



The Prophet of Suffering Roman Hellenism

In Memory of Photios Kontoglou

A very apropos and revealing letter

The Ever-Memorable Photios Kontoglou (†1965) to the Elder Philotheos (Zervakos) (†1980)

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Revered and much beloved Father Philotheos:

...Patriarch Athenagoras the Latin-minded does not cease in sending me letters filled with blessings and praises, ignoring my letters to him, written, though with respect, in a sharply apologetic tone.

He recently sent me a book by the Metropolitan of Thyateira and Great Britain in London, Bishop Athenagoras, accompanied by a letter of extreme graciousness. This book, subtitled “A Theological Investigation,” is, like all books of its kind, a wretched jangle of supposedly serious theories and other nonsensical things that have no connection whatsoever with the Christian Faith. It speaks enthusiastically about Orthodoxy and of Her traditions, at the same time that it betrays these and speaks with wild emotions about the World Council of Churches..., about conferences, speeches, dialogues, joint statements on Christology, joint statements on religion, and such ravings. In short, this book is filled with “childish concerns,

genealogies, and contentions over the law,” showing an unbelievable confusion of the mind. Vapid words, empty harangues on every conceivable subject, a labyrinth of delusion and absurdity...

*With Profound respect and love in Christ,
Photios*

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