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The apology of Timothy the Patriarch before the Caliph Mahdi

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The apology of Timothy the Patriarch before the Caliph Mahdi

Part of Alphonse Mingana's Woodbrooke Studies: Christian Documents in Syriac, Arabic, and Garshuni, edited and translated with a critical apparatus, of which the present book is volume 2, The Apology of Timothy the Patriarch before the Caliph Mahdi is accompanied in this volume by The Lament of the Virgin and The Martyrdom of Pilate. These three texts demonstrate the variety found in Mingana's extraordinary collection. The namesake of the volume, Timothy's apology for Christianity, is an eighth-century manuscript and one of the earliest documents concerning Christianity's relationship with Islam. In it the “Nestorian” Patriarch Timothy I (780-823) presents his case for his faith to the third Abbasid Caliph Mahdi. The other two documents share a common Egyptian origin and Garshuni epigraphy. Neither The Lament of the Virgin nor The Martyrdom of Pilate claim a great antiquity and both works are pseudepigraphical. Mary's lament, in the former work, is her sadness at the empty tomb, a piece in which she is conflated with Mary Magdalene.
The latter piece presents Pontius Pilate as a saint and lays out his spiritual accomplishments that are crowned by his martyrdom. The texts are presented in their original languages as well as in English.

Alphonse Mingana (1878-1937) was an educator at the Chaldean Seminary in Iraq. He was also a priest in the Assyrian tradition and a collector of ancient manuscripts. He is renowned for his Mingana Collection, a set of nearly 3000 early Syrian and Arabic documents which he acquired and preserved. Mingana eventually immigrated to England, where he spent 17 years in Manchester to continue his work on Oriental Studies.
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In 782 Patriarch Timothy I conducted his famous debate with Caliph al-Mahdi with whom he also struck a close friendship. They were intellectual equals, and the caliph even asked the patriarch to translate a work of Aristotle from Greek into Arabic, having already translated it into Syriac. Since the Christians were better educated than the Arab Muslims, many were allowed to serve in various capacities as doctors, teachers, engineers, administrators and translators (giving rise to the movement of Arabic philosophy). The great debate between the caliph and the patriarch took place over a period.

TIMOTHEUS I, NESTORIAN PATRIARCH