers, the children of error, that "This which is corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this which dies shall put on immortality,"[62] and, "Sown in corruption, they shall rise incorruptible: sown in shame, they shall rise in glory: sown in infirmity, they shall rise in strength: sown a natural body, it shall rise a spiritual body."[63] Behold, the same body which was sown when it conducted itself mortally, and lived by its soul in this temporal and passible life, the same shall live immortally through the power of the Holy Spirit and remain immortally, which is the earnest we have received mysteriously through Baptism. "For we have been buried with him in Baptism unto death, that as Jesus Christ rose from the dead in the glory | of his {183} Father, so too we shall walk in new life. For if we have been planted together with him in the likeness of his death, so too we shall live in his resurrection."[64] And, "If the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead shall also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit which dwells in you."[65] Behold, he says [it is] the body which will live, not a sphere, O accursed Origenists and followers of Ḥenana, and with the example of a seed, rebuking the unbelievers later, he adds, "But God gives a body as he pleases, and to each one of the seeds its own natural body."[66] Lo, he does not say that he gives another body, nor do they rise up in the manner of a sphere, according to the impiety of the wicked, but the body is renewed in its own nature unto immortality. For the actual temple which is loosed, that is the soul from the body, is the same [which] rises and is renewed at the resurrection, and the clothing which is washed with the wine of suffering is the same [which] rises and is washed, and [its wearer] is clothed with it and not something else.

[10] That the very same actual body rises with the array of its members, which are hands and feet and sides, front side and back, in its entire bodily form, the True One gave witness when he caused his disciples to touch his hands and his feet. He showed them truly the entire form of his body, and they believed and

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were convinced. Surely he did not mislead them, so that when they touched the body it was not a body they were inspecting, but an apparition or a sphere! Lo, aside from garments alone, which were found in the tomb, which were not needed at the resurrection, but all in all its members, an actual body rose in all that belonged to it. For behold, it is also said regarding believers, and it is not false, that they will be handed over to death and killed, and no portion of their hair shall perish after their death.[67] "All of us are going to stand before the judgment-seat | of Christ to receive recompense, each one in his own body, {184} [for] whatever was done by him, whether good or bad."[68] Behold, then, let the villainous tell us whether the body of our Lord arose and appeared to the women and become palpable to his disciples. And when they saw him being taken up to heaven, where did he go? Then the angels lied to the women when they said to them, "He is risen,"[69] and also to the apostles when they said, "In the same way he will come as you have seen him ascending to heaven."[70] Let us hear what the women said: "They have taken away the body of our Lord, and we do not know where they have laid him."[71] Then the angel informed them, saying, "Jesus of Nazareth, whom you seek, who was crucified, is risen. He is not here, for he has risen as he said. Come and see the place in which our Lord lay, and go at once, saying to his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead, and lo, he goes before you to Galilee. You will see him there.'"[72] And after other things, it says: "Lo, Jesus met with them and said to them, 'Peace to you.' They approached and grasped his feet and worshipped him."[73] Now, did our Lord greatly deceive them? Or were his feet illusions? Or did they, perhaps, see and hold spherical things? But the impious say to the simple in a contentious manner, "As he showed them the scars, though there were no bodily scars, before he showed his body to his disciples; and he showed them clothing, though it was not clothing—for he did not appear to them naked!—and he ate and drank in their sight, though he did not truly eat, in the same way he showed them the form of a body, though it was not truly a body, but a phantom." Ah, this doubly impious error! Alas, this apostasy, spreading cancerously today because of our sins, because of wretched shepherds and those who love themselves more than the truth and love of Christ! Therefore, according to the word of these accursed and wicked sons of the Evil One, our Lord greatly deceived his apostles | when they touched his body and the places of the nails, and it was {185} the appearance of a body and a phantom which they touched and saw. And they[74] both erred and also led [others] astray, proclaiming the error in all the world that our Lord rose when he did not rise, as the Jews led [some] astray with money. Then why is this error different from that which the sons of evil, the company of Jannes and Jambres, manifested in Egypt? and also Satan, the substance of evil, who showed in an illusion all the kingdoms and their glory

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before our Lord? It is not thus, O impious, not thus! Shall we not accuse demons of falsehood? For the gospel of our salvation is like the risen sun in all the world.

[11] Then why were the apostles persecuted, who preached and affirmed the resurrection from the dead? "Concerning the resurrection from the dead am I judged today."[75] "If there is no life from the dead, neither did Christ rise. And if Christ did not rise, our preaching is empty, and your faith is also empty. We are also discovered to be false witnesses of God, for we have testified concerning God that he raised up Christ when he did not raise [him]. And if the dead do not rise, neither did Christ rise. If Christ did not rise, your faith is vain and you are still in your sins. Doubtless, those who sleep in Christ have perished."[76] Behold, the sleep of death is the body's, not the soul's. "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and has become the First-fruits of the sleeping. And as through man came death, so too, through man is life from the dead."[77] If, then, the first man, a body and soul, is truly a man, also the second man, the new "Adam", a body and soul, is truly man, and he rose and became the First-fruits of the sleeping and the Father of the world to come. "The First-fruits is Christ, and then those who are Christ's at his coming,"[78] etc. And, "Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we | shall all be changed, instantly, like the twinkling of {186} an eye, at the last trumpet when it sounds. And the dead shall rise incorruptible, and we shall be changed, suddenly, as the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet when it sounds; and the dead shall rise incorruptible, and we shall be changed."[79] And, "If the dead do not rise, why are you baptized for them?"[80] And, "If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too God will bring forth those who have slept in Jesus with him. But this we say to you with the word of our Lord: we who are remaining at the coming of our Lord, who are living, will not overtake those who have slept, for our Lord, at the command, at the voice of the archangel, and at the trumpet of God, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, and then we who remain shall be caught up with them together in the clouds for the meeting with our Lord in the air, and so we shall be with our Lord always."[81]

[12] Then are the words of our Lord false, who revealed and confirmed that his body rose, or is the preaching of his apostle in whom he spoke empty? Or perhaps our Lord said this to his apostles: "I, a body with its members, have been touched by you, but you must understand a spirit and a sphere, without bones and without flesh—an illusion similar to a body." But this is what he said and confirmed: "Touch me and know that a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."[82] He showed, made clear, and confirmed that he, after

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his resurrection, according to human nature, had flesh, bones, hands, and feet, and when they were touched, in truth they had been pierced by nails; and a side arrayed with ribs like its bodily predecessor, which had been opened by a spear; and since death entered by a rib, by the opening of the rib life came through blood and water; and the mouth with which he spoke with them was the same through which they gave him sour vinegar and bitter herbs instead of the taste of the fig, the sweet fruit of the tree; and they saw the parsopa whose face they had spat upon was also the same after the resurrection. For lo, they saw him in all his forms, and | he spoke with them face to face, and as together they truly {187}
saw all his manly stature in all that belonged to it, in which he is prepared to come in great glory in his union with God the Word unitedly, to judge the dead and the living; and as the angels said to the apostles, as we said above, "This Jesus whom you have seen taken up from you to heaven you shall in like manner see coming from heaven."[83] He was not made round in a spherical manner and [then] ascend, O Spherites[84], and it is not made round spherically [that] he will descend from heaven, as these impious say, but in the same body arrayed with its members in its correct form. That in which he ascended, in the same he will come in great, ineffable glory.

[13] Then has all this error been held falsely, as these deceivers blaspheme?—that our Lord, who is the Light and the Truth, led the apostles astray, and also the angels led the apostles astray, and the apostles led the world astray, that our Lord rose from the tomb while he did not rise in his body? Therefore, according to the blasphemy of these accursed followers of Ḥenana, the foundation of our truth is laid upon an illusion and an apparition. But it is not so, O villains, not so! But what? "If you confess with your mouth our Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved."[85] For it is clear that the soul does not die, and in his Godhead our Lord was immortal, but he raised up his temple. "God raised up our Lord, and will raise us up by his power,"[86] and "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."[87] His manhood has power in union with God the Word to raise up the dead, as he said, "As the Father has life in his qnoma, so too he gives to the Son that he may have life in his qnoma,"[88] for in union he is the Son, as in nature he is man. | {188}
Hear him when he says, "The hour is coming, and even now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and shall rise."[89] Behold they are bodies which are buried within tombs and not souls.

88 Cf. Jn. 5:26.
89 Cf. Jn. 5:25.

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[14] But because the ignorant do not understand these wonders which he worked in this worshipful economy, let us say a little for the consideration of the ignorant: there are three marvels which our Lord manifested before his crucifixion and resurrection, which were much more exalted than the nature of the mortal body he put on, for they pointed out the power of his Godhead, which unitedly indwelt and remained in his manhood in one conjunction. Others which he manifested after the resurrection, which were lower than the unconstrained state of his body, which was immortal, incorruptible, impassible, and without necessity, are the same which—in themselves and through themselves—informed and confirmed the doubting in mind that the same actual body which died and was placed in the tomb is the same which also rose and was revived after three days according to the promise of its wearer and not some other. The three before the resurrection are in the likeness of three witnesses. These were greatly exalted and higher than the order of a mortal body which is clothed with the denseness of flesh. One: when he went out by the power of the Godhead which was united in him from within the womb through the bound and virginal gates of natural protection, while those natural seals, the keepers of holiness, were not destroyed, forever confirming by a token the testimony of chastity for ever. This is like that which was after the resurrection: he went into the upper room to his disciples through the closed doors through the power of the Godhead in him in a marvelous and ineffable wonder. The second: when he walked upon the unstable[90], fluid, and porous waters, | having a body which, according to its earthly nature, would weigh him {189}
down to sink by the weight of mortality, when also he showed Peter two things to confirm that which was his, that unitedly God the Word dwelt in him in one conjunction, in one power and authority. First he allowed Peter to walk and to come upon the water that he might teach his disciples about the power of his Godhead which was hidden in his manhood, then he left the body of Peter to its nature, that the weight of the mortal body might be made manifest, and that, because the man of our Lord was the same body in his manhood as Peter and other men—though he is worshipful in honor in the order of the Godhead because of the union—and as it is said, "We are of his flesh and of his bones,"[91] and, "In everything he was like us except for sin,"[92] and because he gave him a hand and lifted him up, he showed the power of his Godhead, and that he was not mere man, but [that] God the Word dwelt in him unitedly and worked these miracles, and as one who slept in the ship according to his human nature, and rebuked the sea and calmed its waves according to his divine nature. Again, the third wonder, by which he manifested in a mortal body that which is above mortality, glorious, splendid, and ineffable, showing forth [and] manifesting before his disciples upon the mountain that [state] in which he is going to be after the

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resurrection, in ineffable glory, in the same union which he had within the womb, which was until that time obscured because of the weakness of the onlookers. "There are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom. And after six days Jesus led away Cephas, James, and John, and took them up the mountain | alone. And Jesus was {190}
transfigured in their sight, and his parsopa shone like the sun. His garments were white as the light,"[93] that he might show that not only the skin of his face shone and was changed into marvelous, wondrous, and ineffable brightness, in the likeness of the foreshadowing type which [happened] with Moses, but utterly all his body was made to shine, was radiant, and gave light, as from the splendor of its own light. Also his garments were white, like the shining of a bright lamp, hidden within a thin veil, radiating within by its brightness. Behold, therefore, if this sign which took place was [a sign] of that in which the body of our Lord was, after the resurrection, going to be glorified and made manifest—the wondrous brightness and ineffable glory in which he was prepared to come from heaven in another glory—and his body was not seen [in] the form of a sphere, but in the same parsopa, and in all the members of his body he was made to shine and was radiant, then also after his resurrection he continued and remained in his same "bodiliness", while the features of his parsopa did not perish, for it was said concerning him that "he was fairer in his appearance than men."[94] Neither were his senses transformed from their nature, nor the allotment which men possess, nor were the members of his body destroyed or corrupted into a spherical state, as [in] the babbling of the impious.

[15] So, in the same way, in the time after the resurrection he worked three different wonders such as were inferior to those things in which his body existed after the resurrection. For lo, his body rose in an incorruptible state, without scars or wounds which were torn or rent. At the same moment that he showed his disciples his hands and his feet he made the scars and spots in it[95], for he truly made in them[96] pierced spots when he made them touch [them], like those by which and from which before the resurrection he suffered and died. Truly he showed them the hole in his hands and feet, and truly the opening of his side by the spear. It was not | in an illusion, nor fantastically, nor [as] a phan- {191}
tom without qnoma [that] he convinced them concerning his resurrection by handling and by scars, but [they were] truly members, and truly scars. And after he showed them to the disciples, and they were convinced by what they saw, and they believed that the same body which died was the same also which rose, in that they were not yet persuaded that after the resurrection he rose to incorruptibility, but, like the rest of those who had risen to corruptibility and

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afterwards died, as [those] the prophets raised up, and as our Lord resuscitated Lazarus—doubtless, if there existed scars in their body, whether new or old, they rose with the same—therefore after he had healed the doubting of the disciples and they believed that the same body which died and was placed in the tomb was the same which appeared, and lo, they had considered and proved it, then subsequently the places which had been pierced were made smooth and firm according to the nature of immortality and immutability in which he rose spotless, there being no scars or marks on him. As after he showed his glory on the mountain in the sight of his disciples, and confirmed for them that glory in which he was going to appear after the resurrection, and at that moment was truly changed to an ineffable brightness, and his parsopa shone like the sun, and it was not in semblance or appearance [only]—therefore it is written, "Jesus was transfigured in their sight"[97]—that he might show that he was what he was and appeared [to be], and afterwards the ineffable light was hidden, after he had imparted understanding of the exalted things of his united Godhead which dwelt in the body—that he was going to manifest his body in great and ineffable glory—so too it was done here after the resurrection. In the fleshly appearance of mortality he hid the luminous brightness which was in him after the resurrection until he ascended to heaven. | And like the mystery {192}
on the mountain, in which he hid the appearance of mortal flesh in his brightness, when he had caused his disciples to touch the places in which the nails had been, and by them they were convinced of his resurrection, afterwards, as I have said, he again made them[98] to conform with immortal nature, without scars, which he put on at the resurrection from the dead. As it is written, "It is sown in corruption and rises incorruptible; it is sown in shame and rises in glory; it is sown a natural body and rises a spiritual body—the natural, and then the spiritual"[99]—while speaking concerning our Lord.

[16] Let us again repeat the word: as his splendid glory which he showed on the mountain truly happened, and afterwards his body was in its nature like all bodies which are still in mortality, in the appearance of flesh and other such things, so also, after the resurrection he truly showed them the appearance of mortal flesh, like that of all men, apart from his glory, while covering his glory with a veil in which they were able to approach and encounter him. Though there were at the moment scars which he caused them to touch, and afterwards the scars also went away, the body remained in the immutability of its nature while it was veiled, and also the glory. Indeed, this was because the disciples, who possessed the nature of mortality, and eyes that could not perceive[100] immortality, were unable to behold in him the ineffable brightness. For lo, not even the children of Israel were able to behold the parsopa of Moses

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which was made to shine—though it is written that the skin of his face was made to shine and not his body, as that of our Lord was made to shine. Behold, also concerning the apostles it is written that they fell upon their faces in fear, and were afraid because of what they saw and heard on the mountain. Also, from the brightness which shone forth upon Saul both of his eyes were blinded. Because of this, as they[101] were able | to see and encounter him after the resurrection, as I have said, he in this way veiled his ineffable brightness in the appearance in which they were accustomed to seeing him, though the body was in its members before the resurrection as well as after the resurrection when it was glowing with immortality, that he might be the first among all and the Firstfruits of the sleepers. "Like a potter's vessel, you shall break them in pieces."[102] {193}

[17] As he truly showed them his brightness mystically on the mountain, so also that he ate and drank with them after his resurrection was not false, for truly in those, his holy and pure hands, he took food and placed it in the holy mouth with which he spoke to them, and not with a misleading appearance, God forbid!, and not in an illusion without substance[103], but by hidden and ineffable power the food was consumed while not nourishing the body. And as at the time of the resurrection, of those to whom resuscitation and change will come immediately, there are some who, while their bellies are full, will be changed into immortality, and there are many who, while sitting and eating, and also a morsel of bread remains in their mouth, at that moment, during a brief instant, the food will disappear from their bodies and they shall be changed into immortality, and the body will remain in its bodily state in immortality, while there is not within it either food or drink, so too our Lord acted in that place, as for the confirmation of the resurrection of his body, so that it might not be considered as though illusory, or as though his body appeared in a fantasy after the resurrection.

[18] It is the same with the clothing as well, for like one who is clothed with garments he appeared to them, while there were in truth no garments, for the garments in which his body was wrapped | remained within the tomb, and such as [he had] before the crucifixion were divided by lots. But he appeared to them as they were able to see and to encounter him, while his ineffable glory was hidden, in what way [only] he knows. However, they had no doubt concerning garments—whether or not he indeed truly showed them the garments as he truly showed them the bread, the fire, and the fish, while the manner was not known or from whence—for it is not the resurrection of garments they were going to proclaim, that he should show them the reality of clothing, but he strengthened them to proclaim concerning the resurrection of the body, about {194}

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which they were doubtful. For until this resurrection the greater part of the teaching of our Lord took place—and through the signs and wonders which he worked—to teach everyone that he was not a simple man, but also God, who was unitedly dwelling in the body of his temple. As he said, "My Father has worked until now, and I too am working,"[104] and, "As the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, so too the Son gives life to those whom he chooses,"[105] and other such things as these, by which he taught and explained concerning his Godhead which unitedly dwelt in his Manhood. So too after this resurrection his concern was to confirm for his disciples that it was he who rose in his bodily state in which they had known him, and that his resurrection did not happen in an illusory or fantastic manner, but in truth, the same which was destroyed was that which also rose according to the promise of its Inhabitant, and that his soul was not left in Sheol, nor did his body see corruption. So God raised him up, that never more would he see corruption, as also the blessed Luke the Evangelist said: "After he had suffered, he showed them himself alive by many signs during forty days, appearing to them and speaking concerning the kingdom of God. And while eating bread with them, | he commanded them {195}
not to depart from Jerusalem,"[106] etc. And the blessed Peter said the same: "We ate and drank with him after his resurrection."[107]

[19] Therefore behold, although our Lord demonstrated all these things and confirmed and taught about the resurrection of his united manhood, and that it is trustworthy that the body which died, which was his united temple, also rose unitedly, and indeed his disciples as well [demonstrated the same], through a myriad of demonstrations and with testimonies which were credible, through miracles which they worked in his name, that he rose truly, and lo, wonders bore witness—"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ the Nazarene, stand upon your feet,"[108] and, "You killed the head of our life, whom God raised up from the dead, and we are all his witnesses, and through the faith of his name, this one whom you have seen and known he has strengthened and healed, and faith in him has bestowed this health on him in your presence"[109]—nevertheless, as I have said—that is, that with these things and by these things the resurrection of the manhood of our Lord was confirmed by everyone, and that the same is the first of the sleepers and the First-born from the dead—yet, behold, still all these impious followers of Ḥenana, even today, have sprung up to their own destruction[110]. Lo, they deny not only the resurrection of the body of our Lord, but also the general resurrection of the bodies of all men: "Salvation is only for souls, and this is their salvation: to be freed from the prison of the body in which they are confined." But truly they[111] do rise, as well as the bodies of these impious ones, at the resurrection of judgment, and they are banished to

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eternal punishment with Satan, their father, for they have agreed with his error. For they say, leading simplicity astray, these impious and without hope, "What good are hands when there is no labor, and what good is a mouth when we do not eat, or the rest of the members?" O worthless ones and without hope, | it {196}
was not for eating alone [that] the mouth was made, but for glory, exaltation, and confession in the presence of greatness, even as you yourselves will wail in eternal lamentation, according to the saying of our Lord; and eyes that they may see in that day face to face, some for joy and delight, and others for distress and punishment, and hands that may be lifted above without wrath and without cares, and knees that may bend and kneel before Christ—"Every knee shall bend to him and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God his Father"[112]—and feet to stand before the fearful judgment-seat—"All of us are going to stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, recompensed, each one, in his own body, for whatever has been done by him, whether good or evil."[113]—behold, a body, an array of members, as has been demonstrated—and your hands and feet will be bound, and being tied by hidden power, you will be cast out into eternal punishment.

[20] And if mystically, because of baptism and the first-fruits of the Spirit which we have received, it is said concerning us by the apostle that "we are his creation, for we have been created in Jesus Christ for good works"[114], then good deeds will be perfected by us there in all fullness in immortality. If not, why the resurrection[115]? For lo, this is our delight in the resurrection: to serve justice. And behold, O worthless ones, how many members there are in the body which are fashioned for adornment alone, some of whose function is vain[116]. Indeed this life and its adornment is an upright bearing[117]. For what is the form which is more directed upward, fairer, and more desirable to the sight than the human body—as it were, constructed for this, that it may look upward, and not downward as the beasts? The flaws in them bear witness, for so many are disfiguring to them, especially to those which are bowed down.

[21] Now then, bodies do not rise up in a spherical state, O worthless ones! For what are spheres useful, O erring ones? | For play, then? Or perhaps at the res- {197}
urrection, having been made round, they ascend to heaven? Hear, O worthless ones! It is written that our Lord brought his disciples out as far as to Bethany, and lifted up his hands and blessed them. Behold, O wretches! Round spheres and cylindrical things do not have hands, and the manhood of our Lord was not at all made round when he ascended to heaven, but [it was] in the form of a body with the array of its members. "And when he said these things, as they were looking at him, he was taken up, and a cloud received him and he was

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hidden from their sight. And while they were looking at the heavens, as he was going, two men were found standing with them in white clothing. And they said to them, 'Galilean men, why do you stand looking into heaven. This Jesus, who was taken up from you to heaven, shall come just as you have seen him ascend to heaven.' "[118] Well then, O worthless ones, Jesus did not become a sphere, and he did not ascend to heaven in a spherical condition, but in his same bodily form, the one which he showed them after his resurrection. And he will come in the same united body "as you have seen him ascend to heaven," its arrangement not destroyed or corrupted into the form of a sphere or cylindrical object or flat thing[119]. Nor will he come in an illusion, but in the same form, possessing the same hands which he stretched out and placed upon them and blessed them, and all his members as well in the same measurement of manly stature, in which he is prepared to come in great and ineffable glory. "Then they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and with glory."[120] Well then, O pagans, the Son of Man is not a sphere, but a body and united soul, which is a man in his full measure[121], by whom God is going to judge all unitedly, in one power and authority. "He has established a day on which he is going to judge | all the earth with justice through the man whom he has designated. And {198} he has turned everyone to him, for he has raised him from the dead."[122] Well, then, it says a "man" whom he raised from the dead, and not a sphere. A man is never called a "sphere", O erring ones. A man is one who possesses manly size, and is distinct in his form from the category of women. There is one qnoma of a male, another of a female, and a man is complete in all that is his, and is not a boy. This was a man that the Jews killed. "Why do you seek to kill me, a man who tells you the truth?"[123] This is the man who is going to come in the union. This is the temple which was destroyed. This is he whom his Inhabitant raised up, and he is with him unitedly in one glory, worship, and exaltation, in one united Sonship with the non-united Father and with the non-united Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

[22] Anyone who does not thus confess rejects the truth and his life is lost. He will be bound by his hands and feet, and cast in his body with his soul into torturous Gehenna for ever, which is prepared for the Accuser and his angels. We helpless, insignificant, and sinful ones who acknowledge uprightly the resurrection of the body of our Lord, and that the dead rise and are resuscitated in their bodies, and from mortality put on immortality, and from corruption incorruption, and also souls with their bodies acquire immutability,—we, then, who thus confess unswervingly and with one spirit—abundant mercies shall be shown to us at the tribunal of requital, when everyone will be repaid in his body whatever he has done, whether good or evil, when he shall deliver us in

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his mercies, not only from these erroneous heresies, but from the just punishment which is reserved for those who do not repent. Through this repentance, unto [our] | last breath, our life shall be crowned, for lo, in the same is our help {199}
and defense, so that our mind may not be distracted from its hope and there may be mercies and pity for us, and the forgiveness of sins through the grace of Christ, our hope and the head of our life and our God, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit be glory, confession, exaltation, and worship for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fifth Treatise is ended.

VI ཨཱཏཱི་ཡཱ་ཏི་ཀ་

ཡང་ཁམས་པ་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱི་ཡང་ཁམས་པ་ཉིད་ཅེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱི་ཡང་ཁམས་པ་ཉིད་ཅེས་བྱ་བ

VI Sixth Treatise

Twentieth Chapter: Concerning the names of Christ, the Son of God: which and how many belong to his Godhead, and which and how many to his manhood, and those which belong to this wondrous and ineffable union, and what does each one of them indicate to us?
Twenty-first Chapter: Concerning what these terms and other designations mean to us, that is, the "taking," and the "indwelling," and "temple," and "clothing," and "conjunction," and "union."

VI.20 *Twentieth Chapter: Concerning the names of Christ: which and how many belong to his Godhead, and which and how many belong to his manhood, and which are of this wondrous and ineffable union, and what each one of them signifies to us.*

[1] Now, many in their carelessness and ineptitude, and some with evil intent, have confused and mixed the names and designations by which Christ is called "Son of God", "our Lord" and the "Head of our life", and "our God", which are from the Holy Scriptures and from the tradition of holy men and theologians, and have said in their madness | that each one of his names and the designations {200}
by which he is called signifies[1] all of them. Some of them have denied the "taking" of our nature to the union, and impiously insisting upon "becoming" alone. Some of them have imputed suffering to the Godhead in their madness and have blotted out the properties of his Godhead and manhood, devising a "natural and qnomic" union, and confounding, mingling, and mixing the natures of his Godhead and his manhood. Others, though not confounding the natures, yet have confused the qnome and asserted a qnomic union which is not God—God in union—and not man—man in union, in one conjunction, that is, in one parsopa of one Lord Jesus Christ. Since [this is so], it seemed to us that, as we have learned from the true tradition of all the children of the catholic and apostolic church, we should set forth all the names of Christ the Son of God by which he was called, for the teaching and understanding of the rational faithful, and make them clear, that some declare the nature of his Godhead and others the nature of his manhood; others belong to the union of the economy which was for our salvation, and those as by taking, likeness, type, and figure through the operation of the economy—while first arranging in order the many names of this one proper parsopa of the one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and then making clear each one of them through the power of Christ which accompanies our feebleness and wretchedness because of our hope and confidence and our looking to him in secret and openly, always as now. This is also through his mercies which accompany all the penitent.

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[2] These are, briefly, names of his Godhead, which preceded the union with his manhood: Son, Word, God, Lord, Only-begotten, Light, Effulgence, Image, Life, | Likeness of God, King, Holy One. But from his bodily dispensation and {201}
thenceforth, whether these belong to his manhood unitedly, or belong to the union from the parsopa of the one worshipful economy in the one conjunction of the two natures, preserved in their properties, in the one parsopa of the one Son for ever, there are, briefly, these: Jesus, Christ, Babe, First-born of Mary, Emmanuel, Child, Man, Son of Man, Son of the Highest, First-born of all creatures, First-born from the dead, Priest, Son of David, King, Lord, Prophet, Adam, Image of the invisible God, Righteous One, Holy One, Rock, Bread, Vine, Way, Door, Lamb, Shepherd, Rod, etc.

(The names of the Godhead:)

[3] Now, God the Word is called "Son", for he is in truth the true Son who is begotten from the true Father eternally and not made, consubstantial and coessential with him, and like him in everything, and in the distinctiveness of the property of name, and the actual and eternal property of Sonship, and immutable and unchangeable, from everlasting, and for ever, as also not [in] the distinct and singular way which is the property of the Father. For one is the Son of one Father, as one is the Father of one Son, but God the Father [is] not in nature Father to some other Son, nor [is] the Son another God from another Being or nature, but only from God the Father, that is, from his nature by way of eternal property.

[4] Again, the Son is called "Word", in that his Father did not precede him, although he[2] is from him[3] in nature, and in his bosom, and with him, and in him infinitely, as the Father is in him infinitely. "I am in my Father and my Father [is] in me."[4] They make known one another by the invocation of each one of their parsope. As "father" indicates there is | one who is a "son", so "son" indi- {202}
cates there is one who is a "father", and, by the same token, [is] "word" to the light of the "reason"[5]. For whenever you pronounce "soul," at the same time you indicate the reason and word of the soul, and when you pronounce "word", at the same time you refer to the soul which it is from, in, with, and relative to. The soul is not without the word, nor the word without the soul. In the same way, God the Word is begotten of God the Father in his qnoma eternally, beyond all times, intervals, and moments, impassible and without succession and without interruption. He is from him, and he is with him, and he is in him, and is joined to him in his own eternal qnoma in the union of the one nature in a marvelous, ineffable wonder, as also the Holy Spirit in qnoma is consubstantial

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[5] ཞེས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པའི་ཚིག་ལས་ཀྱང་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་ཏེ་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེ་བ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ཀྱིས་ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་རོ།

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6 Cf. Jn. 1:1.

7 Jn. 1:1.

with the Father and with the Son, although the Holy Spirit [is so] in the manner of "procession", and the Son in the manner of "begottenness".

[5] Here, then, the name "Word", which is from the heavenly Son of Thunder[6], is not for an indication of qnoma, but that [he is] without beginning, and timeless, and without interruption, and without succession, and from the Father in nature, for there is not one of the names, designations, or titles which itself alone is able to declare, indicate, clarify, signify, enlighten, teach, or make known to created beings concerning the wondrous begetting of the marvelous Begotten from a wondrous and ineffable Begetter, for they only make known [something] about them. Because of this [there are] many titles and designations of names of the eternal Son, for each one of them indicates one thing to believers who are subject to impulses, sounds, words, distinctions, indications, considerations, and rational meanings. As for all the rest of those empowered with speech but incorporeal, they too are in need of this life-giving teaching through knowledge according to the apostolic word.

[6] Again, the Word from the Father is also called God, | for in truth he is God {203}
qnomically, as the Father is God qnomically, and as the Holy Spirit is God qnomically: a worshipful Trinity in one Godhead, in one eternal nature, Creator and Cause of all, Holder of all, and Administrator, Guide, and Judge, the Son with the Father and Holy Spirit in one Lordship and eternal Being for ever. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."[7] The blessed Evangelist distinguishes, enlightens, interprets, and informs us, and in that he calls him "Word", lest we should suppose or consider that he was a "power" or "operation" without qnoma, as the impious, the children of demons, have supposed, those of the company of Sabellius and of the company of Paul, he adds to "Word" also the name "God". "The Word was God," that is, qnomically, as the Father is God qnomically, from whom he is begotten. This one is he who "was in the beginning with God," not as a power but as a qnoma with a qnoma in the beginning, God with God eternally, beyond being born, and not made. Here, then, all the impious of the company of Arius and Eunomius and the rest of the children of error were indignant and fell, who made the Son less than the Father and counted him a creature, fashioned and temporal and finite, him through whom all came to be and [who] holds all by the power of his word. Therefore, there was nothing which preceded the beginning. Then whenever the rational mind is exalted and considers, it recognizes this, that in the beginning was God the Word with God the Father, eternally with him and to him in one eternal Being for ever.

[7] ཞེས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཡིས་ཀྱང་། ཞེས་ཅི་ལའང་ཟེར་བ་ཡིན་ནམ་སྙམ་ན། ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཡིས་ཀྱང་ཞེས་པ་ནི་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཡིས་ཀྱང་ཞེས་པ་ཡིན་ཏེ

[7] Again, God the Word is also named "Lord", for he is Lord in his eternal Being, Creator of all and Ruler over all. He guides and administers | all with the Father {204}
and with the Holy Spirit, and all that he desires he does in heaven and on earth, in one indivisible Lordship of the eternal Trinity: Lord, Lord, Lord—one Lord in one nature. While the worshipful qnome are united in one eternal Being, they are unitedly distinct in their qnome and in the property of their parsope in one Being and Lordship.

[8] Again, the Lord, the Son, is called "Only-begotten", in that he has no brothers or any who preceded him in Sonship, for it belongs to him singularly, eternally, in an unsearchable manner, as also there was no other begotten after him from his Father, that is from his nature, but one Only-begotten Son alone, from one singular Father alone, in one eternal Being beyond time. His eternal Being does not have a like [being], nor [does] the manner of his eternal begetting from the Father. [There is] one Father of one Son and not another, and one Son of one Father and not another. However, [only] they know the manner.

[9] Again, the Only-begotten of the Father is called "Light", in that in truth he is the true Light from the true Light who lightens all rational and sentient creatures with his truth, and as among sensible things this Light is perceptible to the senses, so among incorporeal things that Light is perceptible to the mind, for he is the Fount and Source of all wisdom and Giver of all knowledge, and the Informer and Revealer of all difficult things, and the Declarer of all hidden and concealed things of ignorance, and the Uncoverer and Destroyer of all the darkness of error of the Son of Perdition. By him and from him all the hidden mysteries have been made known to us, and all the secret things and parables are expounded for us. By him and from him the Father is made known to us, and the same | makes known, reveals, enlight- {205}
ens, and makes understandable to us his own qnoma, which is co-essential with the Father and eternally begotten of him, that is, of his nature. And he trains and enlightens us concerning the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, who proceeds qnomically from the Father, and [that] the nature of the worshipful Trinity is one—three eternal qnome in one exalted Being—by which all was created, made, and established, and [that it] is administered, renewed, and perfected, by one power, with one will and authority and eternal Lordship.

[10] ܕܒܪܐ. ܡܢܝܢܐ ܕܐܝܟ ܗܘ ܒܪܝܬܐ ܕܒܪ ܒܪܝܬܐ ܕܐܝܟ

[10] Again, this Light from Light is called "Effulgence" by the blessed Paul, who saw his light, even as the saying by the blessed John the Evangelist, to whom his mysteries were made known, and one is the meaning of both [terms], directing rational creatures upward to one ineffable thing, even as one is the Spirit in both these blessed apostles, the shining pillars of creation, speaking, revealing, declaring, and making known to us marvels and wonders for our life which are in divine things. For there is no word without a soul and life, or a light and sun without effulgence and heat. This is the mystical meaning of one eternal nature in the eternal Trinity, as in the manner of "cause and effect", though there is no precedence or subsequence, as the sun does not precede the shining, nor the shining follow the sun, the interval of which is [as] the twinkling [of an eye]. As after the blessed John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word," God the Word was not considered a power, a working, an operation without qnoma, as our word is a power or operation of the soul, and after "the Word was with God" he added, "and God was the Word," that is, a qnoma, God the Son, like the qnoma, God the Father, and not only from his nature, but also "the same was | in the {206}
beginning with God,"[8] etc., so too the blessed Paul, after he said, "He is the Effulgence of his glory," in order that it might not be considered by the hearers that he was without qnoma, as a power or operation, like the effulgence of fire, or of the sun, being one nature, he adds and makes clear, "and the Image of his Being."[9]

[11] The "Effulgence" is called "Image", not as a reflective image alone, or as that which is said concerning his manhood unitedly, that "he is the Image of the invisible God,"[10] but he calls the qnoma of the Son—the Son co-essential with the Father—the "Image". As was said concerning Adam, that he begot [a son] "after his own likeness according to his image,"[11] teaching not only about a "likeness", but about a subsisting qnoma of the same likeness and of the same being as his father, so too is this, of the image of his Being and of his qnoma, for all that the Father and the Spirit have by nature, the Son also has by nature, except for "begetting" and "procession". This one is begotten, that one begets, that one proceeds—that is, three qnome in the property of their own parsope, one solitary Being, one eternal nature, revealed and made known for our true salvation.

[12] Again, the Image of the Father is called "Life", in that he is eternally living in his qnoma like the Father, and the Fountain of life, and the Cause of our every breath. But the rest, inasmuch as they "begin" to be through his will while they are not [yet living], so they "begin" to possess life. Now he in his Being not only is alive and the Fountain of life, but also he gives life to all as he chooses. As it is written, "I kill, and I give life; and I summon forth those who are not as though

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they were."[12] He gave and gives the breath of life to all natures, and moves, governs, preserves, and strengthens those to whom he gives life within that they may live. As it is written, "In him we live and are moved and exist,"[13] | and, "As {207}
the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, so too the Son gives life to those whom he chooses,"[14] and, "Life has been revealed."[15] How indeed is the rational soul quickened, moved, preserved, and set to work? It acts and rules in a body with its parts and in all through the power which it has received from its Maker, and without it there is nothing except an insensate dead thing. So without God, who gives life, administers, preserves, sets to work, moves, acts, governs, and holds the whole and the part, there is no creature, either in existence or in life. As it is written, "All is from him, all is in him, and all is through him," etc.

[13] Again, the same is called "Fountain of Life" and "Likeness of God" as well, in that in all things he is the Likeness of God the Father in those things which he possesses, whether everlastingness, or infinitude, or power, or dominion, or Lordship, or whether that which is from him, that is, born eternally from his nature, as a son from a father, since all that is born in nature is consubstantial and of the same likeness as its parent, as what belongs to Adam, for it is said that he begot in his own likeness. This has been proven to me, for how wonderfully the blessed Paul enlightens us. He did not say, "He who was made the likeness," but what? "He who was"—that is to say, eternally—"'in' the likeness of God," that is, qnomically God the Son was like God the Father—not as if he possessed a figure, or a stamp, or a fleshly and bodily appearance as the likeness of men, as foolish foreigners[16] and the other children of error think—that he possesses a body, a figure, and a characteristic, and in a corporeal and bodily way the Son resembles the Father. Not so! For God the Word is Spirit, infinite like the Father | and like the Holy Spirit. The Word is not a body, a stamp, or {208}
a figure, but he names him "Likeness of the Father", that he may demonstrate that he is co-essential with the Father, as I have said, and consubstantial, and like him in his qnoma, as a son from a father who resembles the Father who begot him. He possesses all those things which belong to the Father in his own qnoma except for the parsopic characteristic of "Begetter".

[14] These, then, are the proper names and the meanings which relate to them, and indeed they were his qnomically before the dispensation in the body of God the Word.

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[15] Again, the Likeness of God is called "King", in that he is truly King, as it is written, "King of kings and Lord of lords,"[17] and, "God is King over all the earth: sing praise to him."[18]

[16] Again, this true King is called "Holy One", in that he alone is immutable, as it is said in the prophet, "holy" and "glorious," as well as, righteous, and holy, and a deliverer. Let us now say, accordingly, these things of the dispensation in the body, concerning the names of the dispensation. From the dispensation on, some things are of his human nature in the union, others of the parsopa of the union, and others concern operations and likenesses, etc.

[17] Let us say a little by the power of God, as for the light of truth, and for the refutation of the Theopaschites and those who deny the "taking" of the head of our race, and those who mix and confuse the natures in one natural and qnomic commingling to the destruction of their lives.

[18] Christ is called Son of God, and according to the sequence of names which we previously set down above. First of all, before he was conceived and born, and according to the name which Gabriel pre-ordained for him, that is Jesus, which makes known the special title of his human qnoma in the union, that which was taken from the nature of the blessed Virgin, the holy Mary. It was fashioned unitedly by the | Holy Spirit, and at the beginning of its fashioning {209}
God the Word dwelt in it as in a temple, unitedly, making it one Son with himself for ever. "You shall conceive and bear a Son, and his name shall be called Jesus. The same shall be great, and he shall be called Son of the Highest,"[19] which is to say, in union with the Son of the highest [there is] "one" Son of the Highest, as the mystical bread and Lordly body are one body. "And the Lord God shall give him the throne of David his father,"[20] that is, in the same union. In his human nature he is the son of David and from his family, but in the union and conjunction with God the Word he is the eternal Son of the Highest—one Son of the Highest in one Lordship. Although this name "Jesus", the "Savior," refers to what was about to take place, yet it is the name of the qnoma of his manhood, as Jesus bar Jozadek[21] was named, and as it was said to the shepherds, "Unto you is born today a Savior, who is the Lord Christ, in the city of David."[22] It was not a Savior without a human qnoma who was born, nor does [the angel] make known "Jesus" as an operation alone without a human qnoma, as Ḥenana of Adiabene, the innovator of many heresies, interprets.

[19] ܐܬܝܗ ܕܡ ܡܫܝܚܐ ܕܐܠܗܐ ܕܐܝܬ ܒܗ ܟܠ ܡܠܝܐ ܕܐܠܗܘܬܐ ܒܓܘܫܡܐ ܘܒܦܓܪ

[19] The name "Christ" belongs to the parsopa of the union and to the economy of both natures, their properties preserved in one indivisible conjunction of his Godhead and manhood. The name "Christ[23]" itself is of his united manhood, and the proper name "Son" is of the Godhead of Christ, for his manhood was anointed with the Holy Spirit, that in the union it might be one Son with the eternal Son. With the beginning of his fashioning he was completed in his order, but as the natures were united in one conjunction of the one parsopa of Sonship, the names were also united in the same one parsopa of Christ, though what things in | the union are of the Godhead of Christ and what things are {210} of his manhood are known in one Sonship. For the name "Only-begotten" and "Lord of glory" are eternally of God the Word, but in the union they are also of his manhood. The name "Jesus" and "Son of Man" are properly characteristic of the human nature of Christ, but in the union they are also of God the Word, for the parsopa belongs to the union of each with an indication of what belongs to the natures, as in "From them[24] is Christ in the flesh, who is God over all,"[25] and, "Be reconciled to this in yourselves, which is also Jesus Christ,"[26] and, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and for ever."[27] Such are of the parsopa of the union of both natures, their properties preserved in one conjunction of Sonship for ever.

[20] Again, he is called "Babe", so that all the properties of the phases of his manhood, which he possessed according to his nature, might be made clear, in that he newly entered the world—"When he brought the First-born into the world,"[28] etcetera, and, "You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling-cloths and lying in a manger,"[29] etcetera.

[21] Again, he is called "First-born"[30] in the union in three ways, the same, as we have said above, but not "in" the same. One way is that he opened the closed womb of his mother which naturally, virginally, was sealed: "Every first-born opening the womb shall be called holy of the Lord,"[31] and, "She gave birth to her first-born son."[32] Again, he is called First-born in his manhood unitedly, in that he first rose from the dead through the power of the Godhead in him, and loosed the cords of Sheol, becoming the first in new life unto immortality and immutability. For in his manhood he was the First-born from the dead, not in his Godhead, which raised up its temple first: "Destroy this temple, and after three days I will raise it up."[33] "He spoke | concerning the temple of his {211} body."[34] And the blessed Paul said in the Acts, "The promise which was made to our fathers, behold, God has fulfilled for us, their children, for he raised up Jesus, as it is written in the second Psalm, 'You are my Son, and I have begotten you today.'"[35] Again, he says in the letter to the Colossians, "He is the head of

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the Church, for he is the beginning and First-born from the dead, that he may be first among all."[36] Again, he is called the First-born of all creatures, in that through him all that is in heaven and on earth was renewed as through the first-fruits. As the blessed Paul said, "He who is the likeness of the invisible God, and the First-born of all creatures,"[37] etc.

[22] Again, he is called "Emmanuel", as it is written, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel, which is interpreted, 'Our God is with us.'"[38] This too, then, is a name indicative of the two natures of the union of the Godhead and manhood of Christ in one conjunction, which took place within the womb at the beginning of the fashioning of his manhood. God the Word dwelt in him as in a temple unitedly, in one Sonship for ever. This is that "Our God is with us", that is, with our nature which he exalted, taking it to his own parsopa that he might dwell in it and be revealed in it, and be with it in one inseparable conjunction. And he gave it all that was his unitedly, except for the property of his own nature, while also making known by this name "with us" that it is impossible for there to be a natural and qnomic union, and a mixture and confusion, but the preserved property of natures in one conjunction. It is, then, impossible for the one and the One "with us" to be one nature and one qnoma. Therefore the natures are preserved in their properties in one conjunction of the Assumer and the assumed, who assumed him, joined him, and made him with himself one Son in union for ever.

[23] Again, he was named "Child" because of the | growth of his stature: "The {212}
child Jesus grew and was strengthened in spirit, and was filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him,"[39] etc. Now it was not in his Godhead that he was completed in everything and grew, but in his united manhood.

[24] Again, he was called "Man[40]", because he was in his manhood, unitedly, truly a fully grown man, and because he had grown up and arrived at completion and the measure of human stature of a thirty-year-old: "Jesus was about thirty years old,"[41] etc. "And you sought to kill me, a man who told you the truth which I have heard from my Father."[42] And the blessed Paul said, "He has established the day on which he is going to judge the whole earth in justice through the man whom he designates. And he has turned everyone to his faith in that he raised him from the dead,"[43] which means "through the union." Again, it is written, "What is man that you remember him?"[44] And, "A man of grief, and acquainted with sorrow."[45]

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[25] Again, he was called "Man[46]" and "Son of Man[47]", for in truth he was a son of man in his human nature unitedly, from the seed of the house of David and from Mary the Virgin, a complete qnoma with a rational soul and with a body with all that belongs to it, unitedly joined to God the Word, that is, to the eternal Son, in one parsopa of Sonship, in that he assumed it to his own parsopa in order to be revealed in it—"He was revealed in the flesh"[48]—and gave him what belonged to himself by way of union and not by way of nature, and took what belonged to him that he might be called Man and Son of Man parsopically and not naturally. Instead, from the union and conjunction the names were given and received, one to the other, and vice versa,[49] while each one persisted [in its nature] unitedly.[50] "The Son of Man who is in heaven,"[51] that is God the Word, who assumed to his own parsopa the name of manhood parsopically because of the union with it, although | it was itself the designation of the name of human {213}
nature. As the proper name of Sonship and of Only-begotten and of the Lord of glory are of the divine nature, and as one is the parsopa of the union of both natures, so one is the parsopa as well of the names, while the properties of his Godhead and manhood are retained in the union: "One is God, and one is the mediator of God and men, the man Jesus Christ,"[52] and, "Through man was death, and through man was the resurrection of the dead,"[53] and, "The second man a life-giving Spirit,"[54] and, "They will betray the Son of Man into the hands of sinners, and they will kill him, and after the third day he will rise."[55]

[26] Again, the same [Son of Man] in the union is called "Son of the Highest" because of the conjunction and taking of the parsopa and name which he possessed above all names. One is the Son of the Highest, the Assumer and the assumed in one parsopa, and one is the Son of Man in nature and in the taking of the parsopa, not two. In nature God the Word is Son of the Highest eternally, but in the union with it his manhood is also called and named Son of the Highest, and it belongs to it derivatively and unitedly in the one union of the one Christ, the Son of God, in one indivisible conjunction. Let the word be rightly employed, therefore, for the refutation of the erring! In nature, then, Christ is, from Mary, Man and the Son of Man. But in the union and from the parsopa of the economy, God the Word, the Son of the Highest, is called Son of Man and Jesus—not in nature, but in the name and in the taking of the parsopa, the union, and the indwelling. "The likeness of God took the likeness of a servant, and became in the likeness of men, and in form he was found as a man."[56] It is not "he was made a man." He "took a likeness," not "he was made a likeness." He was "in the likeness," but did not become the nature of a man. It is by virtue of the parsopa of the union, as I have said, | and as the natures were {214}
united into one parsopa of the economy, while their properties are retained

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without confusion, so too the names of the natures were united parsopically, for they give and take of one another—not in nature but in the taking of the united parsopa. The Son of the Highest is the Son of Man, and the Son of Man is the Son of the Highest, from the parsopa of the union and conjunction and indwelling, while the Son of the Highest remains in what is his naturally, having put on his own man, and is with him in union one Son of the Highest, and the man of our Lord remains in his nature man in the union. Because he united him with himself within the womb, making him, with himself, one Son for ever, he also took unto himself his humbler names that he might be called with him in the union by one name, Man, as well. "The Son of Man who is in heaven."[57] He called his infinite Godhead "Son of Man", for his manhood was not in heaven when he spoke this word, but from the parsopa of the union; and the titles which were common—as in "When you see the Son of Man ascend to the place where he was before,"[58] and, "No one has ascended to heaven but him who descended from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven"[59]—are united and distinguished in one parsopic name, for "ascends" belongs to his manhood unitedly, and "descended" belongs to his Godhead, [though] without departure. But because he was unitedly in his manhood in all this wondrous lowliness, exalting and taking to his own parsopa the likeness of a servant, in which he was revealed in all these things of this wondrous dispensation; and in that he was considered "flesh" and "man", though they were not persuaded of his Godhead which dwelt unitedly in his manhood—as he said, "You judge according to the body"[60]—"The Son of Man who is in heaven" makes known concerning the infinitude of the Godhead which was on earth and in heaven, and as | his {215}
manhood was, with him, one Only-begotten Son and the Lord of glory in the union, so too he was named Son of Man in the union, though not in nature.

[27] Again, in his manhood he was named "Priest", for through him we are brought near in one Spirit to the knowledge of the truth, and he saved us from the dominion of darkness and brought us to the true household. He took away sin and nailed it to his cross, and gave us pardon and salvation through his blood, and by him high priesthood was given in his Church: "Feed my sheep,"[61] etc., and according to that which the blessed Paul said to the Hebrews, "As there was a change in the priesthood, so there was also a change in the law, for he concerning whom these things were said was born of another tribe from which no one had ever ministered at the altar, for it is clear that our Lord sprang from Judah, from a tribe concerning which Moses did not speak regarding the priesthood. And again, this is especially clear[62], in that he said that in the likeness of Melchizedek another priest would rise up who would not be made according to the law of the bodily commandments, but according to the power of an

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indestructible life."[63] Again he said, "First of all, we have a high priest who is seated at the right hand of the throne of majesty in heaven, and he is the minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which God has set up and not man."[64] Again, he said, "Now Jesus Christ has received a ministry which is better than that."[65] Again, he said, "Christ, who has come, is the high priest of the good things which he provides[66], and he has entered the great and perfect tabernacle which is not made by hands, nor is it of this creation. And he did not enter with the blood of kids or of calves, but with his own blood he entered the sanctuary once, and secured eternal salvation. For if the blood of kids and calves and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled upon those who were defiled, and it sanctified them for the cleansing of their flesh, | how much the more, then, will the {216}
blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Because of this he became the mediator of a new covenant, for by his death salvation came to those who had transgressed against the first covenant, that those who have been called to an eternal inheritance might receive fulness[67]."[68] Again, he said, "For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by hands, which was a likeness of that true one, but he entered heaven, that he might appear before the presence of God on our behalf, not to offer himself again many times as did the high priest—he entered each and every year with blood not his own—else he would have been obliged to suffer many times from the beginning of the world. But now, at the end of the age, he offered himself once in his own sacrifice, that he might remove sin,"[69] etc. Behold, these things are clear, distinct, and plain to those who are discriminating and knowledgeable in the Scriptures: to the manhood of Christ they are suitable in the union, and not to his Godhead, for God the Word has no blood, since he is Spirit, nor has he recently entered into heaven, for he is infinite, and heaven and earth are filled by him, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit. It is impossible for one nature and qnoma to offer the sacrifice, and for the same to accept the sacrifice, as it is impossible for the temple and its inhabitant to be one nature and one qnoma, although in one parsopa the two natures of Christ are known unitedly, without confusion, for ever.

[28] Again, he is named "Son of David" because of the promises which were to David, for he was truly from his seed, and from the descent of David in his manhood, as it is written, "The son of David, the son of Abraham,"[70] and according to the testimony of the blessed Paul in Acts, "'I have found David, the son of Jesse, | a man according to my heart, who shall fulfill all my desires.' From {217}
the seed of this one God raised up for Israel, as he promised, Jesus the Savior,"[71] and in [a letter] to Timothy he said, "Remember Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who was from the seed of David according to my Gospel."[72] And when the

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holy Gabriel announced good news to the blessed Mary, making known to her that through the Holy Spirit [a son] would be fashioned from her, he brought thither the saying[73], according to the indications and promises which had gone before, "The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David."[74] Although he was born after many generations from his[75] descent, yet it was the custom of the divine Scriptures that sons should be called by [their] descent, as Zerubbabel was called "son of David", and the "sons of Abraham", and the "sons of Jacob", and "Joseph, the son of David",[76] etc.

[29] He is also called "King", in that in truth he is King, and King of kings for ever and ever in his Godhead eternally and in his manhood because of [its] union with him. As it is written concerning the divine nature, "King of kings and Lord of lords, who is alone incorruptible and dwells in the light, whom no one is able to approach, and none among men sees or can see,"[77] and, "God is King of all the earth: sing glory to him."[78] These and such as these are of his Godhead with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, in that eternal dominion belongs to him, and he governs creation as he wills; but in the union of his manhood with him, as it is written, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, or the Law-giver[79] from between his feet until one to whom the kingdom belongs comes."[80] Then there is the [passage], "Exult and rejoice, daughter of Zion, for behold, your king comes to you, the righteous one, the deliverer, the lowly one, riding upon an ass and upon a colt, the foal of an ass."[81] Again, there is that which is from Micah the prophet, "And you, | Bethlehem of Judah, you are not the least among {218} the kings of Judah, for from you shall come forth a king who shall shepherd my people, Israel."[82] And in the blessed Daniel [it says], "I saw upon the clouds of heaven as a son of men[83] came. And he came as far as to the Ancient of Days and they presented him before him And he gave him the dominion, lordship, and honor, that all the nations, peoples, and tongues should serve him,"[84] and "to the coming of the Anointed One, the King[85]," etc. And our Lord said to his disciples, "You are those who remained through my testings, and I promise you, as my Father promised me, the kingdom."[86] Again, he said to the unjust judge, "My kingdom is not of this place,"[87] etc.

[30] Again, he is called "Lord," for he governs all creation in the union with God the Word, as was said by the angel to the shepherds, "A Savior is born to you today who is the Lord Christ, in the city of David."[88] And the blessed Peter said, "God has made Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified."[89]

88 Lk. 2:11.
89 Acts 2:36.

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[31] Again, he is named "Prophet", as Moses said, "The Lord God will raise up a prophet from your brothers like me."[90] He fulfilled this in that he declared and revealed to us concerning the end of this our world, and concerning the mysteries of the world to come, and concerning the good things which are kept for the saints, and concerning the punishment of the wicked, and how that his Gospel was going to be proclaimed in all the world, and under what distresses and blows his preachers were going to come, and concerning the coming of the Deceiver, and of all the rest of those things which were going to be done in his dispensation, and in what way he will make his coming, and what things will be done at that time, and concerning the general resurrection, and other things such as these.

[32] Again, he is named "Adam", in that in truth he was man in nature, in all belonging to it, as was Adam, except that he was united, and is in the order of the Godhead because of | the divine nature which dwels in him. As Adam {219}
was fashioned from the earth by God without intercourse and became a living soul, and was named the "Image of God", so the new Adam, that is, Christ in the flesh, was fashioned without intercourse from the living earth, the blessed Mary, the holy Virgin, through the Holy Spirit, and with his fashioning God the Word dwelt in him unitedly, and he was made with a living soul which was complete in its order, but also a life-giving Spirit after his resurrection—"the physical, then the spiritual."[91] And he was the image of the invisible God in all complete perfection, in all that his Prototype possessed, except for the property of the nature of Godhead which was in him. However, he was not in separation, [as though] for a "manifestation" alone, but was a united dwelling place of the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God. As the blessed Paul said, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul, and the last Adam a life-giving Spirit."[92] Therefore, as indeed the first Adam became the father of the world of mortals, so too Christ in the flesh, that is the new Adam, became unitedly the Father of the world to come—"God has sealed this one," etc.—in that everyone who is in Christ is a new creation.[93] We are of his flesh and of his bones in the nature of his manhood, and from his fullness we have all received. And as the portion of Adam, all men are mortal, so the portion of the Spirit from Christ is the true life of immortality for all men. "Through man is death, and through man is the resurrection of the dead,"[94] and as we have been clothed with the likeness of the earthly—of mortality—so we shall be clothed with the likeness of him who is going to come from heaven unitedly in immortality and incorruptibility, and with him we are going to dwell in heaven—those of us who are deemed worthy in mercies. "Behold, I and the children whom | God has given me."[95] {220}

[33] ܗܘ ܕܒܪ ܡܢ ܐܠܗܐ ܐܝܟ ܕܐܢܫ ܐܬܬܚܙܝ ܒܒܪ ܐܢܫ ܘܐܬܬܚܙܝ ܒܐܠܗܐ ܐܝܟ ܕܐܠܗܐ ܐܬܬܚܙܝ ܒܐܠܗܐ ܘܒܪ ܐܢܫ ܐܝܟ ܕܒܪ ܐܢܫ ܐܬܬܚܙܝ ܒܒܪ ܐܢܫ ܘ

[33] Again, in his manhood he is named unitedly the "Image and Likeness of the invisible God", as it is written, "He saved us from the dominion of darkness and brought us to the kingdom of the Son of God, in whom we have salvation, and in whose blood is the forgiveness of sins, who is the Likeness of the invisible God, and the First-born of all creatures."[96] "And he sealed them with the likeness of the image of his Son, that he may be the First-born of many brothers."[97] For he is in truth, as we have said above, the Image and Likeness of the invisible God in all that belongs to him. It is not non-unitedly, as Adam, the father of children, is named the image and likeness because he alone is the bond of all creatures, but thus: in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.[98] For there, to Adam, it was given to be the image non-unitedly, and God did not take the likeness and image of Adam to his own parsopa unitedly. But here the likeness of God took the likeness of a servant, and the likeness of a servant received unitedly all that belongs to the Godhead of the Word, in which he[99] dwelt, as in a temple—Sonship, Lordship, dominion, power, wisdom, and altogether, everything that belongs to the Prototype, which was united in it[100] except for his own nature. And as the blessed Paul said, "There was given to him a name which was better than all names,"[101] etc. For the earthly Adam corrupted the image by the transgression of the commandment, and death took hold of him, the image was disfigured, the bond was loosed, and the likeness was corrupted. But in Christ in the flesh all creatures are gathered, joined, and united into one bond in one love and unity, in one incorruptibility, and perfect, unerring knowledge, and the image is renewed and its beauty made to shine, and its brightness to show forth. His Prototype was revealed in him in all that belongs to him[102], and there was united and joined together the mystery of "the people and the peoples", and of men and angels: | "In him both were brought near in one Spirit {221}
to the Father,"[103] that he might build both of them in himself into one new man.

[34] Again, he was named "Righteous and Holy", as the blessed Peter said to the impious Jews: "You have denied the Righteous and Holy One, and you have asked for yourselves a man, a murderer, to be given to you, and you have killed the Source of life, whom God raised up from the dead."[104]

[35] Therefore, he is called, and is, the "Holy One", in that he is in truth holy and the Sanctifier and Giver of holiness in all purity and excellency. With his fashioning was his holiness, as it is written, "He who is to be born from you is holy and shall be called Son of God,"[105] and, "He whom the Father sanctified and sent to the world."[106] As the blessed Paul said, "He who sanctifies and those

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who have been sanctified are all of one."[107] For in his union with the Holy One, God the Word, within the womb, he gained holiness higher than all, in a distinct, ineffable way, in one holiness with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, and he gained unitedly, in his own qnoma, immutability and unchangeability by the resurrection from the dead in all excellencies for ever.

[36] Again, he is the "Righteous One", in that he did not commit wickedness, and sin was not found on his lips: "Who among you convicts me of sin?"[108] and, "He was obedient unto death,"[109] and was full of all justice, and perfected all righteousness, and repaid the debt of all his race, and justifies sinners through faith in him, etc.

[37] Again, he is titled the "Rock", as it is written, "The rock which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"[110] and as Isaiah the prophet said, "Behold, I lay in Zion an tested rock, a precious corner-stone, the head of the foundation wall. All who have faith in it will not be put to shame."[111] Again, the blessed Daniel said, "You saw that a stone, | not [made] by hands, was hewn {222}
out,"[112] etc. And as the blessed Paul said, "He has become the cornerstone of the building, Jesus Christ,"[113] etc., and as also our Lord said, "What is that which was written, 'The rock which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and whoever falls upon this rock will be broken to pieces, and whomever it falls upon it will crush'?"[114] For in him is united and bound up, as in a head-stone, the people and the peoples, in one faith and love, and in unerring knowledge, and they are built into a strong and immovable building for a holy temple. According to the word of Paul, "In him the whole building is put together, and it grows into a holy temple in the Lord, while you too are built in him into a dwelling-place of God spiritually."[115]

[38] Again, he is called "Bread" because of two things: one, in that he gives life and raises up, and the other, because with bread he delivered over the holy Mysteries, which are a type of his body and blood, and a remembrance of his death, as it is written, "He took bread, and blessed and broke, and gave to his disciples, and said, 'This is my body, which is broken for the life of the world. In this way you must do whenever you are gathered for my memorial,' "[116] and, "The bread which I shall give is my body, which is broken for the life of the world."[117] And the blessed Paul said, "Our Lord Jesus, in the night he was betrayed, took bread, and blessed, and broke, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you,' "[118] etc. And that which our Lord said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven."[119] Bread, which he is in type and in power, did not descend from heaven. And, as he said, "The bread which I will give is my body which is broken

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for the life of the world." Behold it is clear to the skilled in truth that he called the body of our Lord "bread". It did not descend from heaven, but from the blessed Mary it was taken and fashioned | and conceived without intercourse by the Holy Spirit as the Scripture says. For in nature the bread which is placed upon the altar and broken is from wheat. But through prayer and priestly intercession, and the descent of the Holy Spirit, it receives power and becomes the body of our Lord in power and pardon and the forgiveness of sins—one body in union with the actual body in heaven—not in nature, but the bread, being preserved in its own nature, is the body in the union, and the body, remaining in its own nature, becomes bread in the union. And as the eternal Son is in his nature Son, but in the union his manhood is also, with him, one Son, and his manhood is man in nature, and his Godhead with him, because of the union, is named Son of Man, as it is written, "The Son of Man who is in heaven,"[120] and because of the parsopa of the union it is said that he descended, in that he became man and was united, so too with the bread, in that it becomes, by the descent [of the Spirit], the body of our Lord in union and in power, and in all the other things, but not in nature. Because of this, then, it is said parsopically that the bread descends from heaven, though it does not descend from heaven, except in the parsopa of the union of him who descended from heaven—not by way of departure, but in that he was in man. Against these united and parsopic names the ignorant have stumbled, and they have confused and mixed and changed the natures and the types of the natures. Taken together the bread is thus the body in the union, though not in nature, and the body is the bread in union and not in nature, and the body, that is the man of our Lord the Son, is, in the union with the Son, one Son, but not in nature, and God the Word, with the manhood which he assumed to his own parsopa, is Son of Man in the union, but not in nature. {223}

[39] Again, he is named "Vine", as he said, "I am the vine and you are the branches."[121] And again, "I am the true vine and my Father is the Husbandman, and every | branch which in me does not bear fruit he takes away."[122] Here, then, he shows and makes clear to us that he is consubstantial with the apostles and with the rest of men in his bodiliness, but he names his Godhead with the Father and with the Holy Spirit "Husbandman". As a husbandman and a vine cannot be one nature, so the Godhead and manhood of Christ cannot be one nature. {224}

[40] ܗܘ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܡܪܝ ܐܢܬ ܗܘ ܕܐܬܐ ܐܘ ܢܣܒܪ ܠܢ ܐܚܪܢܐ ܕܢܬܐ ܡܢ ܩܕܡ ܕܐܝܬ ܠܗ ܠ

[40] Again, he is titled "Way", in that he treads out, smooths, and shows us the way of truth in which we should travel toward the blessed and true life, and in which we go on to the knowledge of the Godhead. "No one comes to my Father except through me,"[123] that is, in lowliness, in renunciation, in poverty, in gentleness, in kindliness, in perfect love, and in the rest of the virtues, the fulfillment of which is faith in him, through which we are brought near to the knowledge of the Trinity. As it is written, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."[124]

[41] Again, he is named "Door", as he said, "I am the door of the sheep, and if anyone should enter through me, he shall live, and he shall go in and out and find pasture,"[125] for in him we have confidence and trust to enter the blessed life on account of the veil which is his flesh, and he opens to us the merciful door of repentance, which Satan had shut up with the lock of error through the transgression of the law of Adam. This, as in a mystery and promise which is not false, lo, we already enter in through holy baptism, which is the door of the kingdom: "Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved,"[126] and, "Whoever is not born from water and the Spirit will not enter the kingdom."[127] Whoever, then, does not enter by this door is a thief and a robber, and will be cast into prison for ever. Whoever, then, enters through it finds joy and delight and blessed life. Those who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

[42] Again, he is titled "Lamb" because of the sufferings he endured, and the salvation which he gives and | gladdens us with. According to the word of Isa- {225}
iah, he was "as a lamb led to the slaughter,"[128] and as the evangelist John said, "The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said that after me a man is coming who was before me.' "[129] Lo, this is clear to the discerning, that he saw his manhood and showed it to many, and not his infinite Godhead, for it is invisible, and according to the word of the Baptist, no one has ever seen God,[130] and as Paul said, "No one among men has seen him, nor is he able to see him,"[131] and as he said to Moses, "A man does not see me and live."[132] In the parsopa of his manhood it is written that he took sin and "nailed it to his cross,"[133] and it is not concerning his Godhead as the impious Theopaschites [think], for although he was crucified in weakness, yet he rose by the power of God: "And they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb, but God raised him up,"[134] and this which he said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."[135]

[43] ܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܝܫܘܥ ܐܢܐ ܗܘ ܪܥܝܐ ܛܒܐ ܕܪܥܝܐ ܛܒܐ ܡܫܠܡ ܠܪܥܝܗܝ ܘܪܥܝܗܝ ܝܕܥܝܢ ܠܝ ܐܢܐ ܘܝܕܥ ܠܝ ܐܢܐ ܐܝܟ ܕܝܕܥ ܐܒܐ ܠܝ ܘܐܢܐ ܝܕܥ ܠܐܒܐ ܘܢܦܫܝ ܡܫܠܡ ܠܥܠ ܥܠ ܓܘ ܠܐ ܐܝܬ ܠܝ ܐܚܪܢ ܕܠܐ ܡܢ ܗܕܐ ܕܪܒܐ ܗܘ ܐܢܐ ܐܝܬ ܠܝ ܠܡܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܕܐܝܟ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܝ ܐܒܐ ܗܟܢܐ ܐܥܒܕ ܠܗ ܐܦ ܐܢܐ

[43] Again, he is named "Shepherd", as he said, "I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. But the hireling, who is not the shepherd and to whom the sheep do not belong, when he sees the wolf coming, abandons the sheep and runs away,"[136] and, "I lay down my life for my sheep. However, I have other sheep as well who are not of this fold, and it is also proper that I should bring them in,"[137] that is, such as are of the nations and will "hear my voice",[138] that is to say, his teaching, and it will be all one flock in faith, in love, and in unerring knowledge. For he is in truth the Shepherd of the rational flock which he purchased with his blood, and as it was said regarding the blessed David, "He led them in the simplicity of his heart, and guided them by the understanding | of his hands"[139]—there, as in a type, one people, then here {226} in all fullness of perfect goodness. He is in truth perfect, gentle, lowly, harmless, compassionate, merciful, full of all wisdom, Fountain of the knowledge of the truth and spiritual understandings, as it is written, "In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."[140] He is the Binder of the wounded, the Finder of the lost, the Healer of the sick, and the Returner of the straying. He causes us to dwell upon the swelling meadows and leads us beside the still waters[141] in excellence and the knowledge of the truth, delighting us with his blessed Mysteries. He snatches us from the mouth of Satan, the destroying lion, and from the hand of wolves, the children of error. Behold, we are kept within the fortified fold of his Lordly commandments in holy church.

[44] Again, he is titled "Rod", as it is written in the blessed David: "A rod of power the Lord shall send from Zion, and he shall rule over his Adversaries."[142] Who is it that wields the rod because of God the Word, who is held by and united to him, saying, "He breaks kings in the day of his wrath"?[143] This is that which the blessed Daniel makes plain: "The stone which smote the image"—the symbol of a kingdom—"became a great mountain."[144] Again, the blessed Isaiah said, "A rod shall issue from the trunk of Jesse, and a shoot shall spring forth from his root, and the Spirit of God shall rest and dwell upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of intelligence and of might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.[145] And he shall not judge as his eyes see, nor shall he reprove as his ears hear. He shall judge the meek man in truth, and he shall reprove the poor of the earth with uprightness. He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and he shall slay the impious with the breath of his lips. Righteousness shall be the bond of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle | {227} of his sides."[146]

[45] ܗܘ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܠܐܒܝܗ ܡܛܠ ܕܐܢܐ ܐܙܠ ܠܘܬ ܐܒܝ ܘܠܘܬ ܐܡܝ ܘܐܬܩܪܒ ܠܐܒܝ ܘܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܐܒܝ ܗܐ ܐܢܐ ܥܒܕ ܠܟ ܟܠ ܝܘܡܝ ܕܚܝܝ ܐܢܐ ܘܠܐ ܐܥܒܪ ܦܘܩܕܢܟ ܘܠܐ ܦܘܩܕܢ ܐܚܪܢ ܐܠܐ ܐܢܬ ܒܠܚܘܕ ܘܠܐ ܐܚܕ ܡܢ ܒܢܝ ܒܝܬܟ ܢܬܟܠ ܥܠ ܐܪܥܐ ܕܐܢܐ ܢܬܠ ܠܟ ܐܢܬ ܘܙܪܥܟ ܘܒܢܝ ܒܢܝܟ ܥܕ ܕܐܢܐ ܐܬܐ ܘܐܚܘܐ ܠܟ ܠܒܝܬ ܐܒܝ ܘܐܡܝ ܘܐܬ ܠܐܫܬܟ ܘܐܬ ܒܢܝ ܒܢܝܟ ܘܒܢܬܝ ܒܢܬܝܟ ܘܟܠ ܡܢ ܕܐܝܬ ܠܟ ܒ

[45] These, then are together the names, designations, and titles by which Christ, the Son of God, is called in his Godhead and in his manhood, as for the enlightenment[147] of the ignorant and for the reproof of the erring, for although those which are of the nature of his Godhead, and those which are of the nature of his manhood, and those which are of the taking of each the other's parsopa are distinct and particular, yet it is not at a distance, nor in division, nor in non-united separation, but in one conjunction of one Lord, Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and for ever,[148] to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit belong glory, confession, honor, and worship for ever and ever. Amen.

VI.21 *Twenty-first Chapter: Concerning what these names and various designations signify to us, that is, the taking, the indwelling, the temple, the clothing, the conjunction, and the union.*

[46] Let us speak now by the power of Christ—which accompanies our wretchedness and our feeble insufficiency in order to perfect in us his will by his grace through our confidence in him—concerning these names and the various other designations which in different ways are mentioned by the theologians concerning this worshipful dispensation, and what it is that they tell us in the distinctiveness of their renderings.

[47] Now such designations of this worshipful union as belong to it are spoken for a clear, unconfused, and united indication of both natures and both qnome of the one parsopa, that is, "taking," "indwelling," "temple," "clothing," and "conjunction." For a union is not a taking, in that a taking is an indwelling, otherwise why are there two designations? For not all that takes dwells in that which is assumed, nor is all that indwells united. | For God took a rib from Adam and {228} fashioned from it Eve, the mother of generations. It was not that he[149] dwelt in her, or that he was with her in one union.

[48] So too, between the clothing and the indwelling there is a distinction in the union. We do not say that because a man puts on his garment that he dwells in his garment, or that he is united with his garment. Neither do we say that because fishes dwell in the sea that they are clothed with the sea.

[49] So too, there is a distinction between an indwelling and a temple, for although men and beasts dwell upon the earth, and fishes in the sea, and insects in the earth, yet the earth and sea are not named temples, for temples, even though they are buildings and stone, nevertheless make known something more excellent than any of the other houses, not only because of their adornment, but because of the honor of their inhabitants—not like a guest-house, or a house of beasts, or other such things.

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So too, there is a distinction between a conjunction and a union. Fishes are joined to the sea and our clothing to our backs, and we do not say that there is a union of our clothing with us, or of fishes with the sea, for neither do fishes and water constitute one thing in one parsopa and operation, nor do we and our clothing, so that fishes might be named "water" because of the parsopa, and water "fishes", nor [are] we [named] our "clothing", or our clothing "us". But neither do we say of anything that is united with something else into one thing that the conjoined thing is an addition, in that a conjunction indicates both a boundary and a taking hold of one thing relative to another. For a soul is united to a body and a body to a soul qnomically. We do not say that a soul is joined to a body and a body to a soul, nor do they lay hold of or cleave to one another, nor when fire is united to wood or to iron do we say that the conjoined is an addition. Nor is a nature and subsisting qnoma by itself a "conjunction", but "conjunction" | indicates a difference of qnomic property, or of portions {229}
that adhere, one to the other, or a portion to a whole, not because of nature and qnoma, but because they are joined to each other and are not separated in place and position. One is joined to the pitch [which] sticks to his hand, yet the [two of them] do not constitute a nature and qnoma.

[50] So too, there is a distinction between conjunction and union, for all of us Christians are united in the one faith and one love of Christ, but we are not conjoined to one another in proximity of qnome, nor are we holding one another by the hands, nor embracing one another, for one is in the east and another in the west, and in the rest of the lands distant from each other. Neither are we a temple of one another, nor do we dwell in each other. For even if it is said that one who cleaves to our Lord becomes one spirit with him,[150] it is not a qnoma cleaving to a qnoma, nor is a parsopa of union perfected, but it says "one spirit", because of the spiritual birth through baptism, even though, as I have said, there is one in the east and another in the west. Here, then, it speaks concerning the faith and spiritual birth, and the bond of Christian love, which is in one spiritual conjunction, for he is the head of our life, and we are joined to him in the likeness of members, from whom is all our life. But it is not a qnomic or intimate cohesion, nor parsopic.

[51] Again, according to usage, because of intimacy or relationship in something, sometimes "conjunction" is said, as in one who cleaves to a wise man, or as one who cleaves to a fool, but it is not when their qnome are connected to one another or embracing one another or united. So too, neither does a conjunction which is in a proximity of parts, each to its fellow, without separation of place, here become an indwelling, nor does it perfect a parsopic union, for

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parts of a house are joined to one another, and we do not say that its parts dwell in one another. But | also, neither is the intimacy of a man and a woman said {230} [to be] an indwelling, nor that they are "clothed" with one another, nor that they are temples, each of the other, nor do they acquire parsopic union by the taking, each of his companion. So too, between an "indwelling" and a "union" and "conjunction" there is a distinction. It is said, "I will dwell in them, and I will walk in them," and, "He dwells in heaven and also in Jerusalem," but we do not say this, that he dwells conjointly, unitedly, parsopically, so that they[151] may become "gods" or "God" by way of a taking in a union of parsopa. We dwell in a house or in a tent, and we do not say the we are joined and united to—or clothed with—the house or tent, nor are we constituted one parsopa of union.

[52] This worshipful, marvelous, and ineffable union exists, then, in all these ways, but is beyond them in a distinctive way, inscrutable and higher than parts which limit one another, for not only is it beyond conjunction, and not in confinement and finitude, and not parsopically separate, and not voluntary while distant, but infinite in finite, preserved unconfused, unmixedly, without mingling, uncompoundedly, not in parts. This union is not in separation, nor a finite union, or constrained and passible, but voluntary and parsopic, in one worshipful economy in one conjunction and indwelling—a union of the Assumer with the assumed, an unconfused conjunction and infinite indwelling. For God dwells infinitely, unitedly in his finite manhood as the sun in a lustrous pearl, in one union. For the "taking" is a precise indication of the distinct natures in their own properties—that a certain lowly nature which was exalted was assumed, | and a certain exalted nature which did the exalting assumed unit- {231} edly that which received its own parsopa, that one may be with the other, in one Sonship in one Lordship, exceedingly exalted in the order of the Godhead.

[53] Again "indwelling" and "clothing" are for an indication of the infinite union, and that he did not add the conjoined from without. Although "conjunction" is said for an indication of the difference of natures, yet he also dwelt in him unitedly [and] infinitely. He who was "clothed" did not appear to the sight of fashioned creatures, as members are not seen which are wrapped within apparel and vesture which are united, each to the other, for it is not in separation, but in proximity and conjunction, like clothing which is near and cleaves to its wearer. But this union is also not in finiteness, like a soul which is only in the body, or the body, whose soul is in all its members in union, and one does not exist apart from the other, nor only in different use or function, as a man

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and woman are joined, or those who are associated and support one another, though they are distinct and not united into one parsopa, and it does not belong to them that this one should become that one in one union, a "inhabitant" and a "habitable".

[54] However, let us return to the commentary on these names again, for there is a great need for the matter, and it ought not to weary the reader in their profitable study, for if it has not wearied him who writes to labor and write for the profit of himself and others, then indeed, why ought one to delay, if he is needy. But if he is not needy, let him without grudging leave his scraps to the hungry.

[55] The greater part of heretics have stumbled at these names and designations to their own destruction, some of whom have called our Lord an ordinary man, and that he is a temple and habitation | and son and first-born {232}
and anointed like any man, and the wretches have denied his Godhead, which unitedly dwelt in his manhood. Some others impiously speak of change and beginning, and they deny the taking. Because of this the Scriptures have spoken and made plain that "the likeness of God took the likeness of a servant."[152] Again, the holy fathers have made clear in their creed the properties of both natures unitedly and, concerning the one parsopa, they said "he became incarnate and was made man," and they anathematized anyone who says that God is changeable or mutable, that everyone might learn that this indwelling was not as in the rest of men, and also that there was no change or confusion, but [it was] united conjointly into one parsopa, as the bush[153] in the flame and the flame in the bush, as was demonstrated above.

[56] Again, "taking" and "Assumer" also makes known the exact properties of the complete qnome: the likeness of God, one of the qnome of the Trinity, God the Word, and the likeness of a servant, one of the qnome of men, the united man, Jesus, whom God the Word exalted, taking him to his own parsopa and abiding in him that he might be revealed. And since it is impossible that the Assumer should possess the natural property of the assumed, nor is it possible for the assumed to possess the natural property of the Assumer, therefore the taking, which is by the Assumer, has indicated to us also the exalted honor of the assumed with the Assumer. Because of this the fathers said in their statement of faith "he exalted" [and] "assumed," for there is that which one takes and hurls, as a stone, or a shaft, or other such things, and there is that which one takes and fashions for use, whatever it may be, then abandons it, while one does not take it for union or for clothing—as the rib which was taken from Adam and was fashioned to be a woman, the mother of generations. So too this

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"indwelling," "clothing," and "temple"—each one of these names—|indicates {233}
to us something unique which the other does not possess. Although they are somewhat alike, they are somewhat different in the meaning which pertains to them. Indwelling, then, indicates and clarifies for us its sense, as we said above, that not only is it one in another, but also this, that God is not joined outside, in a limited fashion, to the likeness of a servant, whom he exalts [and] takes to his own parsopa, although "conjunction" is said for an indication that the natures were not confused or confounded, or united by way of composition; nor because the man of our Lord is titled "clothing" does this indicate that while his[154] clothing is outside and joined to him, he is inside it, limited [and] enclosed, for clothing and its wearer do not make a union. Again, a composite union does not make an indwelling, for the parts of a house constructed one against another do not dwell in one another, for these are also finite and limited by one another, and also by another, who is outside, they acquire a structure, united by the one who compounds them, and they are without perception, and their union is involuntary. God the Word, who is infinite like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, voluntarily dwelt in his manhood, not in a limited way, nor by constraint, nor by way of composition, nor as clothing is only on the outside of its wearer in an ordinary conjunction and not in union; but while he was in the likeness of God, he took the likeness of a servant—the Likeness in the likeness, God in his united man, whom he exalted [and] assumed to his own parsopa, that he might be revealed in him in one union, like the example of the bush and fire. For the fire was clothed with the bush, and the bush was full of fire, and outside was its flame, which was also the fire. In the same way, while God the Word, in the infinitude of his nature, is in all—in heaven and in every place, as it is written—yet in his manhood he dwells unitedly for ever, | while it was on earth, and now {234}
is in heaven, as also in it [he dwells] unitedly, while heaven and earth are filled by him, and dwelling in his manhood unitedly he is going to come [again].

[57] Let us hear from him how he explained his own union and his distinct indwelling in his own manhood in one parsopa, so that this may be that, and that this, while this and that remain: he assumed unto himself unitedly also the name of manhood—"The Son of Man who is in heaven"[155]—the title being from the parsopa of the union, as was demonstrated above. And lo, he says from the parsopa of his manhood, "When the Son of Man is lifted up from the earth."[156] And how is he lifted up from the earth while he is in heaven and his nature exists everywhere infinitely? "And they shall deliver over the Son of Man and kill him, and the third day he shall rise."[157] The divine nature is not killed, although he is called "the Son of Man who descended from heaven" and "is in heaven". "I am the bread which descended from heaven"[158]—from the parsopa

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of the union—and, as he said, "The bread which I will give is my body, which is broken for the sake of the life of the world."[159] Behold, then, his body did not descend from heaven, but was taken from the nature of the Virgin Mary and was fashioned by the Holy Spirit. It is not infinite in its nature, for lo, it was enclosed within the tomb. Neither is God the Word "broken", for he is Spirit, nor does he dwell in a limited way in his nature, while his "clothing" and "temple" are external to him. For heaven and earth are filled by him, but do not limit him, although unitedly he dwells in his manhood, like the sun in a mirror or lustrous pearl, as was demonstrated above. Therefore, lo, it is obvious also here that he is infinite and not compounded, and it is impossible for him to have a natural and qnomic union, but [it is] voluntary and parsopic, for he assumed [him] to his own parsopa | and gave him what was his own. "He came to be in the likeness of men, and in form he was found as a man"[160]—one in another, and not by way of composition. His manhood received the name more excellent than all names unitedly and not separately, but like a metal plate which is clothed with fire, while the natures are preserved without confusion in the property of their united qnome. {235}

[58] However, this indwelling. union, and conjunction is higher than all those things which possess this name and united operation, for it is impossible for the mind to comprehend how that the same united parsopa is finite and infinite, and [how] a fashioned and finite nature can be joined to an infinite one unitedly in a distinctive way while it remains in all, and [how] the finite can be joined to the same in one Sonship, in one power, in one will, in one authority, in one Lordship, and the same be "temple," "clothing," and also "Son." While in his infinite nature he remains everywhere, [he is] here as in the Son in a union of one Sonship. "Moses was found trustworthy as a servant in all his house, but Christ as a Son over his house."[161] "In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,"[162] and "he is the likeness of the invisible God."[163] These things are ineffable and beyond inquiry, for parts which are compounded with one another are never named, in which one becomes the likeness of its invisible fellow, nor yet that one is clothed with the other.

[59] The subject ought to be more and more elaborated, for it is a very pressing matter: one thing is "clothing", another "temple", another "conjunction", and another "union". Here, then, utterly all of them, in a stunning and wondrous marvel, are ineffable. Thus the man of our Lord is named—not only for an indication that the Godhead is not separate from the manhood, | but also that his manhood does not bear the parsopa of Godhead separately, like an ambassador[164], but conjointly—and also, the properties of his Godhead and of his {236}

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manhood are preserved without confusion—and that the union is not a composition, nor of necessity. For parts of a house—each of the other—are not named a "temple" of one another. Nor is his manhood a "temple" for him in the same way as other things which under an assumed name are called temples and dwelling places and tabernacle[s] and abodes in a transitory sense, or for a temporary abode, but in truth he is the proper temple, and all the names of previous temples were symbols with reference to him, as to the true antitype. His united and worshipful "templehood" [will] never change or cease by removal from him; and as anointed ones, high priests, first-borns, and kings were symbolic references to the true antitype, who is Christ, the Head of our life and our God, so too previous temples were symbolic references to the abiding truth of this proper temple, for "in him dwelt all the fullness of Godhead."[165] For God the Word assumed him unitedly to his own parsopa—and the Father and the Holy Spirit, because of the oneness of nature and will of the Trinity, who dwell in one another infinitely and unconfused, and are one Being and will and power and authority and Lordship. For although the union which God the Word had was with his own manhood, in that it was said concerning him that he "became flesh and dwelt among us"[166] unitedly, yet as in a rational temple, in his same united manhood, because of the oneness of nature and will and infinitude, all the Trinity dwelt and is worshiped in one worship for ever. One is the worship of God the Word with his temple in one | conjunction, and the entire Trinity is {237}
worshiped in the manhood of the Son: the non-united Father, the united Son, and the non-united Holy Spirit. And the temple which is the manhood of the Son is worshiped with him in one union, and with the non-united Father, and with the non-united Holy Spirit—one worship in one Lordship in one authority of God the Word with his united temple, and with the non-united Father, and with the non-united Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

[60] Now although many have been known as "temples" of God, and that God dwelt in them, let us shed light upon the matter and take stumbling-blocks from before the ignorant who deny his Godhead which unitedly dwelt in his manhood. For the wretches say in their blasphemies, "Men were named temples and houses as well," but it is not in the same way, O apostates! For although many were named temples of God, and that he dwelt in Jerusalem and in the temple which is in it, and also in heaven, and also in a house,—as it is written, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God?"[167] and, "I will dwell among them and walk among them"[168]—yet it should be understood [that] the same name is not the same thing, as neither is "Being," "Life," "Anointed One," "First-born," "Son," "Body," and "Man." For a house in Jerusalem is named "temple"—"Simon and John, were going up to the temple at the ninth hour to pray"[169]—and also naves

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of churches and the sanctuar[ies] of us Christians are also called "temples" of God because of the worship which is offered to God in them, and the priests in them who receive gifts, and the word of God which is proclaimed in them to the assembly of believers, and the Mysteries of our salvation which are perfected in them. As it is written in prophecy, "From the finest palaces[170] of ivory the daughters of kings will glorify you with honor,"[171] according to a Greek edition, which is for us in Syriac, "From | the finest palace, from my presence, they {238}
have made you glad." The faithful, the members of the household of God, are also named "temples": first, because of the graces of the Holy Spirit which are in them through various gifts, and [second] that through them is made known and proclaimed the Gospel of life, and through them is made known his hidden greatness through his special care for them, as in "God is known in Judah, and his name is great in Israel,"[172] and, "In manifold and sundry ways God spoke to the fathers of old,"[173] and, "Through the church the manifold wisdom of God shall be made known to the rulers and authorities in heaven."[174] But the temple in Jerusalem became a desolation, and the sacrifices and drink offerings in them, which were not able to heal the consciences of those who had sinned,[175] were rejected,. There came to us the true hope, better than the first, and instead of the blood of dumb beasts was the blood of the rational, living, and life-giving Lamb, taking away the sin of the world,[176] more eloquent than [the blood] of Abel,[177] and in the very acts, in the shedding of his blood, giving us pardon. For the sake of this, and because of this, lo, for the remembrance of his death, always in his church his body is sacrificed mystically for the pardon of our debts and for our growth in the truth until his glorious appearance. For the symbols and types have come to an end, and the Antitype has appeared.

[61] However, while the common name of temples is one, yet the operations in them are different. Here, then, in this indwelling and worshipful union, it is not thus, but is unitedly a temple, the inhabitant of which is immovably, worshipfully with it, and is in it for ever. The manhood of Christ, the Son of God, is therefore the temple of the Godhead of Christ, the Son of God, in a different, exalted way which is without equal; for in him dwelt all the fullness,[178] as I have said, that is, the divine nature, | God the Word, unitedly, parsopically, {239}
and the Father and Holy Spirit, because of the oneness of the infinite nature and authoritative will in one Lordship. But the Father and Holy Spirit do not dwell in him unitedly, parsopically, but because of nature and oneness of will, and as was demonstrated above in myriad demonstrations. But the man of our Lord who was his temple is honored with him and worshiped by all creatures in the order of his Godhead, with the non-united Father and with the non-united Holy Spirit. "All shall bow the knee in heaven and on earth,"[179] for unitedly he dwells in him for ever, and is honored with the Godhead in one worship.

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[62] His temple is distinct and exalted in its honor, and worshiped and honored in a singular way higher and more exalted than all those things which were given the name of temples but were also symbolic manifestations and were typical, in the likeness of symbol to substance, and in the likeness of transitory temples and the temporary tabernacle[s], or [received] ordinary honor. The man of our Lord properly and unitedly was the worshipful temple because of the Godhead which dwelt in him unitedly, immovably, inseparably, and for ever, and in his temple he is worshiped, as well as his temple, parsopically in one worship, because he dwells unitedly in it in one worship with the Father and Holy Spirit in one honor for ever. And while he was in him at the beginning of his fashioning, he perfected him with all exalted things, with immortality, impassibility, immutability, and other such things, in the union. and while God is everywhere in his infinitude, and heaven and earth are filled by him, but do not limit him, yet let us hear from his Inhabitant and from the explanation of the Evangelist how that his man is for him | distinctly a temple in which he {240}
dwells unitedly and for ever: "Destroy this temple, and after three days I will raise it up."[180] And the Evangelist makes clear, and the heavenly Son of Thunder cries out in all creation, so that stopped up[181] and uncircumcised ears might be opened, which are clogged with the ways of the wickedness of the error of darkness: "He spoke concerning the temple of his body."[182] Take note of the united distinction and exalted conjunction, and how strongly the distinction appears—"the temple of his body." His is indeed his own actual body in one united parsopa, and as this body of ours is for us, with our soul, one man, and is called our body—although here the union is necessary and natural, for the explanation is as was demonstrated above—so in this way does his temple distinctly belong to God the Word, and the body is reckoned as his alone, and his dwelling place, in the one parsopa of Christ our Lord—Infinite in finite, in one conjunction for ever.

[63] It is not naturally, finitely [and] passibly an indwelling and union, as the soul and body are in a natural and qnomic union. Many times we have said this so that we may not make God finite and passible as the heretics assert impiously. It is impossible, then, for a finite temple, which body and soul is a man, and its Inhabitant, who is infinite and impassible Spirit in his nature, to be one nature and one compound qnoma, or mixed, or mingled, and their properties confounded, confused, and negated, while he who dwells and he who is indwelt are not distinguished in his united nature. If [they are] not, here is utter confusion: the temple is its Inhabitant, and its Inhabitant is the temple; he who rose is the same who raised; the likeness of a servant which was taken is the likeness of God who took; he who abode is the same as the resting-place[183]. | This is not {241}

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only impossible, but is also full of falsehood and impiety. If there are no properties, there are no natures, and if there are no natures which were conjoined, there is no union.

[64] It is the same also with the "clothing" which the manhood of our Lord was named: here too, not only does this manifest and make known to the discerning, that the clothing and the clothed cannot be one nature and qnoma, but also, that the title might inform us instructively concerning the "hidden" in the "manifest" in one conjunction, as was demonstrated above, that the Godhead of the Son, which is hidden in his united manhood, is unsearchable, as members are not seen which are hidden and wrapped within clothing. Though the clothing is manifest, the clothed is distinct in his nature from his clothing, for it is impossible for the clothing and the clothed to be one nature and one qnoma, as it is not said [that] the soldier clothed with his armor is one nature and one qnoma with his armor, though he is clothed with it and concealed within it, but [that] the soldier is armed and equipped. This which was said in the creed of the holy fathers—that "he became flesh and was made man"—the members of his worshipful bodily nature were royal purples clothing God the Word, which were woven and made secure by the Holy Spirit from the material of the body of the blessed Virgin Mary, at the beginning of the weaving [of] his garment in her[184] and for ever, not nakedly[185], not separately, but being clothed with his garment, body and soul, which was the qnoma of his manhood.[186] It[187] was cleansed for resplendent immortality in all beauties by his own blood of the body, that is, by the suffering of the life-giving cross: "He shall wash his garment in wine, and his cloak in the blood of grapes. His eyes are redder than wine" because of the suffering, "and his teeth are whiter than milk"[188] at the time of his resurrection. It speaks of "teeth", as from a part, concerning the whole qnoma. This is he who was wrapped with perfumes and laid | in a tomb, and after three days rose by {242}
the power of the Godhead in him. "All your garments are anointed with myrrh and cassia and stacte,"[189] that is to say, "all the members of your body," for in the crucifixion and in the death of the man of our Lord these things were fulfilled, as the Evangelist testifies: "They brought myrrh and aloes for spices, and wrapped him with sweet spices and with linen and laid him in the tomb."[190] It was not to his Godhead that these things were done, for he is Spirit, but to his temple which he raised up after three days, although the dishonor to his temple rests upon him, for it is his own garment. And as, when the purples of the king are rent, blood is not poured out upon them, while suffering does not touch the qnoma of the king by the rending of his purples, yet dishonor comes to the king, so too, since God the Word is immortal and impassible in his nature, and also there is no way possible for suffering or any harm to come near him,

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for he is Light and Life and incorruptible and invisible, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, yet the dishonor of the crucifiers, which they inflicted upon his temple and his garment, rested upon him. For unitedly he dwelt in it, and his garment was assumed, in that he who put on his garment did not put it on in a non-assumed way, nor was his garment separate from him, but in conjunction with [him].

[65] Because of this the fathers said, as has been asserted above, that he exalted [and] took, not that he took something—especially when it was not consubstantial with him—which he was able to make one nature and one qnoma with himself, or that something else was added to his own qnoma, but that it is the same qnoma in its original simplicity. This is impossible that the assumed should be with the Assumer one subsisting qnoma! For lo, the Assumer pre-existed in his perfect and infinite subsistence[191], like | the Father and like the {243}
Holy Spirit. How can there be an addition to infinite nature? Because of this, this is called a "union", as well as a "conjunction", that it might be clear that the natures are preserved in the property of their qnome without confusion and without mixture, as has been demonstrated above, for that which is confused and mixed does not cleave to the conjoined, but is with its fellow in a mingled way, and its property is not preserved. Therefore, when the blessed Paul distinguished the properties of the qnome in this one parsopa of Christ, he said, "The likeness of God took the likeness of a servant, and was found in the likeness of men,"[192] [it was] that he might demonstrate [and] indicate to us that the natures are preserved in the property of their united qnome, the likeness of God, God the Word, one of the qnome of the Trinity, and the likeness of a servant, the united man Jesus, one of the qnome of men, the second man, the new Adam, the Invisible in the visible in one parsopa.

[66] "He is the likeness of the invisible God,"[193] not in separation, and because of this he is called garment and temple, for it is not in separation that they received the parsopa, each of the other, as an emissary [would], or one who fills the place of others, like a vice-regent, or those who are distant from one another in place, but joined in love, unity of mind, and agreement of will, but in presence, and in conjunction, and in a united indwelling which is in one parsopa, Likeness in likeness, Inhabitant in his temple, God in his man. It is not that he became and dwelt in another and rested upon him so as to be separate from him and removed in place or space, but in one union and conjunction of one parsopa, they gave and received of one another parsopically. They did not give their natures or qnome to one another, but the Word took the likeness of a servant from the seed of Abraham | and was revealed in him unitedly. "He {244}

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was revealed in the flesh,"[194] and his united man "received the name which is better than all names,"[195] which is the son[196] in union with the eternal Son, one Son, one Lord. And one is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, "the same, yesterday, today, and for ever,"[197] in one worshipful parsopa. There is not a union in one conjunction and indwelling which is from two where the properties of each one of them come to an end. It is not then a union, but the negation of a union. And there was never a union accomplished which was not from two or from many. And one by itself[198] is not called a "union" when it is not united to another to become one with it when they are united, while also what belongs to it is preserved in the union, its property not coming to an end. "I and my Father are one."[199] That which is "I" and "my Father", which is indicative of the qnome, does not bring to an end the one nature. So too, "Whoever is joined to Christ becomes one spirit with him"[200] does not bring to an end the one who cleaves, nor does it destroy the one to whom he is joined in love and in understanding and in true confession, or in spiritual birth. In the same way as well, in that a man and a woman are joined to constitute one flesh in the fellowship of birthgiving does not bring to an end the man and the woman. So too that Godhead and manhood of our Lord in the union are one Son, one Christ, does not bring to an end that which is his Godhead and that which is his manhood, for the manhood of Christ is joined to the Godhead of Christ in one parsopa of Sonship, from the annunciation of the angel Gabriel, at the beginning of the united fashioning of the temple. The Godhead of Christ dwelt in the united manhood of Christ, which is his temple, at the beginning of his fashioning which was completed in its order and for ever.

[67] The infinite Godhead was clothed with his finite manhood and was joined to it unitedly, not as a garment | alone, which is joined to its wearer outside, but {245}
the Godhead is also within and without infinitely. Because of this is the name "taking"[201] and "conjunction," as well as "indwelling," because an "inhabiter" is within, but the taking and conjunction are also without in the infinitude of his divine nature, according to the demonstrations of these things above. And united is his Godhead in his manhood, and one parsopa, not in separation or as an emissary, or as a vice-regent, or as those who are in agreement or in love alone while being separated, in the way of a garment, not nakedly; conjointly, not separately; as a taking; not confusedly; in the manner of a temple; not in a mingled way; in the way of an indweller; not dividedly; unitedly, not as mixed. While they are distinct, they are united, and while they are united, they are distinct, so that the two may be one thing, that is, one parsopa, the Assumer with the assumed, while the one and the other are preserved in one union of one Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God.

[68] ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ལ་སོགས་པ་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱང་ཡོད་པ་ཉིད་དུ་ཐལ་བ་ཡིན་ནོ། །ཡང་ན་ཡོད་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱང་ཡོད་པ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིར་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ལ་སོགས་པ་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱང་ཡོད་པ་ཉིད་དུ་ཐལ་བ་ཡིན་ནོ། །

[68] But since we have reached this point by the power of Christ, who accompanies our ignorance, for he is our Wisdom, and our Hope, and our Strength, and our Consolation, let us again return to the united differences of these worshipful names which are in this economy, and distinguish their united structures[202], and let us unite them distinctly without confusion, as more and more the matter is made clear and the truth is revealed, and let the darkness be removed from before the ignorant if they choose. Let us blow on the spiritual crucible so that the gold may be the more purified, and the beauty and parsopa of the royal image may be revealed and be made resplendent. But first let there be a foundation for our argument by a settled and indestructible definition, the reliable word of one who builds steadfastly, bulwark-like, [and] uprightly upon | the {246}
Petrine and adamant groundwork, on the upright and united foundations of the blessed Theodore the Interpreter, I mean, the perfect disciple of the blessed apostles, the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit, the abode of all blessings, the mirror of excellence and steadfast pillar which never is moved nor ever shaken. He says this: "We say a union is the conjunction of two when they are considered one parsopically." Well said, this invincible saying, which, in the likeness of a battering-ram, broke through, drove off, cast out, and cast down all the beginnings of error! "The conjunction of two," that is, of the divine nature and of the human nature of Christ, not for the cancellation of one another, or for a mixture, or for a confusion, or for a natural and qnomic union, or that one swallows up his fellow after they are united, according to the impiety of the wicked, but a "conjunction of two," that is, two [different things], and they are joined, and their properties are distinct. And what is it that this conjunction has made? They are called "one thing in parsopa"—not in nature "one thing", but in parsopa: one Son, the Lord Christ, Emmanuel, etcetera.

[69] Now it is not possible for one and the same thing to be "united", in that it is one with itself, or for one simple nature to be called a "union", when there are not two. These, which have been united into one, are two-fold and preserved; and one never nullifies his fellow. If not, there is no union subsequent to the union into one. Again, it is impossible that, while there are two in conjunction and in union, after the union they are not unitedly one and another which have been united. And there is no union which is not in some things distinguishable and in some things one. Our Lord said, "I and my Father are one."[203] It is not, then, that "one" in nature has negated "I" and "my Father", which are an indication of the qnome in this one nature, for | the Father is not the Son and the {247}
Son is not the Father in that [they are] one. Again, it is said, "Whoever is joined to our Lord is made one spirit with him."[204] That "one spirit" by grace does not negate the one joining or the one who has been joined, but they remain and are joined in one spirit.

[70] ܗܘ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܐܒܘܗܝ ܘܠܐܡܗ ܘܢܬܒܩ ܒܐܢܬܬܗ ܘܗܘܝܢ ܬܪܝܢ ܠܒܣܪ ܚܕ. ܗܕܐ ܪܙܐ ܪܒ ܐܢܐ ܡܫܬܡܥ ܒܦܘܠܐ ܕܫܠܝܚܐ ܕܐܡܪ ܕܐܢܬ ܗܘ ܕܢܫܒܘܩ

[70] Again, in another way and by way of example: thus it is written concerning a man and a woman, "A man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh."[205] It is not that, since they are in intimacy "one flesh", they have negated the "man" or the "woman", for the man did not depart from his masculinity and become the woman, as neither did the woman become the man. And in the manner of the mystery of Christ and his church, so too in this marvelous, worshipful, and ineffable union: two are distinct in nature and in the properties of their qnome, but united in the one parsopa of Christ: the Son of God, the likeness of God, God in nature; and the likeness of a servant, man in nature, "from whom is Christ in the flesh"—this being the manhood of Christ—"who is God over all"[206]—this being the Godhead of Christ. "One," then, indicates "one thing" which exists when there is not a union, and one by itself is not called a union. A union is called "one" because of a conjunction and union of two in one parsopa.

[71] However, there are other ways of union, not only from two, but also from many, though not conjointly, by way of indwelling, or in the manner of a temple, or in the manner of a garment, in one parsopa, which are known in each other in all that they possess, like the fire in the bush and the bush in the fire, according to the word of the fathers, and as together. As I have said above, because of this and on account of this there are many names of our Lord, whether before the union or whether in this union of this | one parsopa of Christ, the Son of {248}
God; for there is nothing in a singular type of example or likeness which can give us an indication of the eternal and ineffable generation, and concerning this wondrous and worshipful union, in that it is not a temporal generation, which is by way of succession, or by way of beginning, or by way of division; and again, in that this is not a natural and qnomic union, as a soul and body, which is of parts for the completion of a nature and qnoma, but complete natures in the property of the qnome of Godhead and manhood in one parsopa of Sonship. Nor [is it], again, in separation, or by will and by love alone, or from parts into a whole as a house, a ship, or a door, etc., nor mixedly, confusedly, as wine with water, nor like a mingling, as the flour of barley and wheat, nor by commingling, like the seed of pulse and of beans and of lentils, which are distinct and not united, and are discrete, each to the other, and each from the other. This is an impiety, for here and in these things, as I have said, is understood mingling, confusion, and division. But there, in the wondrous union, is complete God in complete man, the Infinite dwelling in the finite, and united, assumed, and joined. And though are united, they are different in their properties; and though they are different, they are united in one parsopa and as together, the two natures being preserved in the one Christ, the Son of God, and for ever.

[72] ܐ ܗܘ ܕܐܬܝ ܠܗ ܡܢ ܒܝܬ ܐܒܘܗܝ ܘܐܬܝ ܠܗ ܡܢ ܒܝܬ ܐܒܘܗܝ ܐ

[72] If, then, concerning such things as preceded the union—for I shall belabor the matter more—if the Son is called "Word" alone, and one does not join to him the name of Godhead—that he is God with God—it would seem as though he were some power without qnoma like the impiety of the heretics. Again, if God with God is named, and he is not called "Word" and "Effulgence", a difference of | nature has been indicated, and a sequentialness, and a second and {249}
finite God, and that he was not begotten of the nature of the Father eternally [and] timelessly. Again, if he is named "Effulgence", and one does not join with the name Effulgence the title "Image" of his qnoma, two errors are conceived which are worse than the first: one, that he is an operation or power like that "Word", and again, that he is not like the Father in nature and in all that belongs to him, like a son from a father. But here, in all these impregnable examples, the mouth of all heretics is silenced and stopped, especially the unrepresentative Arians, for the "Effulgence" is not a creation of light, but from its own nature. Again, the "Image" and "Likeness" [is] qnoma from qnoma, for he is like the Father, his Begetter, as Seth is to Adam: "And Adam begot in his own likeness, according to his own image."[207] Again, if he had been called "Image of his Being", and the name "Effulgence" had not preceded it for an indication of the "same" nature, it would have seemed that he is not co-eternal with the Father, but his creation, or, perhaps, as that which has been said concerning his manhood, that is, the likeness of the servant which he took and in which he was revealed: "He is the likeness"—that is, the image—"of the invisible God."[208]

[73] Therefore these distinctions are for the gradual progress of learners toward the one perfect, unerring knowledge, and these indicative names concern the Singular One in his uniqueness, who, above any name which is named from among the names and designations which relate to us, should be understood to be consubstantial with the Father and begotten of him, that is, a Son, Effulgence, Word, Likeness of the Father, Infinite from Infinite, Eternal from Eternal, Light from Light, Omnipotent from Omnipotent, who was begotten and not made. It is the same also in the dispensation in the body, and this wondrous and worshipful union, for it is called | dwelling-place, conjunction, tem- {250}
ple, garment, and union. For it is impossible by one example and designation to enlighten and convince learners concerning this wondrous, unconfused, unmingled, unmixed and impassible—that is, ineffable—union of God the Word, who, being infinite like the Father, assumed for his manifestation a finite man, who was completed in his order, to be with him one parsopa of Sonship, except when all the likenesses and indications and designations and names enlighten and confirm for us the truth of our confession, so that we may learn and be educated concerning this worshipful union, utterly undivided, and in

[74] ཡང་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡན་ཆད་ནི་ཡང་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཐོག་མར་ཚིག་ཏུ་བྱ་བ་ཡིན་ཏེ། ཡང་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡང་ཞེས

the faith which does not lead astray. For not everything that dwells is conjoined, united, and clothed, since the residents of a house, or ship, or city are not conjoined and united to the house, ship, or city, each to the other; and not everything that is joined is united and indwells, as armor does not indwell a wearer, and is not united with him in one parsopa, so that parsopically the garment may become the wearer and the wearer the garment in one power and will, etc. Also, we do not say that a man and a woman, about whom it is said that in their conjunction that they are one flesh, are clothed with one another or that they dwell in one another, nor do we say that those who are united in love to one another or in agreement of will dwell in one another or are clothed, each with the other. Again, not everything which dwells and is conjoined is also united, for fishes are not united to the water in one parsopa of fishes and water, nor a bird to the air. Neither is the earth united to its inhabitants, nor are they made known, each by the other, nor is an infant who dwells and is in the maternal womb unitedly dwelling in her as a soul in a body. Again, neither is everything which indwells and is united called a conjunction, for we do not say that the soul makes a conjunction with the body, | or the body to the soul, but {251}
they are united naturally, nor again do we say that, because they are united to one another, the body dwells in the soul.

[74] Again, in another way: God dwells in his creation infinitely, and also in his saints, his householders, in love and voluntarily. We do not say that because of this God is united or joined to his creation in a parsopic union, or it is his garment; nor again do we say that those who are united to him in love and faith are with him in one Lordship and in one authority. For if we should say that God the Word is united to his manhood as the soul within the body, even though there is somewhat a likeness, yet here is finitude and passibility; and they are completed by one another for one operation, and the union has been considered natural and necessary, and a solitary nature in its own species, neither God nor man. Again, if [it is] as he dwells in his creation—as he says, "Heaven and earth are filled by me"—or as in his saints, in love and voluntarily, there is not a union through conjunction, nor a united garment, nor a conjunction through indwelling, nor has it been called a parsopa of union. And again, if it is said that in agreement of will and in authority alone he indwells this parsopa, as an ambassador bears the parsopa of the king, it has not been said that he indwells, is conjoined, and is united, nor is the term mutually exchanged. As the manhood of our Lord bore the parsopa of his Godhead, so his Godhead [bore] that of his manhood in one conjunction. But the king does not bear the parsopa of the ambassador as the ambassador bears the parsopa of the king, but they are even separated from one another and not conjoined. Nor is the union | in a finite indwelling. {252}

[75] ཐུགས་རྗེས་ཆེ་བས་ཀུན་གཞི་མཉམ་ཞིང་། ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ངོ་བོ་ཡིན་ཏེ

[75] Here, then, is a great mystery, and a marvelous and wondrous thing, in that God the Word assumed for his parsopa the likeness of a servant, that is a complete man, and dwelt in him unitedly [and] infinitely—"He was revealed in the flesh"[209]—and in union with him his manhood received the name which is more excellent than all names,[210] that is "Son" and "Lord", in one authority and in one Lordship. That became this in the union but not in nature—"The Son of Man who is in heaven"[211]—and this became that in the union but not in nature, that is, Son and Lord of glory. In the same one parsopa are known two natures in their properties without separation, and one is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, yesterday, today, and for ever[212], to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit be glory, honor, worship, and exaltation, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sixth Treatise is ended.

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209 1Tim. 3:16.
210 Cf. Phil. 2:9.
211 Jn. 3:13 (Peshitta).
212 Heb. 13:8.

VII ܗܘ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܠܡܫܝܚܐ ܐܢܬ ܐܠܗܐ ܕܝܠܢ ܐܢܬ ܐܒ ܕܟܠ ܒܪܝܬܐ ܘܐܢܬ ܐܝܬ ܠܟ ܫܘܠܛܢ ܥܠ ܟܠ ܒܪ ܐܢܫܐ ܕܢܗܒ ܠܗܘܢ ܚܝܐ ܕܠܥܠܡ ܘܠܥܠܡܝ ܥܠܡܝܢ ܐܡܝܢ ܀

[1] ܗܟܐ ܡܕܡܢܝܢ ܡܢܗ ܠܟ ܐܡܪ. ܐܡܪ ܐܢܐ ܕܟܬܒܬ ܒܝܘܡܐ: ܐܦ ܐܢܐ ܐܫܬܘܕܥ ܠܟ ܠܐܠܗܐ ܕܐܒܝ ܘܐܢܬ ܐܝܬ ܠܟ ܫܘܠܛܢ ܥܠ ܟܠ ܒܪ ܐܢܫܐ ܕܢܗܒ ܠܗܘܢ ܚܝܐ ܕܠܥܠܡ ܘܠܥܠܡܝ ܥܠܡܝܢ ܐܡܝܢ ܀

[2] ܗܘ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܠܡܫܝܚܐ ܐܢܬ ܐܠܗܐ ܕܝܠܢ ܐܢܬ ܐܒ ܕܟܠ ܒܪܝܬܐ ܘܐܢܬ ܐܝܬ ܠܟ ܫܘܠܛܢ ܥܠ ܟܠ ܒܪ ܐܢܫܐ ܕܢܗܒ ܠܗܘܢ ܚܝܐ ܕܠܥܠܡ ܘܠܥܠܡܝ ܥܠܡܝܢ ܐܡܝܢ ܀

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2 Jn. 1:14.

VII Seventh Book

Which was composed briefly in a controversial way against those who deny the First-fruits of our race, which was assumed unitedly by God the Word, and against those who impiously speak of a natural and qnomic union and impute suffering to God, with a summing-up of all the arguments above.

[1] "The Word became flesh, and the same was crucified, suffered, and died. It was in his own nature, and in his own qnoma, and not in another, that there might not be two."

[2] Well then, why, O impudent ones, have you rent asunder, in the likeness of wolves, and corrupted, and forgotten the whole | body of the text? He who {253}
wrote "the Word became flesh" explains the saying by its continuation, for he says, "and dwelt in and among us,"[2] that is, one in another. Behold, [there are] two natures and two qnome, that is, God the Word who was in the beginning eternally with God the Father, and the flesh which he became, that is, which he assumed, and "dwelt in us." As for the "becoming", we should understand [it to be] the flesh, which was not from the beginning. But the "dwelt in us" we should understand concerning God the Word, who he said was "in the beginning." If, then, he was "in the beginning," he did not "begin" in existence. If he did, he [either] began [in existence] or was changed. Tell me, [is] the "coming into being" of both of them or of one? And that "dwelt in us," [is it] of both or of one? And the Word which "became flesh"—is the flesh the very same Word, or is it not the very same Word? If it is the same, how is it flesh? If it is flesh, it is then not God, but flesh in nature. And if the flesh is the very same Word in nature, then the name "flesh" is superfluous and without value, as well as the designation "becoming". Well then, tell me, does the one who became continue to be the one who became, or does he not continue? Does the Word, having become flesh, remain, in that it became flesh? Then flesh remains, and there is no longer the name "God the Word", nor his eternal nature which is infinite Spirit, for thenceforth he is flesh in his nature and remains [so]. If the Word "became", yet God remained, as they imagine fantastically, well then, let them answer: did all of him become? Did all of him remain? Did part of him become? Did part of him remain? If, then, all of him became, what was it that remained? And if part of him became, and part of him remained, then God is a body which is divided into parts, and is not infinite Spirit, and the blessed Mary bore the part of God which he "became". If God remained in that which belongs to him, where does that which belongs to the flesh come from? And from what nature | {254}
was it taken?—unless, perchance, God the Word commanded the flesh, "Flesh,

ཀཀཔ། འཕགས་པའི་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཡིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་ཀཀཔ།
ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱི་ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱི་ཡེ་ཤེས་ཀྱི་ཕྱག་རྒྱ་ཆེན་པོ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་ཀཀཔ།

[3] ཨཱཡུཥྨཱཾཤྩ་ཏཱཐཱགཏཱ་ཨརྷཏཿ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡི་བར་ནི་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཡིས་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་ཀཀཔ། ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཡིས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནི་ཐུགས་རྗེ་ཆེན་པོ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་ཀཀཔ། ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱི་ཡེ་ཤེས་ཀྱི་ཕྱག་རྒྱ་ཆེན་པོ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་ཀཀཔ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནི་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱི་ཡེ་ཤེས་ཀྱི་ཕྱག་རྒྱ་ཆེན་པོ་ཉིད་ཀྱི་ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་ཀཀཔ། ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ནས་ཞེས་བྱ་བ་ཡི་བར་ནི་ཐམས་ཅད་ཀྱི་ཡེ་ཤེས་ཀྱི་ཕྱག་རྒྱ

be in my stead, for I am not able to become flesh, for in my nature I am infinite, and then it will be reckoned unto me as though I were one who became flesh because of my love for corporeal beings, and [as though] I were one who died, though I did not die."

[3] Again, in another way: if before he became flesh God the Word was one qnoma like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, and after he became flesh the very same was a qnoma of flesh, then he caused the qnoma of the Word to cease from its infinite spiritual existence and become a qnoma of flesh and finite. If he did not bring it to an end, then the qnoma of the Word is preserved. If the qnoma of the Word is preserved, from what nature is the flesh? If the flesh in its fleshiness does not itself have a qnoma there is no flesh, but the name "flesh" is without qnoma and substance. If it possesses its own qnoma in its fleshiness, there is no qnoma of the Word in its spiritual existence. If the flesh possesses a qnoma of its own, and this is not spirit, tell me, to what nature is it subject, and what is the nature in which it is made known according to a common nature of qnome which are subject to it? It is clear to the discerning, then, that it is not recognized [as] subject to the eternal nature of the Trinity of worshipful and eternal qnome, for these worshipful qnome are equal in all that belongs to them—in infinitude, in incorporeality, in impassibility, in immutability, in invisibility, above times and intervals. But if not, where does this flesh come from? If it was not by a change, the Trinity remained in what belongs to it. If in fact he "became" flesh, there was a contraction in it[3], in that one of its qnome underwent change, becoming | another qnoma in its fleshly qnoma, {255}
and being subjected to another nature of fleshly and fashioned things. Again, if flesh was exalted to the Trinity and remained in its fleshiness, and became one nature with the Trinity and one qnoma with God the Word, behold, then there was an addition into the Trinity. If there is no addition, where may one place the qnoma of flesh, for there is no place in the Trinity for it, since the Trinity is a complete nature in itself, and infinite Being, and never receives addition, as, indeed, no subtraction? It does not belong to its eternal Being either to be changed, or to receive variation in any way. Therefore, the flesh remains without nature and is left without qnoma. But if it does have a subsisting qnoma by itself, then with its fellow fleshly creatures it is by all means subject to its own nature.

[4] Again, in another way: If, then, it happens that the flesh was joined to the Word qnomically, after which "he dwelt in us", in what did he "dwell", and when? Was it in all men, and what are these in nature? And tell me, was it flesh [dwelling] in flesh, or the Word in flesh? Whether then it was flesh in flesh or

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Word in flesh, was it in two, then, or in many? How can flesh dwell in flesh, which is impossible, or, perhaps, Word in Word? Or perhaps it is as they fantasize, that the Word was the same as flesh in qnoma, and the flesh was the very same Word in qnoma. This is impossible!

[5] Again, in another way: If it be that the "dwelling in us" was his indwelling in the Virgin, according to those who are accustomed to speaking madly, then he became flesh before the indwelling in the flesh, and then he dwelt, for thus the text says, "The Word became flesh and dwelt in us"[4]—for they are not able to change | it as is their custom. Well, then, where and when did he become flesh {256}
and then dwell in the Virgin? [Was it] in heaven or on earth? In which of her members and sensory organs did he enter, dwell, and inhabit? When he was formed did he enter in the doors of the organs and members of the Virgin, and when he was a complete man in all that belongs to him? Or did "flesh" enter and come out a man? Here too, in both these things there is a curse present: "Cursed is anyone who puts his trust in man, and makes a son of flesh his protection[5]," say the divine words. If he became flesh after he entered the Virgin, then first he indwelt and then he became flesh in order for it to be thus, that the Word dwelt and became flesh. But behold, the flesh, according to its nature, is good for nothing, nor does it inherit the kingdom, for an investigation of the proper name "flesh" by itself, in its own way, according to its own nature, indicates corruption, and informs us of its temporality and impermanence. "Flesh and blood do not inherit the kingdom of God." And because "fleshiness" indicates corruption according to its own nature, he states, clarifying his own saying, "Corruption does not inherit incorruption,"[6] and, "All flesh is grass."[7] However, since we are called fleshly beings because of mortality, so too, from a "part" the whole man is called by the name "flesh", as in, "To you all flesh shall come."[8] It is not flesh without a soul. And, "You have given him authority over all flesh."[9] It is not over fleshly being alone [that] he possesses authority. Because of this, as it were from a portion, the entire nature is named.

[6] If, then, he did not become flesh and then dwell in the Virgin, then "dwelt in us" is clear: God dwelt in flesh, for flesh is the man from our nature, and "in us", as "Emmanuel", and one in another, and "Our God is | with us,"[10] that is, {257}
united with our nature. He dwelt in his temple unitedly, and one is the parsopa of Christ. To this one the Virgin gave birth. "Became flesh" speaks of the qnoma of flesh which became flesh, that which was taken from Mary, who was from the race and from the descent of Abraham. Because of this he says "became flesh and dwelt," that he might indicate how far God the Word humbled himself for our salvation, putting on the flesh and being considered "flesh", that is, a man,

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in that he was a visible body and an invisible soul, and from a part he speaks concerning the whole. "Became" does not indicate a "change", but a "taking", as the blessed Paul explained, "The likeness of God took the likeness of a servant, and became in the likeness of men,"[11] which was the same as "dwelt in us" from the blessed John, one thing in another.

[7] If, then, there is not a taking and not an indwelling, neither [is there] a union nor the name of a union, for "coming into being" alone does not indicate a union of two into one, for there is no assumer or assumed. This "became flesh", which has the meaning "assumed flesh", [is] like "he became a curse," for he "bore the curse," and "he was made sin," for it was considered that for sin he was crucified, for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree."[12] "He took sin and nailed it to his cross."[13] And as it is written in prophecy, "He bore our pains and sicknesses."[14] Now tell me, he who was crucified, was he crucified because he became flesh or because he remained [the same]? If because he remained [the same], flesh was not crucified. If because he became flesh, then flesh was crucified and not God, who is infinite qnoma in his spiritual state, and this remains [the same] and is not changed. And if God is the same flesh qnomically, he is not one who remained [the same], and if he remained [the same], how is infinite spirit crucified, O blasphemers? | If [it is] because {258}
the flesh was crucified, lo, the flesh is other than infinite and invisible spirit.

[8] "He suffered and died." Who is this who suffered and died? "God the Word who became incarnate." Tell me, did he suffer in both his Godhead and flesh, or in his flesh alone? If, then, in both of them, in both of them was death as well as suffering—two deaths and two sufferings in one qnoma. If it was the flesh that suffered, it was the same which also died. Behold, then, there is that which suffers and does not die, and there is that which suffers and dies. The body, then, suffers and also dies, but the soul suffers by way of participation, in that it is a part of the nature of a passible man and suffers in his sufferings, but it does not die in his death, according to the proper word. Tell me, what is the suffering and death of God? That of the body? Then he is less than the soul, which suffers but does not die. If he suffered the suffering of the soul, but died the death of the body, there is also a difference here, for even in this he is less and weaker than the soul, for this, while it suffers with the body since it too is naturally passible, does not die, because it is naturally immortal, and the power of such death is not able to overcome; but it casts down God, making him fall in the death of the body, this one who is impassible in his nature and immortal. Behold, the blasphemous have imputed suffering to him, and crucified him, and made him subject to the bonds of death, but the soul, which is passible, they do not venture to say that it died.

[9] אמרו לו תלמידיו. כל זמן שהיה עמהם לא היה יודע מה יעשה כל זמן שהיה עמהם היה יודע מה יעשה: משנסתלק מהם לא היה יודע מה יעשה. אף על פי שהיה יודע שהוא הולך לבית הדין ולבית האסורין ולבית ההריגה לא היה יודע מה יעשה: אמרו לו הרי אתה יודע. יודע אני שאתה הולך למקום שאין בו לא אכילה ולא שתיה ולא הנאה ולא שמחה ולא כלום: אמר להם אם כן למה אתם עצובים. אם אתם יודעים שאני הולך למקום שאין בו לא אכילה ולא שתיה ולא הנאה ולא שמחה ולא כלום למה אתם עצובים

[9] Again, in another way: anyone who suffers, behold, in that he suffers he falls under the one who causes him to suffer, and in that he is passible in his nature he suffers from many things, whether from grievous or from lesser things, and sometimes he suffers and dies from those things which smite him. If God suffered in his flesh, | and without his flesh he does not suffer—but in his flesh he {259}
suffered and died—by all means he has departed from his impassibility and coessentiality with his Father and the Holy Spirit, and the eternal nature in one Being, who is alone mighty and dwells in the light, whom no one has seen, nor is able to approach. For lo, he is then enfeebled, brought low, and seen to be weaker than his creatures, for they have made him to suffer, crucified him, and cast him down beneath death. They have subdued him[15]—those of whom it is written that he holds them by the power of his word, and he looks upon the earth and it trembles—and all the nations have considered him, as it were, a "small thing". Lo, they have crucified him who cannot be moved, and have put him to death that he may not hold them or shake them. And he who is incorruptible and is as he is, is now changed from his Being. This blasphemy be upon you, O utterly impious ones!

[10] Again, in another way: if in the flesh he suffered, did not his own flesh suffer? And if his own flesh did not suffer, but he suffered, is his flesh mightier than he, who suffered in it? If both of them suffered, and here both alike suffered in what belonged to them, for the man suffered in his body and died, and the soul suffered but did not die, and God, who was united qnomically with the soul and with the body, suffered and died with the body and suffered with its soul, and it died, and the soul with it did not die, and behold, this is one qnoma—God, who became incarnate as these impious ones say—which possessed three distinct properties, the Infinite who died, the soul which did not die, and the body which died, tell me, did God the Word—since you impiously say, "God is one nature and one qnoma with his flesh, for he became incarnate"—become incarnate while being one nature and one qnoma? Then his fleshly nature is not one nature and one qnoma with him. | If it is one nature and one qnoma with {260}
him, then also before he became incarnate [it was] one nature and one qnoma, and after he became incarnate it was the same one nature and one qnoma, and this one nature and one qnoma was God, and body, and soul, which was equal in nature and qnoma with the Father and Holy Spirit in one nature, and in its qnoma [it was], as it were, one of them. How is this "one" three parts [and] one qnoma, and equal in its qnoma—like the Father and like the Holy Spirit—for they do not possess in their qnome these three parts, some of which die and some of which do not die? In truth, woe to the Theopaschites and those who deny the taking of the Head of our race, and to those who confuse the natures and deny the properties of their qnome!

[11] ܐܡܪ ܝܫܘܥ. ܐܒܐ ܒܝܕܟ ܐܦܩܕ ܪܘܚܝ ܘܗܕܐ ܐܡܪ ܗܘ ܕܫܒܩ ܠܗ ܠܟ ܐܡܝܢ ܐܡܪ ܐܢܐ ܠܟ ܕܝܘܡ ܐܚܕ ܥܡ ܝܘܚܢܢ ܒܪ ܙܒܕܝ ܕܐܬܐ ܠܡܫܪܝ ܒܝ ܫܡܥܘܢ ܟܐܦܐ ܘܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܫܡܥܘܢ ܫܡܥܘܢ ܒܪ ܝܘܢܐ ܐܦ ܒܣܪ ܘܕܡ ܠܐ ܓܠܐ ܠܟ ܐܠܐ ܐܒܝ ܕܒܫܡܝܐ ܗܘ ܕܓܠܐ ܠܟ ܗܢ ܐܢܐ ܐܡܪ ܠܟ ܕܐܢܬ ܟܐܦܐ ܘܥܠ ܗܕܐ ܟܐܦܐ ܐܒܢܐ ܐܒܢܝ ܕܫܪܝܪܐ ܕܒܫܡܝܐ ܘܫܥܪ ܓܗܢܐ ܠܐ ܢܬܟܠܘܢ ܥܠ ܗܕܐ ܕܒܫܪ ܘܕܡ

[11] Again, in another way: did utterly all of God the Word, who became incarnate, die? Then his soul died, and he was not in everything like us, for lo, our souls do not die, according to the proper word, and if a soul does not die, but the Godhead died, his soul was mightier than his Godhead. The crucifiers were no match for this one[16], and the soul escaped from death like a bird and was placed in safety, as he said to his Father, "I place my soul in your hands."[17] But they were equal to his Godhead, and bound him, crucified him, and took his life from him, and he became nothing. Thereafter the qnoma of God the Word, who was incarnate, was divided in its qnoma from itself. A sword appeared in the midst, and the Theopaschites divided him impiously, that for which they accuse the trustworthy because they proclaim the truth as the Scriptures teach, making clear that there are two natures and two qnome, the likeness of God and the likeness of a servant, the temple and its Inhabitant—its same Inhabitant who raised up his temple which had been destroyed in death. For his Godhead did not die and does not die, and if it dies nothing remains.

[12] Again, in another way: If, then, the union of God the Word and his Man- {261}
hood was thus a qnomic union, as we are a qnoma of man, behold, then, this union of ours—even if the soul departs from the body at the time of death, yet the soul abides without function in the immortality of its nature—tell me, then, this one qnoma of God the Word incarnated, the death which came upon it and cast it down, and lo, the loosing of the qnomic union when the body was in the tomb and the soul departed to Paradise, where did his Godhead go, and in what place did it remain these three days? If it was not in the body nor in the soul, then the Godhead was limited, and in a certain place remained without function. As the dead do not function when they die until the body and soul have returned to one another on the day of resurrection, for there is a separate place for each one of them, where did it remain until the resurrection, and what was its place? If it was not in a place but was everywhere, then it was also in his body within the tomb and in his soul in Paradise in its infinite nature, for it is also said in the parsopa of his manhood, "You did not leave my soul in Sheol, nor give your Holy One to see corruption."[18] If the union was not loosed, as indeed it was not loosed, and these impiously say that God died in the flesh qnomically, and was in his flesh which had died when it was placed in the tomb, and it was dead, as well as he with it, and he was in the soul when it was in Paradise, and its nature[19] was preserved in immortality, how with the soul, in which God was united qnomically, did he die while the soul did not die? And with the body which was in the tomb and united with him, | was he also dead there? There- {262}
fore, according to the impiety of such, part of this qnoma is mortal, that is the body and God, and part of it is immortal, that is, the soul. If with the soul he

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was qnomically immortal, and with the body he was qnomically mortal, then his own qnoma was divisible from him. Therefore God the Word is different in three ways from the Father and from the Holy Spirit. By part of a part of one qnoma, and by the death of a part of God the Word, we are saved, and not by the death of all of him, and this blasphemy is upon the head of those heretics who impute suffering to God through a natural and qnomic union, for they do not acknowledge that the properties of both are preserved in one parsopa of this worshipful economy.

[13] If, then, the properties of the two natures of Christ are preserved in their qnome, as indeed they are preserved, that is, of God the Word in his eternal infinitude, and in impassibility and his immutability, and the same is alone mighty with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, one invisible and incorruptible nature, whose greatness is unbounded, according to the word of Scripture, and he is as he is; and he is preserved in his manhood in the property of its[20] qnoma, its body with its soul in one subsisting qnoma, a man, and he is not co-eternal with God in the finitude of his nature, although he is united to God the Word in one Sonship, and is in the order of Godhead in one worship and authority. But if it is not so, and these properties are not preserved in this union of this one parsopa of one Lord Jesus Christ, there is not, then, the nature of Godhead, nor the nature of manhood, nor the Assumer, nor the assumed[21]. Neither is there a union, and all in all they are an illusion, and the union amounts to nothing, and such things as belong to it, and the hope of the heretics is for naught. | For {263}
lo, they falsify the Scriptures, and they do not have that for which we wait, who is coming from heaven as he was seen to ascend, and in vain is the admonition of the blessed Paul at the time of the end of his race—the same which was, as it were, for an excellent deposit and memorial which ought not be forgotten. He commanded his friend Timothy to preserve his life in this upright confession concerning his manhood, and warned him to teach the faithful, that they might not stray and be deprived of true life: "Remember Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who was of the seed of David, according to my Gospel, in which I have endured evils, as far as to bonds like an evil-doer."[22] Behold, did he not say, "Remember him who is from the seed of David," lest there be suspicion that either he was changed into the nature of Godhead, or that he was swallowed up by it? It is not as the blasphemers impiously say, but he is "from the seed of David," and is preserved in his human nature and qnoma in the union of the one parsopa of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. And in that which is to the Hebrews, when he sets in array in all his letter certain things belonging to his Godhead and certain belonging to his manhood in this one parsopa of the Son of God, beginning from the start of the letter. In that the Son is complete in the

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same united parsopa, he says, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and for ever,"[23] namely, Christ is preserved in his nature and human qnoma, which was temporally born of the Virgin Mary and came into being and was fashioned through the Holy Spirit, which is "yesterday" and "today", and he is preserved in his property as well in his divine qnoma, which is eternal, being before the ages, without change, for ever, and is "the same", which is to say, he is the very same "one parsopa", and this union is indestructible and unconfused for ever.

[14] "The Virgin bore God who became flesh." Well, then, she bore | in what {264}
manner? and how? [Was it] as from her own nature? as a result of the union? as a favor? according to law? How? If as from her own nature, qnoma from qnoma by way of giving birth, then she bore one consubstantial with her, and there[24] he began. One of two things [is possible]: either the Virgin is divine[25], infinite spirit in her nature, and also a goddess who became incarnated and bore God who became flesh from her nature, or she was the daughter of man like her race, possessing a soul and body, a qnomic "man", and gave birth to a man in the nature of his manhood, as the truth of these matters bears witness, and him whom she bore possessed the name "Lord" and "Son of the Highest" in honor because of the union, while his human nature, which was from her, was given birth unitedly. If, therefore, he who was incarnated of her was a "name" without a qnoma, then he was not did not become flesh, and if the nature was divine which was born of her, from what nature may we consider the flesh [to be] which was incarnate in her? [Was it] from the nature of the Godhead? Then Godhead is flesh. If [the Godhead] is not flesh, then the flesh was not of the nature of the Godhead, nor consubstantial with us, for it is not from our nature. Therefore, the flesh was not flesh, but the name of imaginary flesh. If in nature this one in whom God the Word became incarnate was flesh and was born, then the flesh was consubstantial with its bearer and not consubstantial with God, and God the Word is consubstantial with the Father, and because of the union the blessed Mary is called Mother of God and Mother of Man—mother of man as from her own nature, and mother of God because of the union which he had with his manhood, which was his temple at the beginning of its fashioning within the womb, and born unitedly. And because the name "Christ" | is an {265}
indicator of both natures in the qnomic state of his Godhead and his manhood, the Scriptures say that the blessed Mary bore Christ, not simply "God" in a non-united way, and not "man" in an ordinary way, God the Word not being clothed with him, as we say that a woman has born a "man", and we do not say that she has born a "soul", or that she has born a "soul which became incarnate", or that she has born a "body".

[15] ܐܝܟ ܕܠܐ ܐܢ ܐܬ ܒܟ ܐܠܐ ܐܝܟ ܕ

[15] Well, then, tell me: is it because God was God in a qnoma, that the Virgin is the mother of God, or because he became incarnate? If [it is] because he was God, in a qnoma like the Father, [that] he was born, the Virgin is a goddess, and in her nature and from her nature she bore God, consubstantial with the Father qnomically, and perhaps all women are in nature "mothers of gods". If Mary was not consubstantial with the Father, but his creature and the daughter of man, who possessed a body and soul, how did she give birth from her own nature the very qnoma of God the Word who is eternally begotten of the Father before all worlds? If he is one qnoma with his flesh, and this qnoma is all in all born of Mary, then she bore him in both things from her own nature, in his Godhead and in his flesh. If it is not in both of them, but in his flesh, then she bore flesh from her own nature, though while united to God, who was in him whom she bore, and in this we are also brothers to him in the flesh. "We are of his flesh and of his bones."[26] Because of this it is right that we should become like his brothers in everything, as in bodily nature we are his brothers, but he is for us Lord, and more worshipful than all, because of his exalted union with God the Word, who is with him one Son of the Highest in the order of the Godhead. If the very same single qnoma was begotten of the Father, and the very same single qnoma was born of Mary, it happened one of two ways: either from Mary without flesh, | or from the Father in the flesh. If from the Father there is no flesh, {266}
and from Mary there is the flesh, he is divided in his qnoma from the Father and from Mary—from the Father because of the flesh, and from Mary because of God—and he is unique in his qnoma alone, and it does not have a nature from which it comes, to which it is qnomically wholly subject and in which it is known. But if the Father and Mary are two natures, and both the natures of his Godhead and his manhood are known in him, then he is two natures and two qnome in one Parsopa, Christ the Son of God, and not otherwise.

[16] Again, in another way: Was God the Word born of Mary while he was a complete qnoma, eternally like the Father, or while he was incomplete in that he was not flesh? If being a complete qnoma like the Father he was begotten of the Father, then in his qnoma he was not born of Mary; but in that he became incarnate, and his flesh was not his own qnoma but a qnoma of manhood, behold [there are] two qnome.

[17] Again, in another way: if before the union the one qnoma was incorporeal, and after the union the same one qnoma became corporeal, and this qnoma is consubstantial with the Father and Holy Spirit, behold, [there is] an addition to the Trinity. If there is no addition and this cannot be, then flesh is another qnoma and finite in its property, and its nature is preserved. If it is not preserved

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in its nature, either it vanishes like vapor from the sun, as others say—the children of error—or it is mingled with infinite nature, and becomes infinite. Lo, the Trinity does not receive an addition, as neither a subtraction, but remains as it is.

[18] Again, in another way: is the flesh of the Word consubstantial with the Word | or consubstantial with the Virgin? If [it is] consubstantial with the Word, {267}
then also the Father and Holy Spirit became flesh, and the saying is falsified that he "became flesh and dwelt among us,"[27] that is, "assumed" flesh and dwelt in it as in his temple. According to the demonstration of the blessed Paul, "The likeness of God took the likeness of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men, and was revealed in the flesh."[28] If, then, the Father and Holy Spirit are not consubstantial with his flesh, [and] the qnoma of the Son and the flesh are the same qnoma of the Word and not another, then the qnoma of God the Word is different from the Father and from the Holy Spirit because of nature. Therefore the Trinity is not a Trinity equal in all, but a duality in all which is equal in all, and lo, a blasphemy is impiously spoken.

[19] Again, in another way: is the flesh of the Word consubstantial with Mary? "Yes." Is the flesh of the Word one nature and one qnome with him? "Yes." Then Mary and God the Word are one nature, although in qnoma they are distinct, as the Father is from the Spirit.

[20] Again, in another way: If the Godhead of the Word is one qnoma with the flesh, and this qnoma is consubstantial with Mary, then the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and Mary are one nature. Also, all men are one nature with God because Mary is a daughter of man, and therefore all creatures as well are one nature with God, for man is the bond and connection of the whole creation. Therefore, there is no difference between God, the eternal Creator, and his temporal creation. This blasphemy is upon the head of those who impiously claim a natural and qnomic union in Christ, | and do not preserve in their confession {268}
the properties of nature which are made known through their qnome; for there is no nature which is not made known through qnome, which is distinct in its property from another nature; and there is no qnoma which is not subject to a nature by which its property is made known. For Paul is not the angel Gabriel in nature.

[21] Again, in another way: is the flesh of the Word his own very same qnoma and nature, and was this flesh, which was the nature of the Word, newly or eternally flesh? If, then, it was made newly, and this flesh is the nature of God the Word, then all who deny the taking of the Head of our race worship a new God.

[22] ܐܝܢܕܪܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ. ܐ ܐܡܪ ܐܠܗܐ ܐܠܗ ܐܝܢܕܪܐ ܕܐܠܗ ܐܠܗ ܐ: ܐܠܗ ܠܐ ܒܥܐ ܐܠܗ ܐܠܗ: ܐܠܗ ܐܠܗ ܐܡ ܐܝܢܕܪܐ ܕܐܠܗ ܐܠܗ ܐ: ܐܠܗ ܠܐ ܒܥܐ ܐܠܗ ܐܠܗ. ܐܠܗ ܐܠܗ ܠܐ ܒܥܐ ܐܠܗ ܐܠܗ. ܐ ܐܡܪ ܐܠܗ ܐܠܗ ܐ ܐܠܗ ܐ ܐܠܗ ܐ ܐ ܐ

[22] Again, in another way: if God the Word qnomically was made flesh, and this flesh is the same nature as God, and it is not flesh assumed from the seed of Abraham as the truth teaches, and this flesh is the qnoma of a new God who is not eternal with the Father, was fashioned by the Holy Spirit—as it is written, "He who will be born you is by the Holy Spirit"[29]—then the Holy Spirit fashions and makes "gods", and God the Word has two Fathers—one Father who is eternally without flesh, and one Holy Spirit by whom he was fashioned in the flesh temporally, and Mary his mother is superfluous and with an empty title.

[23] Again, in another way: in that God the Word was begotten qnomically by the Father without a mother, and in the same he was born from Mary qnomically without a father, then that which was without a father from Mary was the same begotten without a mother by the Father, she bore a spirit, and not flesh consubstantial with her, and she bore the infinite, not the finite like her, or, perhaps, the Father begot the flesh | and God the Word is not consubstantial {269} with him. If this one who was begotten of the Father and of Mary is the same in his qnoma and nature, then the Father and Mary are one nature, like Adam and Eve, who begot Seth, the son of their nature, like their nature and like their qnome, and in everything resembling them in what was nature. If he is begotten fully, eternally in his qnoma, from the Father without a mother, whence is he from the mother without a father, the father not being present? Who is it that she bore? If according to her nature she bore him without a father, he is not consubstantial with the Father who "begot", but consubstantial with her. But if it is not the same nature as her own she bore, but the same is consubstantial with the Father, then Mary is called his mother inordinately because he is not consubstantial with her—or perhaps it may be as a channel or by way of containment he passed through her; but water which passes through a channel is not called "offspring" of the channel.

[24] Again, in another way: If the flesh of the Word is created and fashioned, and the flesh is the qnoma of the Word, then the Word in its qnoma is fashioned and made. Behold, the Arian impiety! If the flesh of the Word is not created and made, then it existed eternally [and] qnomically with God the Word.

[25] Again, in another way: All that exists in nature and qnoma is either uncreated or created, either eternal or temporal. If, then, the flesh of the Word is uncreated, then it is the Creator in its nature like the Father and like the Holy Spirit; and if it is eternal, it is not temporal, nor [was it] from a temporal Mary, and vainly do the Evangelists number the generations and reckon the genealogies from top to bottom and from bottom to top, and explain that those are

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his fathers according to the flesh according to nature and according to the status of the legal seed, and inordinately did they call him "son of David, son | of {270}
Abraham,"[30] and from his seed was he begotten; and it was not a marvel and prophetic sign that the Virgin, his mother, bore him without intercourse, for this is not a marvel that he who is in nature divine should be born without intercourse, for the same is spirit, and free from seed, and from matter, and from the succession of descent. Behold, then, God the Word, who is from the Father, who is eternally begotten without a mother, is free of such things.

[26] Again, in another way: every subsisting qnoma is a qnoma subject to a nature of its own, and it is impossible for it to leave its nature and become consubstantial with another. And every nature is made known in a qnoma which is subject to it, whether by one or by many, for if a student seeks to know that in certain qnome God is made known, immediately he learns from one who is skilled in Scripture, "In the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." And if he further seeks to know or to distinguish what is the nature of angels or of men, and by what each one of them is known, then he tells him, "The nature of angels is known in Gabriel or Michael, and the nature of men is known in Peter or in Paul." Also, he shows him [that] such and such, the ones nearby, are, in their qnome, subject to the nature of men, in whom what is common to [that nature] is made known.

[27] Tell me, now, this qnoma of the flesh of the Word, when it did not exist, beneath what nature was it placed, and what nature was made known? If Godhead, behold, the divine nature is not flesh, but is spirit, and at some time this flesh did not exist. If subject to the nature of men, behold the truth is discovered. Therefore, the man of our Lord was in the order of the Godhead, albeit united, and worshipped in one conjunction with God the Word, who exalted [and] assumed him to his own parsopa, and made him with himself one Son. But in his human nature | he was born of the Virgin unitedly, and was a qnoma {271}
from her qnoma, as David and Abraham, from whom [he is], and a complete man in all that belongs to him except that he was born without intercourse, and is united and in the order of the Godhead.

[28] Tell me, if it happened our Lord was with his Twelve, and there were around them other qnome and natures, in some way, then, the man of our Lord would have been seen in his openness. Since in his Godhead he is invisible, with what qnome would he be numbered? Plainly, with those of his disciples, although higher than they in the order of the Godhead. For even the Scripture numbers him the "second man" in his human qnoma. Therefore, in two natures

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and in two qnome is Christ made known: in the qnoma of his Godhead, like the Father and like the Holy Spirit, infinite and invisible; and in his human qnoma, finite and visible: the likeness of God, one of the qnome of the Trinity, and the likeness of a servant, one of the qnome of manhood, the man Jesus, unitedly in the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God for ever. Therefore, well and good has the blessed Virgin Mary been aptly named "mother of Christ," for it is the name signifying the one parsopa of the union, which in its human nature is from her nature, but in its Godhead is not from her nature. But because, with the beginning of the fashioning of the man of our Lord, who is from her, God the Word dwelt in him as in a temple, unitedly, he made him with himself one Son for ever.

[29] Let us repeat our word for the sake of clarification: we say, then, that she is the mother of God and mother of man: mother of man as from her own nature, but mother of God because he was united with his man from the beginning of his fashioning, and he is for him a temple for ever. He is God and man unitedly: one Son, one Christ. We say that she bore Christ, who is the parsopa | of the {272}
union, though we do not say that God the Word received a "beginning" of existence from her, for lo, it is written that in the beginning he was with the Father, and was God. It is not right to say that the blessed Mary gave birth to ordinary man, that we might not be Paulinians, who deny his Godhead united with his manhood into one parsopa of the economy. Neither again that she simply gave birth to God, while not clothed with his body within the womb, which was for him a worshipful temple with him in one conjunction, in one union of Sonship for ever. For we may not be Manicheans, deniers of his manhood—that he appeared in fantasy—nor as those who impiously speak of beginning or of change. Instead, as the Scriptures say, "The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way,"[31] and, "The record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,"[32] [each of] which is a clear indication of the union of the parsopa of both natures, preserved in their properties within their qnome. "From them appeared Christ"—behold, the parsopa of the union—"in the flesh"—behold, the qnoma of his manhood—"who is God over all"[33]—behold, the qnoma of the Godhead—"Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and for ever."[34] What is today and yesterday is of the manhood of Christ, but that which is for ever is of the Godhead of Christ. But that which is the same is this one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God for ever. This is, then, the true Petrine confession, which is never shaken and eternal.

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[30] "I do not distinguish the assumed from the Assumer that there may not be two sons, but 'he became flesh.'[35]" Well, now, we do not say two sons, or two Christs, but one Christ, who is the parsopa of both natures in their own qnome. If it is not thus, then wickedly the blessed Paul spoke, after saying, "Be reconciled in yourselves with that which is also Jesus Christ,"[36] and before setting forth the parsopa of the union, he came to | the distinction of qnome: "The {273}
likeness of God,"[37] which was the qnoma of the Word, "took the likeness of a servant,"[38] which was the qnoma of the united man, Jesus. Well then, have you heard that "became flesh" is a property of the flesh, which was not eternally in the beginning? And [the] "dwelt"[39], which is placed after it, have you not understood that it is one in another, as was demonstrated above? Or, because the readings are linked together, first "became" to "dwelt"? For the Evangelist sets down and links seven [things]: "in the beginning," "existing," "God," "the Word," "flesh," "becoming," "indwelling". Then give each one what belongs to it—perhaps eternal Being to the flesh? or origin to the Word? perhaps "in the beginning" to the flesh? or indwelling to "becoming"? or "in God" to "in us." But the Evangelist has not thus mixed and mingled so that they might not be distinguished and distinct. But what? "In the beginning was the Word,"[40] and he comes through an entire sequence until "became"[41]—that which begins while not [previously] existing. What is this? "The flesh, which did not exist, was in the beginning?" For the sake of what did it "become"? That God the Word might dwell in it, which he assumed to his own parsopa. The same is elucidated by the blessed Paul. Well then, if the assumed is the same as the Assumer, why [are there] two names and two parts, Likeness in likeness? How is he who was made in the likeness of man the very same man in nature? And if [there is] one thing in qnoma, [why] does it indicate a Assumer and a assumed? Should we read also conversely that "the likeness of a servant did not consider this robbery that he was the equal of God, but emptied himself and took the likeness of God, and was made in the likeness of the sons of gods"? And that "he humbled himself unto death", which was about the likeness of a servant which was assumed, should we read [it] conversely?—"The likeness of God, God the Word, was obedient unto death. Because of this man greatly | exalted him, and {274}
gave him a name better than all names." Should we then reverse the order in all things, and man become God and the Assumer in nature, and God become the assumed [and] man in nature? The words of those who do not allow for the properties after the union are full of all such disgraceful things.

[31] ཁམས་ཅིག་ཁམས་ཅིག་ཏུ་ཡང་ཁམས་ཅིག་ཏུ་ཡང་ཁམས་ཅིག་ཏུ་ཡང

[31] "Since the body and soul are one qnoma—a man—so God the Word and man are one nature and one qnoma, which is constituted of God, of the body, and of the soul." To which nature shall we subject [the qnoma]? If [to] God, who became incarnate, behold, is not God the Word established as a different nature and qnoma which is foreign to the Father, even though he became incarnate? Never do we name the soul and body the "incarnate soul," but "man," a name indicating a qnoma of natural union. So "God, who became incarnate," does it not indicate the name of the qnoma of flesh in which he became incarnate? For by "became incarnate" it indicates to the discerning that one thing is flesh in nature and qnoma, and another God the Word in nature and qnoma, and he became incarnate in flesh. For it is impossible for the armor of the soldier or the clothing of the clothed to be one nature and one qnoma with him. We do not say this, that because the soldier equips himself with his armor or the clothed dons his clothing, that the soldier and his armor and the clothed and his clothing are one qnoma. The soldier is included with his fellow soldiers in nature, and also in qnoma, as one of them, and the armor is included with armor and clothing with other clothing. One thing is the soldier in his qnoma and another the armor with which he equips himself. In the same way, one thing is God the Word in his nature and in his qnoma, and another the body and soul which is a human qnoma which he assumed unitedly for his own parsopa, and is his clothing, his temple, and his dwelling-place.

[32] Now the nature and qnoma of God the Word | is equal in everything {275}
belonging to it with the Father and the Holy Spirit except for Fatherhood and Procession, for one is the infinite Being. But it is impossible that some portions of a qnoma should be finite and some should be infinite, some of them [existing] eternally and some temporally. [For] a man who is body and soul, these parts are of one qnoma of a man, who is constituted by an operation of God the Creator, and this is a qnomic, finite, and passible union, one of whose parts does not function without its fellow, nor suffer, nor act, for the body lives by the life of the soul, and the soul learns and suffers in it, and they are each the instrument of the other in one qnoma. If they are loosed from one another, the operation of both of them comes to an end. For the body does not live [without its soul], nor does the soul suffer without its body, nor do any of its natural things function, though its life and its reason are reserved to it, as in sleep, without operation until it returns to its companion. As the parts of the body of any living thing which is from the four elements do not operate when their combination is destroyed, or the composition of the body is loosed—although the elements, from whose combination living things, whatever they may be, came about, are preserved—and as the lives of each and every one of the living things

ܐܘܢ ܕܐܝܬ ܒܗ ܫܘܠܛܢܐ ܕܐܠܗܘܬܐ ܕܐܝܬ ܒܗ ܐܘ ܫܘܠܛܢܐ ܕܐܢܫܘܬܐ ܕܐܝܬ ܒܗ ܫܘܠܛܢܐ ܕܐܠܗܘܬܐ ܕܐܝܬ ܒܗ

without a soul, which are from the four elements, and not constituted in their qnoma without the four elements, whether a lion, or a bull, or whatever other sort, so without the soul and the body the qnoma of a man is not constituted, for they are parts of the qnoma of a man, and he is the bond of all creation and the image of the invisibility of his Creator, by whom came into being and was created all that is seen and all that is unseen.

[33] It is impossible that the created and made can be one qnoma with its Creator. Nor, when the parts of the man of our Lord ceased from their operation at the time of death, that is, [when] his soul and body were loosed from each other, do we say this, that the union of Godhead was loosed from the body and soul, for behold, it is written that his soul was not left in Sheol, nor did his body see corruption[42]. Nor did God the Word cease to do all with the Father and the Holy Spirit, or to govern and manage in these three days. It was not the Godhead which gave vitality to the body, for lo, [the body] lived by the soul like all men: "The natural and then the spiritual."[43] When he delivered up his soul at the time of the crucifixion, the Godhead did not depart from him. Although it was in him, it did not give life to the body, for it[44] was not in him qnomically in the place of a soul, but for the united parsopa of the economy. When the soul returned within the body at the time of the resurrection, then the body lived and the temple rose in its human qnoma, united to God the Word in it. {276}

[34] Thus God with his temple did not constitute a natural, qnomic, and passible union, but a voluntary and parsopic union: the likeness of God, God the Word, one of the qnome of the Trinity, and the likeness of a servant, who was assumed, one of the qnome of men, the man Jesus, in one united parsopa, and their two natures, preserved in their properties and in their distinct but united qnome. One is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

[35] "God sent his Son, and he was made from a woman."[45] … Very well … . Was the Son complete in his qnoma as the Father and as the Holy Spirit when he was sent? … "Yes." … And what was made from a woman? Was it the qnoma of God? Behold, he was a qnoma when he was sent. Then the "coming into being", what did it effect? … A Change? … "No." … | What? … "A man." … If he was not changed, how did he become a man, in qnoma? … "He became, but he remained [the same]" … What shall we hold to? If "he remained [the same]", lo, [there is] "became", and if "he became", lo, "he remained", and there is no true origin, nor does he who "remains [the same]" remain. [There is] only an illusion and fantasy. It is not thus, O ignorant ones, but the Scriptures speak in the parsopa of the union and as though concerning one, as, "From them Christ {277}

ܒܟܠ ܐܢܫܡܐ ܕܐܝܟ ܕܐܢܬ ܡܫܟܚ ܠܗ: ܐܠܐ ܐܦ ܐܢܐ ܡܫܟܚ ܠܟ ܕܐܢܬ ܒܥܐ ܠܡܫܟܚ ܠܝ ܐܦ ܐܢܬ ܒܥܐ ܠܡܫܟܚ ܠܟ.

appeared in the flesh, who is God over all."[46] We understand what is the nature which is from the Jews, and what is the nature which is God over all, for God over all is not from the Jews. And as "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,"[47] though they are set down with one another conjointly, yet also here we understand what is the nature which "became" when it did not [previously] exist, and what was in the beginning with the Father, and assumed a body to his own parsopa unitedly, and dwelt in it, in that he cannot receive origin, since he exists eternally. So also this, that "God sent his Son and he was made of a woman," is the same as is said concerning the one parsopa, for the name "Son" is the parsopa of the union from the annunciation of the angel Gabriel and for ever. As he said to the Virgin Mary, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest."[48] Because of the union with the Son of the Highest [there is] one Son of the Highest. And Paul said that "He spoke with us in his Son," distinguishing what things are of his manhood in the union, "whom he made heir to everything,"[49] and what are of his Godhead in the same union, "who is the effulgence of his glory and the image of his Being."[50] In the same way too is this, "God sent his Son and he was made of a woman."[51] That he was sent is said because of the unity of will—for it was not when he did not exist that he was sent—as it is said that the Holy Spirit was sent, who proceeds from the Father. For this was not as a servant or by way of command, but because of unity and agreement of will, | and according to what the Son said to the Father, "Keep them in your {278}
name,"[52] and, "Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you,"[53] that we may learn that one is the Being, and one is the will of the Trinity. Although there is a place where it is said in the parsopa of manhood, as in "The Father who sent me is greater than I,"[54] and other things such as these, yet here, because of the oneness, it is said that one is the will so that men may not think that the worshipful qnome are different in their Being and in their will from one another. This here indicates that which was sent in order to inform us concerning the qnoma of God the Word, and that one is his will with the Father and the Holy Spirit, but that "He was made of a woman"[55] is said concerning the qnoma of his united manhood. And as the blessed Paul says in another place, "God sent his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh because of sin,"[56] and this is the same as "He was made in the likeness of men."[57] There is no change or transformation.

[36] Such as stumble on these pearls are blind, and they are bruised by the steps which are arranged in an orderly way. Lumps of rocks and lumps of gold are not distinguished, but seem equal to them because of the darkness of their understanding, and because of this blindness and darkness of understanding a myriad heresies have multiplied, each one destroying its fellow, to their ruin.

[37] ܐܠܐ ܕܟܠ ܡܢ ܕܐܬܝ ܠܗ ܠܡܫܝܚܐ ܒܫܘܡܗ ܕܐܝܬ ܠܗ ܫܘܠܛܢ ܠܡܫܒܚ ܘܠܡܫܬܒܚ ܘܠܡܬܪܘܡܡ ܘܠܡܬܝܩܪ ܘܠܡܬܗܠܠ ܒܫܡܗ ܕܩܕܫܐ ܕܗܘ ܒܥܠ ܫܘܒܚܐ ܘܬܘܫܒܚܬܐ ܘܬܘܩܪܢܐ ܘܬܘܫܒܚܬܐ ܘܬܘܫܒܚܬܐ ܕܟܠ ܒܪܝܬܐ ܕܫܡܝܐ ܘܕܐܪܥܐ ܘܠܡܢ

[37] "God, who became incarnate, is the 'Anointed One[58].'" ... Tell me ... was his incarnate state anointed with the oil of gladness[59] above his fellows,[60] or his Godhead which became incarnate? If his incarnate state was anointed and not his Godhead, behold, [there are] two natures and two qnome: one existing eternally in its divine qnoma, his Godhead having no need of anointing, since it belongs to anointing that it makes [one] greater than others; and another qnoma, his man, who was anointed to be Son and Lord | unitedly with God the {279}
Word, who assumed him to his own parsopa to be one Son for ever. If [it is] God the Word, who became incarnate with his flesh qnomically, who was anointed with the oil of gladness above his fellows, who are his fellows in nature? His fellows in nature are the Father and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the anointing of God the Word made him more excellent than his colleagues, for his colleagues are the Father and the Holy Spirit, as I have said. In what was he made to abound more than they, O blasphemers? How did the Holy Spirit anoint him, and he was made greater and grew more important than the Holy Spirit who anointed him? How in the Trinity [can there be] the greater and the lesser?

[38] Tell me, was God the Word anointed in that he was God, or in that he became incarnate? If in that he was God, did God anoint God with the oil of gladness more than his fellows, and what is the oil by which God was anointed? If [it is] in that the flesh was anointed—therefore a different qnoma of flesh from the qnoma of God—and this is true, then the temple of the Word was anointed at the beginning of its fashioning to be a holy dwelling-place, in exalted honor, in its union with God the Word, unitedly one Lord, one eternal King, one Son in the one united parsopa of Christ.

[39] "Holy God, holy Mighty One, holy Immortal One who was crucified for us"—but he will not have mercy on his crucifiers! Well, then, O hard-hearted, "holy Immutable One" is a proper designation, even though its invocation has fallen upon various vicissitudes, and if the holy Immortal in his nature and Immutable in his Being is alone mighty, how was he transformed from immortality to mortality, and again, from mortality to immortality? | And how was {280}
the "Mighty One" weakened and brought low before the crucifiers, who is alone mighty? How were they able to rise up and seize him who holds all by the power of his word, while he governs them by the indication of his will? How could they raise him up to hang him who is infinite Spirit between heaven and earth? How did they crucify the Light from Light? Well, now, the Light was not crucified, and the Life did not die, O deprived of life, and lo, your impious confession destroys itself.

[40] ܟܕ ܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܡܪܝ ܠܡܢܐ ܐܢܬ ܥܒܕ ܟܢܐ ܕܠܐ ܥܒܕ ܠܐ ܐܬ ܠܗ ܠܡܫܝܚܐ ܕܐܢܐ ܐܬܐ ܠܡܫܪܝ ܠܟ ܠܐ ܐܫܬܟܚ ܠܟ ܐܠܐ ܒܫܥܬܐ ܕܐܢܐ ܐܬܐ

[40] "Immortal One who was crucified for us." If he is immortal in his nature, how was he crucified in his nature, and [how] did he die? O [you who are] crucified by the demon through destructive impiety, for this you are daily crucified on "sugare"[61] by the hands of the mighty, for there is none among them who ventures to speak this blasphemy that "God died," nor is there one of the heresies which ventures to say or to accept this expression openly.

[41] "By his own choice he was crucified and died." Then his will, which crucified him, was mightier than his nature, and if his will crucified him, also his will considered him not to be God, for he who dies is not God in nature. Tell me, his will which put him to death, did his will die with him? Then, when he rose, it was not by the choice of his will that he rose, for he who dies needs another to raise him up who is mightier than he, and as the Truth says concerning his temple which was destroyed, "I will raise it up."[62] As Paul makes clear, "Although he was crucified in weakness, yet he rose by the power of God."[63] Well then, God in nature was not crucified in weakness and [then] rise by the power of another God stronger than he, O accursed Arians. And if he died and his will did not die with him, but his will raised him up, then he is different in his qnoma from his will, and his will is different in its qnoma from him. | Tell me, did he die by the will of {281}
his own will? How is there a "will" for a "will", that the will chooses and does not choose? In truth, your life is accursed, O contentious heretics! The Jews crucified his manhood, and therefore the insult to his temple he imputed to himself, for they crucified this one in whom God the Word dwelt as in a temple unitedly; for though a man kills one of the beasts, or a man kills his fellow, although the "killing" is the same thing, yet because he kills the body of a man in which is a soul, he is found guilty and is cast into prison. So for this impiety the Jews received a great punishment, and their city was destroyed, and their temple was burned, and it was made a wasteland, and behold, they were scattered by every wind, for they crucified him in whom God the Word dwelt unitedly. So it is happening at this time to the wretched Antioch, and to her colleague which takes part with her in this wicked blasphemy of crucifying God impiously, because from that place began this impious expression, from Anastasius,[64] the wicked king, and it has continued all this time throughout many years. With how many sorts of chastisements has it engulfed the wretched city through devastation and through ruin many times, and through various plagues? And they have not turned from their blasphemy. Behold, now it has been completely brought to destruction by its own inhabitants, the crucifiers of God, and some of them have been killed, and some of them have been made captive, and some have been dispersed to every region[65], that they might teach everyone what is the punishment which comes upon those who crucify God and put to death their Creator.

[42] ܗܘ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܐܝܟ ܕܐܬ ܒܥܐ ܠܡܐ ܐܬ ܒܥܐ ܠܡܐ ܐܝܟ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܗܘ. ܐܝܟ ܕܐܬ ܒܥܐ ܠܡܐ ܐܝܟ ܕܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܗܘ

[42] Now the Jews crucified the man of our Lord once, and they did this in error, for they were not convinced of his Godhead which dwelt in his manhood unitedly. But these wretches, | lo, are always crucifying and putting to {282}
death God, who is living and life-giving, and infinite Spirit, and alone mighty. O that one of the qnome of the Trinity had also been spared from crucifixion and death for our salvation—the Father, or the Son, or the Holy Spirit—their wickedness would have perhaps been a little more tolerable, but now the impious crucify the whole Trinity at all times and not only God the Word. "Holy God, holy Mighty One, holy Immortal One who was crucified for us." Behold, the whole divine nature is the "holy Mighty One, holy Immortal One," not one of the qnome, and this blasphemy is upon you, O deserving of all deaths. Lo, you have been spared until this moment in your wretchedness because of the hope of repentance—perhaps there are going to be believers among them, or true ones are to be proved among them—as Satan is spared, and all false worshipers, because of freedom of will and liberty, until the day of recompense. O how the accursed Satan has plotted against our wretched race! O how the crafty one leads astray! For [our] progenitors[66], who by their nature were mortal, he led astray, saying, "You will not die, but you will be as gods,"[67] and now he leads these wretches astray: "God suffered and died and was crucified for you."

[43] Again, what do the ignorant say? "With the subtle mind we have understood two natures and two qnome." Then you have two minds: one is subtle, in which you are Christians, and one is brutishly dense, in which you are pagans and deniers of the First-fruits of the Head of our race, who was exalted, O Theopaschites. Well then, at the resurrection, for what mind will you receive recompense? Even if for the subtle [mind] you will receive a good recompense; also for the dense | you will receive a bad recompense. Then half of your qnoma {283}
[will be] in Gehenna, and half will not be punished! But all your words are absurd, and ours [are] with the truth, for in the same opinion which we have received we acknowledge Christ, who is two natures and two qnome in one parsopa of Sonship; who was crucified, suffered, and died in his human nature, which was his united temple, and after three days God, who was in him, who was not crucified and did not suffer, and did not die, and does not die, and does not change, raised him up. It is he who raised his united temple after three days, and perfected it through its suffering unto immortality and immutability. "It befitted him through whom is all and for whom is all," who is God the Word, "that he should perfect the first-fruits of the life" of men, who is his united man, Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, "through sufferings" unto immortality[68]. And because his united man obeyed and humbled himself unto death, therefore God, who was in him, greatly

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exalted him with himself in the union of the one parsopa of Christ the Son of God in one worship for ever. "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God his Father."[69]

[44] "You do not confess that you receive the body and blood of God, but the body and blood of a man." Well, then, O wicked ones, God is infinite Spirit, and Light from Light, and is not a body in his nature. Tell me, that body of God, in what manner do you confess? As those who eat the nature of God? Or because of the honor of the body? For because of the remembrance of the suffering of the antitype, who was the man of our Lord, this bread in power and in pardon is the one | Body of the Son of God, through the sanctifying descent of the Holy {284}
Spirit. Therefore, you do not eat the nature of God, O raving ones. How is this possible? For lo, in nature it is bread, but by the hallowing of the Holy Spirit it is the symbolic body of the actual body which is unitedly in heaven, and is for us one body in one name, and holiness, and preserving power. In nature [it is] bread, but in power [it is] absolving and sanctifying, which it acquires through the descent of the Holy Spirit, becoming the one body of Christ. Lo, it is not the actual body, which is in heaven, [that] we daily break and put to death upon the altar, O wicked ones, for it was broken once at the crucifixion, and it entered into its glory as he taught and his apostles made clear. He died once, sacrificing [himself for] the sins of many[70]. But now Christ is risen from the dead. Never more does he die, and this which we receive is not in nature his body, but the remembrance of his suffering and a consolation, and for our growth in his truth and for our preservation from all evils. Altogether it gives us mystically—whenever in unwavering faith, and in love which is fervent, as we behold, embrace, and attend to its Antitype in life-giving fellowship, in one spirit—all those things which its Antitype is going to give us perfectly when he is revealed from heaven: life, delight, and the complete blotting out of sins. "He who eats my body and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, and I will raise him up at the last day."[71] And, "He who does not eat my body and drink my blood does not have life in his qnoma."[72] Behold, the earthly do not eat the nature of God, O impious ones, but this bread which he blesses and makes, typically, a body—not in nature, but in absolving power, an earnest of life, one body. "If you do not eat the body of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in your qnoma," | and, "It is the Spirit which gives life. The body", according to its nature, {285}
"does not benefit anything."[73] Behold, he says and makes clear that the symbol of the body of his manhood we eat and drink typically, and not the nature of his Godhead, but for the remembrance of his suffering which supplies us, as by an image, with all that belongs to its Antitype until his coming, when types and Mysteries come to an end, and the Antitype, worshiped above all, is revealed.

[45] ܘܟܕ ܐܬܐ ܓܒܪܐ ܕܢܣܒ ܠܗ ܟܢܘܫܐ ܕܟܠ ܥܡܡܐ ܘܠܫܢܐ ܘܐܡܪ ܠܗ ܒܪ ܐܢܫ ܐܢܬ ܕܐܬܐ ܠܟ ܠܡܫܪܝ ܠܟ ܘܠܡܫܪܝ ܠܟ

[45] Let us hear from him and from his apostle, through whom he speaks: "Jesus took bread, and he blessed, broke, and gave to his disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you, Thus do for my memorial.' And he took the cup, gave thanks, and said, 'Take, drink from it, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. I say to you, I shall not henceforth drink of this product of the vine until the day when I drink it with you anew in the kingdom of God.'"[74] Behold, then, hear, O wretches: "Jesus took bread." Lo, he took bread which is in its nature bread from wheat, "and blessed, broke, and gave to his disciples." Lo, the bread which he took in his hands he blessed and broke and gave to his disciples. It was not his natural body, but bread which, through a blessing by him, he made his body—not in nature, but in power and for pardon and for a remembrance of his suffering—that it might be for us in the place of his qnomic body for comfort and consolation, and for an earnest of life in the hope of things to come corresponding to the Antitype. "This is given for you." Behold, he named it his body—not in nature, but in blessing for the remembrance of his body, that we might not look on the Mysteries in an ordinary way, but might look on them as the actual body, for it ascended to heaven. He gave this to us for a remembrance of his suffering and for consolation, because for our sake he was delivered unto death. So it is the same with the wine: "He took | the cup, gave thanks, and said, {286}
'This is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.'" Behold, then, the wine which our Lord blessed and the bread which he blessed, broke, and gave to his disciples is not the same in nature as the body which was broken on the cross by the spear, and not the same as the blood which was shed on Golgotha. Behold, then, that which he blessed and made his body typically the disciples ate, and they drank the cup after it, and lo, until then he had not yet been crucified. Therefore, we do not eat his natural body which, lo, is in heaven unitedly, exaltedly, nor do we eat the nature of God, O ignorant ones, but bread, which is, through the sanctifying descent of the Holy Spirit, through absolving power, his body. And it is not in nature, but for a remembrance of his suffering.

[46] Hear also the blessed Paul, through whom Christ speaks: "The cup of thanksgiving which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? And the bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of his body? As, then, there is one bread, so all of us are one body, for all of us eat from the one bread."[75] Does he say to you "we eat the nature of God," or "we eat the natural body of Christ which is in heaven, and we drink his natural blood?" But this bread is the fellowship of his body and blood, not in nature but in the fellowship of the one name "body", in one pardon, in one spiritual power. "All of us eat from the

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same bread." He does not say, "All of us eat from the nature of God," or "We break the natural body of Christ which is in heaven," for lo, it was broken once. "He offered himself once in his own sacrifice that he might abolish sin. And as | {287}
it is established for men to die once, and after their death is judgment, so too Christ was offered once, and in his qnoma sacrificed the sins of many, that the second time he might appear without sins for the salvation of those who wait for him."[76] Therefore we are not daily breaking his natural body, O wicked ones, but the bread, which is with him one body in power, not in nature. He gives it[77] for the remembrance of his suffering, and for the nourishment and keeping of life for all those who have been born with a spiritual birth, that spiritually they may be nourished and receive growth.

[47] And let us hear again from the same blessed Paul. Because the matter has great need of it, and because of the blasphemous, let us repeat it a third time: "I received from our Lord that which I have delivered over to you, that our Lord Jesus, in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and blessed, and broke, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. This do for my memorial.' So too, after they had eaten, he also gave the cup and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. This do, whenever you drink [it], for my memorial.' And whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup you commemorate the death of our Lord until his coming."[78] Behold, the blessed Paul makes clear that we do not eat the natural body of God, but bread, which we break for a remembrance of his death until his coming, when types and Mysteries come to an end, and the Antitype is revealed. For in nature it is bread, but by the descent of the Holy Spirit, and by the typical blessing, it becomes the body of our Lord—not in nature, but through pardon—as his manhood is with his Godhead one Son—not in nature, but in union, in one power, in one authority, in one Lordship and worship | and exaltation for ever. {288}

[48] Well, then, if [it is] the natural body of Christ, which is in heaven, [and] we break daily and receive his qnoma, and the bread of wheat is changed into the natural body of Christ, why, then, do we have need for his coming from heaven? And vainly does Paul say, "We await the blessed hope and the glory of the great God and our Life-giver, Jesus Christ,"[79] and, "The hope that is seen is not hope, but if we see it, why do we wait for it?"[80], and, "We walk by faith, not by sight,"[81] and, "Now we see in a mirror, allegorically[82], but then face to face."[83] While he refers the image in the mirror to these mysteries of the earnest of our salvation, which are symbols and types of the corporeality of our Lord, "face to face" [he refers] to the Antitype, which is Christ, who is going to be revealed in his great glory. "Then you will see the Son of Man coming in his great glory

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with his holy angels." Therefore, earthly creatures do not eat the nature of God, O impious children of mole[s] and offspring of vipers, nor the natural body of Christ, which is unitedly in heaven and is going to come in his great glory in the same union, to judge the living and the dead, O wicked ones and without discernment, but the bread which is placed upon the altar and consecrated through the priestly invocations and supplications, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and becomes the body of Christ—not in nature, but in power and in pardon, for the forgiveness of sins and for the nourishment in divine things, and for our preservation from all harm, hidden and open, and for the resplendence of our thoughts, | and for the trial of our love toward its Antitype by the {289}
power of the Holy Spirit …[84]

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84 The manuscript ends here, with two inscriptions added in a footnote from two manuscript sources:

L: "… for ever and ever. Amen. The treatise of Mar Babai is ended."

A: "This book of the confession of the Nestorians, those who acknowledge two qnome and two natures, and [that] the Spirit proceeds from the Father, which was composed by Mar Babai, is ended, and to God be the glory, and on us his mercies continually, now, always, and for ever and ever. Amen."

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שחטן בשבת בשביל אורחו: האומר אין לדוחה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו.

[1] בשלמא רבה לא מצי אמר לה: משום דאי אמר לה אין לקלה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו. משכחת לה דאמר לה אין לקלה ראוין: מיבעי ליה לקלה שאינה ראויה לחתוך בה בשר לפני אורחו. אבל אין לדוחה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו. מי איכא לדוחה שאינה ראויה לחתוך בה בשר לפני אורחו? אלא אמר רבה: האומר אין לקלה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו. כלומר: אין לקלה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו כלל. כי היכי דלא תיקשי לן מילתיה דרבה אמילתיה דרב יוסף. דאי אמר אין לקלה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו. משמע: לקלה שאינה ראויה לחתוך בה בשר לפני אורחו. אבל לדוחה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו. מי איכא לדוחה שאינה ראויה לחתוך בה בשר לפני אורחו? אלא אמר רבה: האומר אין לקלה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו. כלומר: אין לקלה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו כלל. כי היכי דלא תיקשי לן מילתיה דרבה אמילתיה דרב יוסף. דאי אמר אין לקלה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו. משמע: לקלה שאינה ראויה לחתוך בה בשר לפני אורחו. אבל לדוחה ראוין לחתוך בהן בשר לפני אורחו. מי איכא לדוחה שאינה ראויה לחתוך בה בשר לפני אורחו? אלא אמר רבה: האומר

Appendix: Again, a Memra against those who say that as the soul and the body are one qnoma, so God the Word and man are one qnoma, which was composed by Rabban Mar Babai, abbot of the Great Convent. {291}

[1] Now man is living, rational, bodily, and distinct in his nature and qnoma from all the rest of the creatures. His soul is circumscribed within his body and gives life to it alone, suffering with its sufferings and sensing with its senses, giving it sensation and life. Indeed it [the body] suffers with its sufferings, and is brought low by the anxiety of its thoughts. Without [the body] utterly none of what belongs to [the soul] can manifest itself, or think, or learn, or function in any way, for thus it was created in [the body] unitedly [and] qnomically by the Creator. In the same way too, without it [the body] cannot live, move, suffer, or function in what belongs to it; and in its fashioning in the womb, until [the soul] is breathed into it, it is, like a plant-like animal, without sensation and is in a state of growth only. And a man is not capable of being numbered with an angel or with any of the beasts, but with one of his own kind, for "one, a man, two, an angel, three, a sheep" is not numbered in good sequence. And it does not happen, while the soul is in the body, that it will fail to give [the body] life, movement, and sensation; and it does not happen that the body suffers in pain or is moved except when [the soul] is in it.[1]

[2] Let those who impute suffering to God in a qnomic union now tell us: this one | united qnoma, Christ, who is God and man, is it different in its qnomic {292}
state from the Father and Spirit, and is it different in its qnomic state from the rest of men? It is not in all that belongs to it like the Father qnomically. It is not in all that belongs to it like a man qnomically. Therefore the qnoma is singular in its species, for it is neither complete God nor complete man.

[3] Again, in another way: all in all a finite man is limited, for his soul is confined in his body, and his body contains his soul restrictively, naturally, qnomically, and insensibly the power, life, will, and impulse of the soul gently move in free course through all the members of the body, and without [the body], it has no power to give life to another, nor in consequence to move in any operation, whatever it may be. Even if its thought goes far off, its nature does not, as the sight of the body goes far off, but not its nature. Let them tell us now, is God finite in his manhood, and does his manhood confine his Godhead unitedly, qnomically, as the one qnoma [of] a man? If, then, in their madness they say, "Yes," lo, an impiety and a blasphemy, and they are anathematized by all the church under heaven.

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[4] Again, in another way: as the soul does not give life except to its yokefellow, and does not function except in it alone, well then, in the same way God the Word does not give life except to his manhood alone. If this is the way they think, behold, a satanic error which completely grips their heart. Let them answer us again in this: as when the soul is not found in the body it cannot give it life and movement and sensibility because they are qnomically they are one[2], so when the body of the manhood of our Lord was in the tomb without the soul, and his Godhead was in it unitedly, did it give [the body] life and movement and sensibility, | and also did it inform, teach, and instruct his soul in paradise {293} without a body? Behold, this is impossible for them to say, for when our Lord delivered up his soul, and his Godhead was in the body in the tomb as well as in his soul in paradise, the body remained without life and without sensibility, and his soul without thought and without function, and the qnomic union of his manhood was loosed—body from soul—but his Godhead did not depart from him, for it was not qnomically, finitely united with the body and soul. Nor did it fill the place of the soul for the body, but for the parsopa of the economy. If it is not thus, what is the necessity of the soul?

[5] Again, in another way: it is written that whoever is in Christ is a new creature,[3] and in body and soul, in one qnoma, the man was utterly made new in the resurrection from the dead. His body put on incorruptibility, and his soul immutability. Let them tell us, now, did this one qnoma, Christ, acquire anything "new" in the resurrection then, and did it become the First-fruits of the sleepers? If they deny it, then he assumed[4] an immortal body and an immutable soul, and it is proved false that in everything he was like us except for sin, and, "the natural, then the spiritual."[5] If he was made new, as indeed he was made new, let them tell us, was his Godhead made new with his manhood qnomically in one qnoma as all men in the whole qnoma of each one of them obtains renewal? One of two things will happen with them: either they will acknowledge or they will deny. If they affirm, behold, an impiety, for Godhead was made new, and they are more wicked than the Arians. If they deny that Christ was made new, inasmuch as the church confesses that he was the First-born from the dead in his manhood other than his Godhead, they are anathema, for | this is impossible that part the same qnoma should obtain {294} renewal and not another part. If they say that in his manhood he obtained renewal, they have fallen into the net and divided him who, they say, is indivisible. But we say that the qnoma of the manhood of the second Adam was made new by his Godhead, as he said, "Destroy this temple and after three days I will raise it up"[6]—the temple and its Inhabitant. It is impossible for a qnoma that its parts should be separated from it, and part of it remain, when it is a

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part of the parts. God the Word is, then, complete in his qnomic state, like the Father, and his temple is complete in body and soul, a qnoma of a man, like all men, but in the union his Godhead and his manhood are one Christ, one Son, one Parsopa for ever.

[6] Again, in another way: the wretches say, "Two natures in Christ, one qnoma." Well, then, let them tell us, is one of the natures of Christ the whole Trinity or one qnoma of the Trinity. If [it is] one qnoma, God the Word, like the Father and Holy Spirit, then one qnoma is the man, the united second Adam, one of the qnome of men—the likeness of God, God the Word, a complete qnoma, and the likeness of a servant whom he assumed to his own parsopa, the man Jesus, a complete qnoma.

[7] Again, in another way: What a whole nature distinctly is, whatever it may be, is indicated in each qnoma or in many. Let them tell us. [If] the nature, then, of the Trinity is in his Godhead and in his manhood, the whole Trinity is body, soul, and God; but if in the qnoma of Christ's Godhead alone the nature of Godhead is made known—as he said, "My Father is in me, and I am in my Father,"[7] and, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father,"[8]—then his human nature is foreign in its qnomic state from the nature | of the Trinity, for the Holy Trinity does not receive addition, as indeed [it does] not [receive] subtraction. It is evident that the human nature in Christ is not the qnoma of the infinite Godhead. It is evident that the qnoma of Godhead in Christ is not a finite qnoma. But the one parsopa of Christ, the Son of God, is in two distinctive parts, finite and infinite, in one union into one forever. {295}

[8] Again, in another way: before the union God the Word—is it not so?—was complete in his qnoma like the Father—for although they may rage, they do not deny [it]. Therefore, his manhood is found to make an addition to his qnoma, or perhaps the qnoma of manhood was obliterated. If, then, they impiously say this, God the Word is finite in his own qnoma, and he received an addition, and also all men are able to become the nature of Godhead, as in the impiety of Origen. And as the nature of men, like all the rest of all creatures, came to be out of nothing, and is subject to structure, forms, and shapes, but again they have acquired an eternal nature through the qnomic union in each of the qnome, then also it is possible for the eternal nature to become finite and mutable as well as nothing at all, that is, to "not be." May this blasphemy return upon them!

[9] אמנם אשר. אמנם כי אין זה מענין הענין שהוא לומר כי אף על פי שהוא מן הנמנעות שיהיה הדבר מוחלט ומוגבל בשני הפכים בעת אחת מצד אחד. אמנם כי הכוונה היא שיהיה הדבר מוגבל בזמן מה ואחר כך יהיה הפך זה המוגבל בזמן ההוא עצמו. וזהו שאמר שהוא מוגבל בזמן מה ואחר כך יהיה הפך זה המוגבל בזמן ההוא עצמו. ואמנם אמר אמנם כי הוא מן הנמנעות שיהיה הדבר מוגבל בשני הפכים בעת אחת מצד אחד

[9] Again, in another way: some of the parts of one and the same qnoma cannot be here and there finitely, and some of them be here and there infinitely, for also the qnoma of a "man", as long as the soul is in union with the body, is not a body now, and a soul [which is] with it and beyond it. Nor is each one of a qnoma's parts called a man when their union is loosed, for according to the parsopa of their union the inner man and outer man are named. Therefore, when the qnomic composition | of a man is loosed, this body, or corpse, and the {296}
soul—each one of them—are named according to what belongs to them—not a qnomic "man". However, God the Word is not limited to his manhood, and his manhood is not boundless, for it ascended and descended unitedly, and his Godhead was in it unitedly, not in a limited way, for it did not go up and come down, for heaven and earth are filled by him infinitely, though it is said [that] he descended in a figurative sense because he was revealed in the flesh and came to be in a man.

[10] Again, in another way: let them answer us: is this one qnoma, Christ, all God alone, or man alone, or is this part and that part one qnoma, Christ? If, then, [he is] all God, there is no manhood, and if all man, there is no Godhead, and if several parts, [he is] a compound of incomplete things, as well as a mixture and mingling, as in the impiety of Arius and the rest of the heretics.

[11] Again, against them, and in another way: they say, putting it differently, "An animate [soul] is a nature and qnoma, and a bodily [creature] is a nature and qnoma, and in a natural and qnomic union together they are one nature and one qnoma, a man. In the same way Godhead is a nature and qnoma, and manhood is a nature and qnoma, and they came together into one natural and qnomic union. One is the nature and qnoma of Christ, the Son of God." But here, too, they have woven a spider's web, for it is a double operation of the Lord of natures: he binds a body and soul naturally, unitedly, constrainedly, limitedly, as also simple natures in their simplicity, compounding the simple in a union, in a mixture, and in a mingling, in each one of the subsisting natures as he chooses, into one operation, and they are constituted by one another and function in each other. But God the Word, prior to the union, was a complete qnoma like | the Father in infinitude, which was the same, which does {297}
not receive addition, either in knowledge or in excellencies, as neither [does it receive] subtraction. "You are as you are." His qnoma does not subsist in another in an attribute of natural operation. He is not a part of a qnoma, "Christ," as a body and soul are the qnoma of one man in a natural and necessary union, for the soul within the body has acquired in it the beginning of existence, qnomically and jointly, and in [the body] and through it receives a sense of perception

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that it might reveal the characteristics of its own rationality. In [the body] it learns, and in [the body] it functions, is moved, moves, and sets to work. It is a part of a man and not a complete nature, a man, as neither is a body, but they are constituted for one another and by one another in such things as they possess in their natures. They are members of one another, the qnoma of one man. Without [the body], when it has departed from the body, [the soul] is and is not. It "is" because its nature is preserved, and its life and rationality: it "is not," because it does not perform the characteristics of its nature, and it does not remember, nor think, without its yokefellow; but rather it is as though in a stupor or sleep, as it is written, as also [the body] neither lives, nor is moved, nor suffers, nor is conscious, nor performs its characteristics without [the soul]. For example, fire, water, air, and earth are natures in their properties separately, yet [through] their mingling and mixture with one another by the creative wisdom of their Maker, they are constituted the various natures of each of the living things—a lion, I say, or a bull, or an eagle, etc. When you regard them in their simplicity, they possess their own qnoma, in their creation, in what belongs to them. But they are, each one of them, a part of the qnoma of a living thing, | {298}
whatever it may be—each and every living thing. We do not call each of the living things four natures, but one common nature, which is made known in qnome, in which [nature] they are bound together. So too, in this natural and qnomic union is a man, for when you regard their simplicity, one is a soul in qnoma, and the other a body in qnoma, and also in their natures. But when they have come to the qnomic union, as members into one, they have constituted one nature, a man, who is known in a qnoma—or in many—and the one common nature is called a man. They are not "many natures", but they have constituted in their necessary union a qnoma, distinct and one of its kind. He is not only air and fire and water and earth unitedly, or mixedly, as the qnoma of one of the living things, nor has a soul been established by itself without a body, like one of the angels, which in its simple state lives, and goes about, and acts, and suffers, but with a body it has been united naturally, and has constituted one living thing which is alive, rational, and bodily, differing in its kind from angels and from the rest of dumb living creatures.

[12] Now God the Word, in his union with his manhood, which he assumed to his own parsopa, did not establish a necessary, finite, and passible union, but a voluntary and parsopic [one] in an ineffable conjunction; nor [did he establish] a qnoma and nature from parts, like a soul and body, but from complete natures in their properties, and the qnomic state of their nature into the one parsopa of the economy, according to the explanation the fathers give of the bush and the fire in one flame, in one power and operation, while the bush and

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the flame are preserved in the one parsopa. If you seek to see the flame, it is united with the bush, but its nature is preserved. If you wish to see the bush, | {299}
it is clothed with fire, but its nature is preserved, assumed by one blaze. So too here: God the Word, complete in his qnoma like the Father, assumed to his own parsopa and for his worshipful revelation a complete man, who was fashioned by the Holy Spirit, and at the beginning of his fashioning according to the natural order he dwelt in him unitedly in one ineffable conjunction—not for the completion of his nature and qnoma, but for the union of the economy in one parsopa of Sonship. He gave him all that belonged to him unitedly except for his own nature, as the fire [did] to the bush, and assumed what belonged to his manhood parsopically, not naturally; instead, in it[9] he took form and was revealed. "The likeness[10] of God took the likeness of a servant," and, "In form[11] he was found as a man,"[12]—as the fire with which the bush was clothed, and like the sun, which is united to the reflection of the mirror, in one glittering parsopa [of] the mirror and the light—in presence, as fire in iron, and not in separation, nor in a limiting way—for this is a demonstration—and not with a separation of a non-united parsopa, as in "Paul received the parsopa of Christ." Indeed, Paul and Christ were not one Paul as here one Christ is one Son, God who became incarnate, who took the likeness of a servant and dwelt in him unitedly, and man, who became deified, that he might receive the name which is better than all names, in one conjunction, in one parsopa of one Lord Jesus Christ.

[13] On how a parsopa is given and assumed, and a qnoma is not given and assumed. Now a qnoma is fixed and unchanging. It possesses all the properties of a common nature, and they name it a "singular essence". But a parsopa may be fixed and "received"—"fixed," indicating | the distinctiveness of the qnoma, {300}
that this one is not that one; and "received" from some other qnoma, indicating all those things which a qnoma acquires in its distinctness from another, as an image with an antitype, and also separately. There are three worshipful qnome of the holy Trinity in one eternal Being, and when you wish to distinguish and know that this one is not that one, their qnome are distinguished by their parsope. "Father" is the particular parsopa which makes known his qnoma, for he is not "the Son" or "the Spirit". "Son" is the particular parsopa of his[13] qnoma, and "Holy Spirit" is the particular parsopa of his[14] qnoma. Therefore manhood received the parsopa of Sonship unitedly, as the bush did the fire, but it was not the qnoma of Sonship. Even as the bush did not leave its own nature and become the qnoma of fire, though it was full of fire in one union, so the manhood of the Son subsists as a qnoma, one of the qnome of men, like all men, though it is not simple, but filled with Godhead. However, his parsopa is

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[14] ܘܟܕ ܐܝܬ ܠܗ ܫܘܠܛܐ ܒܫܡܝܐ ܘܒܐܪܥܐ ܀ ܗܐ ܐܢܐ ܥܡܟܘܢ ܟܠ ܝܘܡܐ ܥܕ ܣܘܦܗ ܕܥܠܡܐ ܀ ܘܠܝܠܦ ܐܢܫ ܠܐ ܣܠܩ ܠܫܡܝܐ ܐܠܐ ܗܘ ܕܢܚ ܡܢ ܫܡܝܐ ܀ ܒܪܗ ܕܐܢܫܐ ܀ ܘܐܝܟ ܡܫܐ ܗܘ ܚܝܬܐ ܒܡܕܒܪܐ ܗܟܢܐ ܢܗܘܐ ܒܪܗ ܕܐܢܫܐ ܀ ܕܟܠ ܡܢ ܕܡܗܝܡܢ ܒܗ ܠܐ ܢܐܒܕ ܐܠܐ ܢܚܝ ܥܕ ܠܥܠܡ ܀

15 I.e., to the qnoma and nature.

16 Phil. 2:9.

17 Mt. 28:18.

18 Jn. 3:13 (Peshitta).

19 **ܕܐܢܫܐ.** Literally "of his man", but meaning 'of his humanity.'

20 Jn. 3:16.

21 Cf. Heb. 2:9 in the Peshitta.

22 I.e., the qnoma of the Only-begotten Son.

distinct, not only in what belongs to Sonship, but also in that he is not Paul in qnoma, nor Peter, but in the singular qnomic property by which he is distinguished from another, whether in his figure, or in his form, or in his comely features, or in purity of his soul, or in his exalted holiness, or in that which is in the order of the Godhead in the union, and in such other things.

[14] Then set your thought to examining intellectually: as the Son possesses a qnoma and a nature, and in all things belonging to it[15] is like the Father, and he possesses the particular parsopa of Sonship, for he is neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit in qnoma, but in nature is the same and in parsopa is distinct; just so his man, whom, at the beginning of his fashioning, he exalted and assumed to his own parsopa, that is Jesus of Nazareth, possessed a fixed qnoma in which he was made known, and possessed | all things belonging to a common nature {301}
in his qnoma, which also they have named "a singular essence". Again he possessed in his own qnoma, as I have said, a particular and fixed parsopa, and received the parsopa of Sonship unitedly, for it was not the "qnoma" of Sonship, but in power and operation, and in name, and in all things which God the Word possessed in the one conjunction of one Sonship. For a qnoma, subsisting in itself, is not received [by] or added to another qnoma, to be with it one subsisting qnoma which possesses all things belonging to a nature. But a parsopa is assumed, yet remains in the property of the qnoma of him whose parsopa it is properly. Thus, the manhood of the Son received unitedly all things belonging to his Godhead: "He was given a name which is better than all names,"[16] and, "All authority is given to me in heaven and on earth,"[17] in one union, power, authority, and operation. As the bush which received what belonged to the fire, but the bush and the fire remained, so God the Word took the likeness of a servant, and at the beginning of his fashioning dwelt in him in one conjunction—not to become with him one qnoma, a man, but one parsopa of a man in a lowly name which has no like, and in a worshipful indwelling and union which is ineffable, "the Son of Man who is in heaven,"[18] for from the parsopa of the union his infinite Godhead assumed the name of his man,[19] not in nature. "For God so loved the world as to give his Only-begotten Son,"[20] for from the parsopa of the union his manhood received unitedly the name of Sonship and honor, not in nature. Thus God did not suffer or die, for the man of the Son, | apart from the {302}
Godhead of the Son, tasted death for everyone.[21] Therefore, when you consider simply the parsopa of Sonship is the Only-begotten qnoma of the Son, which differentiates it[22], for he is not the Father, and the man of our Lord receives this parsopa of Sonship unitedly, not in separation, and not that there may be a qnoma of Sonship, but a parsopa of Sonship.

[15] ܕܡܬܚܙܝ. ܕܒܟܝ ܐܬܝܗܒ ܣܟܪܝܣܟܠ ܥܡ. ܐܬܡܠܠܐ ܕܡܬܐ ܗܘ ܕܐ ܐܠܐ ܐܦܠܐ ܕܒܟܝ ܕܐܬܝܗܒ ܒܗ ܡܫܟܢ. ܐܦ ܕܒܟܝ ܐܬܝܗܒ ܕܒܟܝ ܕܐ ܕܡܬܐ ܐܦ ܕܒܟܝ ܕܒܟܝ ܐܬܝܗܒ ܒܗ ܡܫܟܢ. ܐܦ ܕܒܟܝ ܕܒܟܝ ܐܬܝܗܒ ܒܗ ܡܫܟܢ. ܕܒܟܝ ܕܒܟܝ ܕܡܬܐ

[15] God the Word, one of the qnome of the Trinity, took to his own parsopa the likeness of a servant, and was found in form as a man. He did not become man in qnoma, but took the likeness of a servant—one the Assumer, another the assumed. "He was found in form as a man,"[23] for he himself assumed form in a man whom he put on with all his members, as fire [put on] the bush, but he did not "become" the qnoma of a man. The qnoma of a man is not[24] found in the "form" of a man, but in the nature of a man. "He was revealed in the flesh"[25]—one "in another," one and the same parsopa of Sonship, but not "in the same"—one of nature, the other of the assuming; one [and] the same parsopa of manhood, [but] not in the same—one of the assuming, the other of nature.[26] But there are not two parsope of Sonship, as neither are there two qnome of the Word. There are not two parsope of man, as neither are there two qnome of Jesus, but one parsopa of Sonship, of Godhead and manhood, in one union. Therefore, there is one parsopa of Christ, not two Christs, and one parsopa of the Son, not two Sons. There are two qnome in Christ and not one compound qnoma, as in the impiety of these men. As a house and its inhabitants are named one house, and a city and its inhabitants are one city in one parsopa, but the nature of men is not stones and wood, nor are stones | and {303}
wood the nature of men, so God the Word is not the qnoma and nature of his man, who is his temple and dwelling-place, nor is his manhood, which was destroyed and after three days he raised up, the nature of his Godhead. And as the body which is in the Church and the body which is in heaven are one body in two distinct realities and two natures in one power, in one absolution,[27] and one bread, and not two, so one Son and one Lord Jesus Christ is in two natures in one parsopa, in which both qnome of Godhead and manhood are made known, in one conjunction, and in one power, and in one worship, authority, Lordship, and exaltation for ever.

[16] Then let an example be assumed for illumination of the matter from these natural things—how the parsopa is assumed, yet remains, and the qnoma is not assumed: bring gold, and engrave and fashion on it the image of the king and his name. Take another nature of clay or of wax, and stamp on it the seal which is on the gold. Behold, you see how the clay receives on it all of the image and inscriptions in all that belong to [the seal], while it does not take the seal and the gold which is on it. Therefore, you see the parsopa in two distinctive things: in the nature of gold, fixedly [and] qnomically, and in the nature of clay derivatively. The gold possesses its own qnoma and fixed parsopa, and the clay possesses its own qnoma and received parsopa—one parsopa, not two, and two qnome, not one. These things concerning the human likeness which received the parsopa of Godhead, are, as it were, a suggestive hint at [that which is] incomprehensibility.

[17] אמנם כאשר הוא מתחיל לדבר על הנושא הזה הוא מתחיל מן הקצה. הוא אומר: אני מדבר בשפות בני אדם ובשפות המלאכים. אבל אם אין לי אהבה אני כלום. אפילו אם יש לי נבואה ואני יודע את כל הסודות ואת כל הדעת, ואפילו אם יש לי אמונה כזאת שאני יכול להזיז הרים, אבל אין לי אהבה אני כלום. אפילו אם אני נותן את כל רכושי לעניים ואם אני מוסר את גופי כדי שישרפו אותי, אבל אין לי אהבה אין לי כלום. אהבה היא סבלנית ואדיבה. אהבה אינה מקנאה, אינה מתפארת ואינה מתנפחת מיוהרה. היא אינה מתנהגת בגסות, אינה מחפשת את האינטרסים שלה, אינה מתרגזת, אינה זוכרת רעות. אהבה לא שמחה בעוולה אבל שמחה באמת. אהבה סובלת הכול, מאמינה בכול, מקווה לכול, מתמידה בכול. אהבה לעולם לא נכשלת. אבל אם יש נבואות, הן יתבטלו; אם יש שפות, הן תיפסקנה; אם יש דעת, היא תתבטל. כי הדעת שלנו חלקי והנבואה שלנו חלקית. אבל כאשר יבוא השלם, החלקי יתבטל. כשהייתי ילד דיברתי כילד, חשבתי כילד, הגיתי כילד. אבל עכשיו שאני גבר, סיימתי עם הדברים הילדותיים. עכשיו אנחנו רואים רק השתקפות מעורפלת במראה, אבל אז נראה פנים אל פנים. עכשיו אני יודע רק חלק, אבל אז אדע הכול, כמו שאלוהים מכיר אותי. ועכשיו נשארים שלושת הדברים האלה: אמונה, תקווה ואהבה, אבל הגדולה מכולם היא האהבה.

[18] רדפו אחרי האהבה, אבל חפצו גם ברוחניות, ובמיוחד ברצון שבני אדם יהיו בעלי יכולת לנבא. כי מי שמדבר בשפה לא מדבר אל בני אדם אלא אל אלוהים, כי אף אחד לא מבין אותו. הוא מדבר דברים סודיים ברוח. אבל מי שמתנבא מדבר אל בני אדם, מחזק אותם, מעודד אותם ומנחם אותם.

[17] Again, in another way and in a different manner: bring a polished mirror and bring it near your own parsopa. Lo, it receives all its[28] images, but not your qnoma, nor the fixedness of your form, but all your parsopa. Your parsopa is in two parts—one | fixed in your qnoma, and one received in the qnoma of {304} the mirror—but there is one parsopa, not two, and two qnome, not one. In the same way, God the Word took the likeness of a servant, assumed the form, and was revealed and made known in it; but he did not become the qnoma of a man, and the man continued in the fixed state of his own qnoma as it was, with [God the Word] unitedly, and thenceforth in the man was his own qnoma and fixed parsopa, and in God the Word was the taking of the parsopa of the man—not qnomically, but that he might be revealed in him, God the Word [having] his own qnoma—and the parsopa of Sonship was assumed in the one marvelous and ineffable union. It was not in separation, but as a rod of iron which is clothed with fire all in all, and the fire [has] its own qnoma, and the iron its own qnoma, and there is one operation in both of them, in one union, distinct but united. Iron smites and bruises while it is full of fire, but we do not say that the fire bruises. The fire burns in the iron, but the iron does not burn according to its nature. Iron may be struck, pounded, bent, and even some of it cut off, but we do not say the nature of fire is cut off, nor that it has taken the forms which the iron receives, while also their properties are preserved in the union and do not cease. For if you wish, you can bring near another matter to the iron, and lay hold of the fire with it, and if you wait a little, the heat and glow will be fully spent from the iron, and it will remain in its coldness and darkness of its nature, and the fire will remain as it is in the other matter in its heat and light. It will be seen that it has not received damage when the iron is pounded, hollowed out, and cut up, though it is united and clothed with it. Thus, in no way did Godhead receive suffering in its union with the body, as neither does the form and heat of the sun, | with which a polished mirror is filled and in which {305} it shines in all that belongs to it uncontrollably, when [the mirror] is beaten or crushed or broken, though it is in [the mirror] and united to its brilliance in one heat and light.

[18] Altogether, from all these demonstrations from nature and natures it is seen that in no way is it possible for the Godhead and manhood of Christ to be one qnoma, but one parsopa, in which both natures are made known unitedly in their own qnomic state, without separation, in one conjunction for ever.

28 I.e., the parsopa's.

[19] ཇི་ལྟར་ཡང་ཐེག་པ་ཆེན་པོ་ལ་ཡང་དག་པར་ཞུགས་པ་ཡིན་ཏེ།

[19] But the quarrelsome say against us, "Behold, even the early fathers employed the term 'one qnoma from two natures.'" Well, then, O unlearned, the dispute [of] the early fathers concerning the complete natures of Christ was against the heretics, and was not concerning "qnoma", for Arius, Eunomius, and Apollinaris confessed neither complete God nor complete man, but [that] in his Godhead [he was] a creature, finite, and temporal; and in his manhood there were some who said that he received a body but did not receive a soul. Sometimes they denied the taking, and they introduced beginning and change, and sometimes they said that he brought the body down from heaven, and the body was consubstantial with the Godhead in one qnoma. They, and those like them, in many ways said impiously that the Godhead filled the place of the soul for the body, and "One and the same nature is the nature of the Godhead and of the manhood," obliterating the properties of the natures and introducing suffering to the Godhead. Then the holy fathers brought forth against them a myriad of demonstrations that one is nature of the Godhead of Christ, eternally co-essential with his Father, | and another is his human nature, which {306}
he took to his own parsopa from the seed of the house of David, in which he was revealed, as well as all the sublime and exalted things of the Godhead of Christ. However, the properties of each of the natures were in the union, and the property of a nature is made known in a qnoma and not otherwise. There is no nature without a qnoma, and no qnoma without there being some nature to be made known by it.

[20] It came to the decision of the rational, and they anathematized, along with the blessed Paul, in whom Christ speaks, all those who attribute suffering to God, or [say that] he may be subjected to the inquiry and sight of any fashioned beings, or in any way was tested or tried in any of these human ways. They set forth qnoma in the place of parsopa and parsopa in the place of qnoma in their teaching in many different things, for there was not at the time an investigation and inquiry into these terms—as, indeed, [is the case] at this time in the land of the Romans, inasmuch as they say these designations are joined. But because of the wickedness of heresies, the evil is yours, for you have imputed suffering to God and denied the taking of our First-fruits, and you have obliterated the properties of the natures of the Godhead and manhood of Christ, which are in one parsopa of Sonship. There was no time when the Impassible suffered, that the Word was tested, or the Invisible was seen, or things such as these, according to the usage of the early fathers, for they established these things [as] doctrine: neither mixture, mingling, or qnomic union as in the opinion of Arius, Eunomius, and the impious Ḥenana, nor attributing to Christ one qnoma—even though the fathers employed it, in that they put it in place of parsopa.

[21] וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בְּמִדְיָן לֵךְ שׁוּב מִצְרָיִם כִּי מֵתוּ כָל־הָאֲנָשִׁים הַמְבַקְשִׁים אֶת־נַפְשֶׁךָ׃ וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאֶת־בָּנָיו וַיַּרְכִּבֵם עַל־הַחֲמֹר וַיָּשָׁב אַרְצָה מִצְרָיִם וּמַטֵּה הָאֱלֹהִים בְּיָדוֹ׃ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בְּלֶכְתְּךָ לָשׁוּב מִצְרַיְמָה רְאֵה כָּל־הַמֹּפְתִים אֲשֶׁר שַׂמְתִּי בְיָדֶךָ וְעָשִׂיתָם לִפְנֵי פַּרְעֹה וַאֲנִי אַחַזֵּק אֶת־לִבּוֹ וְלֹא יְשַׁלַּח אֶת־הָעָם׃

[22] וְאָמַרְתָּ אֶל־פַּרְעֹה כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה בְּנִי בְכֹרִי יִשְׂרָאֵל׃ וָאֹמַר אֵלֶיךָ שַׁלַּח אֶת־בְּנִי וְיַעַבְדֵנִי וַתְּמָאֵן לְשַׁלְּחוֹ הִנֵּה אָנֹכִי הֹרֵג אֶת־בִּנְךָ בְּכֹרֶךָ׃ וַיְהִי בַדֶּרֶךְ בַּמָּלוֹן וַיִּפְגְּשֵׁהוּ יְהוָה וַיְבַקֵּשׁ הֲמִיתוֹ׃ וַתִּקַּח צִפֹּרָה צֹר וַתִּכְרֹת אֶת־עָרְלַת בְּנָהּ וַתַּגַּע לְרַגְלָיו וַתֹּאמֶר כִּי חֲתַן דָּמִים אָתְּ לִי׃ וַיִּרֶף מִמֶּנּוּ אָז אָמְרָה חֲתַן דָּמִים לַמּוּלוֹת׃

לְהַמְשִׁיךְ בְּפֶרֶק הַבָּא

[21] You, then, in impiety and in the name of a qnomic union, have denied the taking and have obliterated the properties; and you have imputed suffering to the Godhead in a qnomic and composite union, and in a mingling and a confused mixture God is not God, and man is not man, and you are strangers to all ecclesiastical agreement, and have been anathematized by all the orthodox beneath heaven.

[22] We, then, continue in the apostolic footsteps with all the children of the catholic church, distinguishing qnome with their natures; and we do not impute suffering to God, and we do not deny the taking of manhood, but we unite the Godhead—that is, a complete qnoma, God the Word, like the Father, consubstantial with him—and a complete man—complete in his body and in his soul, like all men—from the seed of the house of David; and we join the two of them unconfused in one parsopa of the one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son and the First-born of all creatures, to whom, and to whose Father, and to the Holy Spirit belong praise, honor, worship, and exaltation for ever and ever. Amen.

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