

SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Faculty of Theology

Department of "Practical Theology"

OPINION

by Prof. Dr. Ludmil Martinov Malev

member of a scientific jury, according to Order RD 38-152/04/03/2023

of a dissertation on:

"Development of Religious Education in Romania from the Communist Period
to Today"

author: Laurenceu-Ioan Jageru

for awarding the scientific and educational degree "doctor"

by field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional direction 2.4, scientific
specialty Religion and Theology (Religious Pedagogy)

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Data for the Ph.D

Doctoral student Laurenciu Jageru has acquired a deep theological training and culture by studying successively at the Theological Seminary and the Orthodox Theological Faculty in Craiova, Romania. Later, he acquired two master's degrees (again in Craiova and in the Faculty of Theology at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski"). He was enrolled as a self-study doctoral student at the Faculty of Theology of the University of St. Kliment Ohridski" on 10.12.2019 and was dismissed with the right of defense on 10.12.2022 with the relevant orders of the Rector of Sofia University. The entire preparation, including the writing of the dissertation, was carried out in the Department of "Practical Theology" at the Faculty of Theology of the same university. His scientific supervisor is Assoc. Dr. A. Alexandrov. He completed the individual plan and successfully passed the scheduled exams.

The highlighted circumstances are important prerequisites for the achieved positive end result.

In my opinion, Laurenciu Jageru meets the requirements and meets the criteria of the RSARB and the Regulations for its implementation.

What has been pointed out so far gives me reason to accept. that all procedural rules have been followed and no violations have been committed.

The first meeting of the scientific jury was held on 20.04.2023 and is reflected in the protocol attached to the documents.

Dissertation data

The thesis proposed for defense by Laurentiu Jageru has a volume of 262 pages and is organized structurally in the following parts: Preface, Introduction, three chapters, Conclusion, References. Each of the chapters is composed of parts, avoiding too much division.

In the introductory parts, the author motivates his choice to focus on doctoral studies in the field of practical theology and, in particular, Religious Education, and highlights the relevance of the formulated topic for development.

The introduction contains the mandatory attributes specific to this part. Object and subject - formulated with the necessary precision. The goals and tasks that the author sets for their achievement are highlighted. The methodology is indicated. It stands out with the necessary complexity and comprehensiveness.

The limits of the study are outlined. An overview of the authors who devoted part of their work to the issues laid out in the dissertation and their works was made.

The content of individual chapters corresponds to their wording. Satisfactory in volume and scope is the part indicating the sources and the literature used. An impressive number of titles are indicated, which indicates deep interest and hard work. The scientific-critical apparatus contains 414 footnotes, sources – 30, books – 38, textbooks – 11, other titles – 29.

The abstract presented by Laurenziu Jageru meets the requirements and enables a clear and accurate introduction to the text of the dissertation in a synthesized form.

The dissertation's publications are sufficient in number and depth and are printed in a specialized scientific publication.

Scientific contributions

The dissertation work has a marked contribution character. The PhD student has highlighted his contributions and I take them for granted.

Remarks

Along with the undoubted qualities of this work, in my opinion, there are also some weaknesses:

1. In the review of the historiography, not only information about the authors and titles should be given, but also a short critical analysis should be made.
2. It would be good to achieve better visualization through graphics and appropriate applications.

Conclusion

I declare that I do not in any way fall under the hypotheses of the law and other normative acts regarding conflict of interests! The qualities of the current dissertation work give me full reason to vote positively with "FOR" to be awarded the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional direction 2.4, scientific specialty Religion and Theology to Laurentiu Jageru.

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