

Re-negotiating Interconfessional Boundaries through Intertextuality:

The Unborn in the Nomocanon of Barhebraeus (d. 1286) as an Example

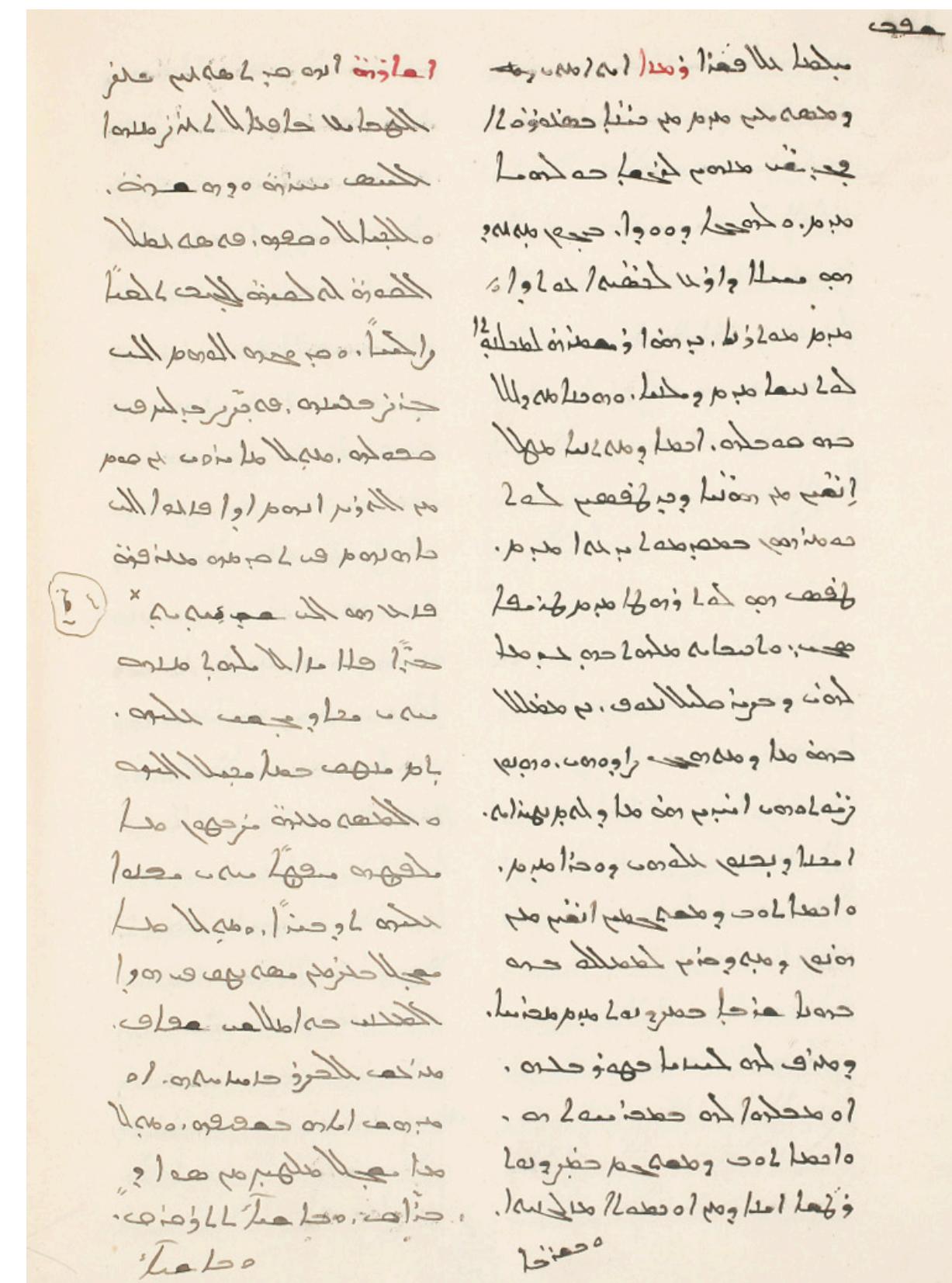
Barhebraeus

- lived 1226 - 1286, born in Melitene
- monk, bishop (1246-) in Goubos, later Aleppo maphrian (1266-) of the East
- Studied philosophy, theology and medicine**
- Tripolis: Nestorian teacher in philosophy
- Damascus: Muslim physician
- Maraga: relation to al-Tūsī and the observatory

Wrote many works in different fields

I. Philosophy

- "Cream of Wisdom"
 - philosophical summa
- "Treatise of Treatises"
 - medium size philosophical treatise
- "Discourse on Wisdom"
 - shorter work, little studied
- "Book of Remarks and Admonitions" transl. of Ibn Sinā's *Kitāb al-išārāt wa-l-tanbīhāt* (s. picture)



Open attitude towards other traditions

- Reconciliation between churches
- Praises learned men of other traditions

General method: Islamicate Vorlage and purposeful compilation of diverse Christian and Islamic sources

- al-Ghazālī: *Iḥyā' 'ulūm al-dīn* → *Ethicon*
- Ibn Sinā: *al-Shifā'* → "Cream of Wisdom"
- al-Ghazālī: *Kitāb al-waġīz* → *Nomocanon*

II. Theology

- "Lamp of the Sanctuary"
 - theological summa
- "Book of Rays"
 - shorter theological treatise
- "Storehouse of Mysteries"
 - Bible commentary
- "Book of Guidings" - *Nomocanon*
 - covers ecclesiastical and other legal matters
- Ethicon*
- ...

III. Other

- "Laughable Stories"
 - collection of *adab*-like stories
- Chronicon*
 - world history divided in ecclesiastical and secular history
- "Abridged History of States"
- works in medicine
- poems
- ...

Financial Compensation for Induced Miscarriages

Barhebraeus	al-Ghazālī
... و هي جنائية توجب اफصال الجنين مينا	... و هي جنائية توجب افصال الجنين مينا
... او حملها بشتى الطرق في غلبة، افعلاً معمداناً واصداً، لفلا ينتهي ومتى كفرنا.	... او ان افضل حياء، ثم مات، فدية كاملة ...
... او ان افضل بعد موت الام، وجب وان افضل بعد موت الام، وجب ...
... فان لم يفضل وماتت الام فان لم يفضل وماتت الام ...

فوجفت حملها باغتصابها، او بعذابها ...

و معاشرها معمداناً، ينتهي بعذابها ...

ويحتمل بعذابها ...