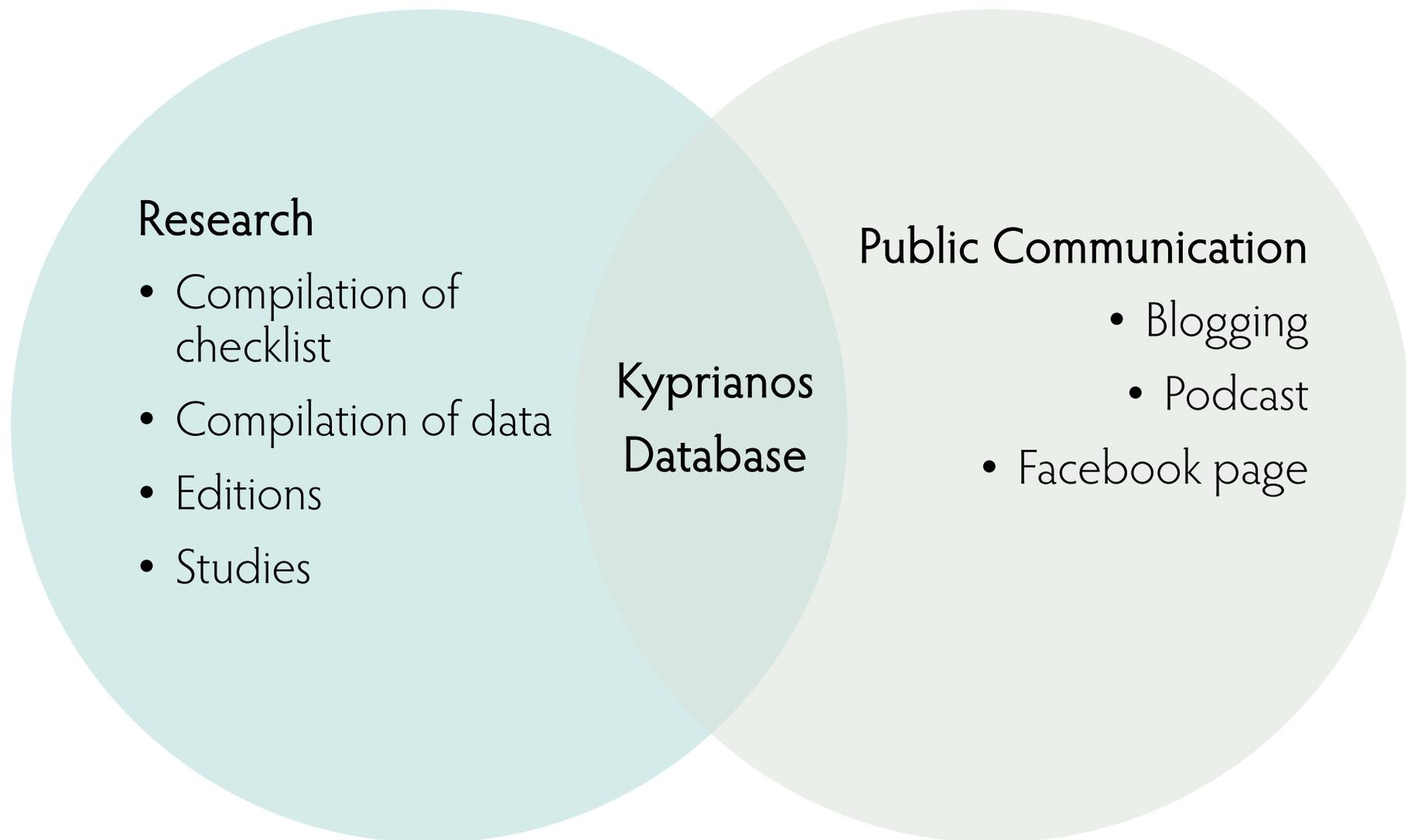

THE COPTIC MAGICAL PAPYRI AND THE KYPRIANOS DATABASE

Coptic Magical Papyri: Vernacular Religion in Late Roman and Early Islamic Egypt

- 5-year project at the University of Würzburg (2018-2023)
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Coptic Magical Papyri: Project Activities



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- Compilation of checklist
- Compilation of data
- Editions
- Studies

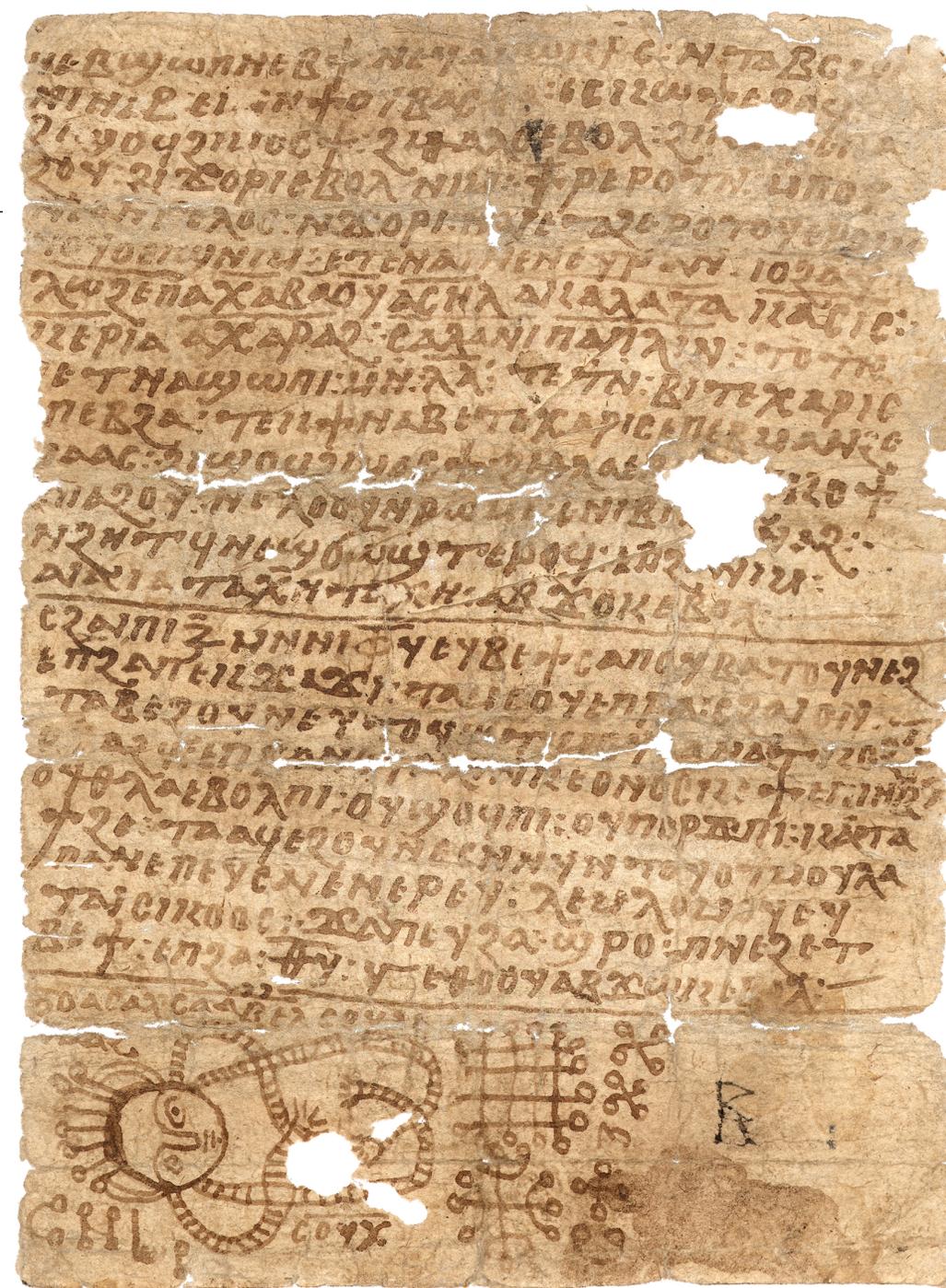
Kyprianos
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Public Communication

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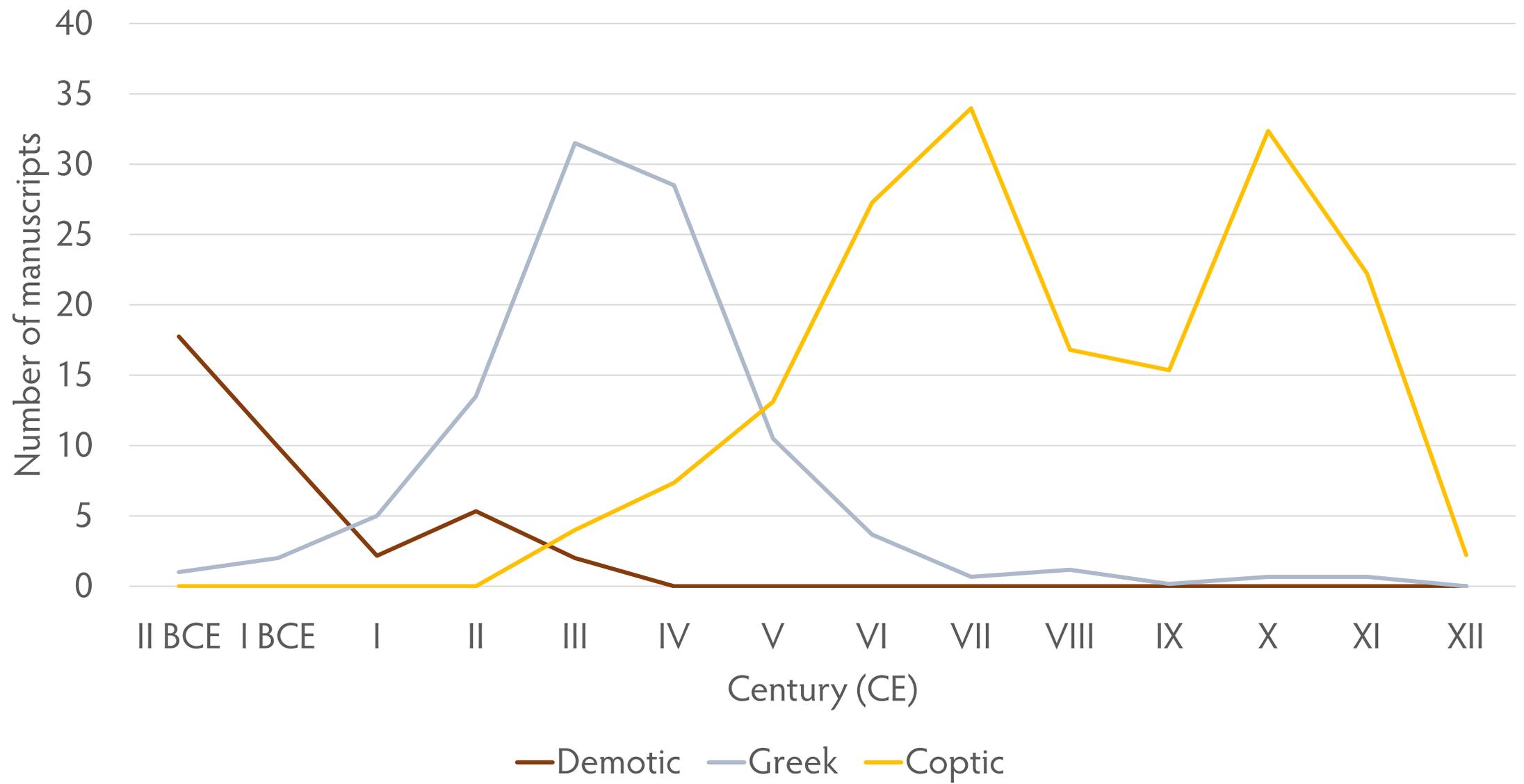
Defining Magic

- Formal Characteristics
 - Linguistic forms
 - Invocations of divine beings
 - "I invoke you..."
 - "I adjure you..."
 - "quickly, quickly"
 - 'Magical' names (*onomata barbara, voces magicae*)
 - *Charactères*
 - Images (*figurae magicae*)
- Functional characteristics
 - Protection and/or healing
 - Curses
 - Love and favour spells
 - Divination



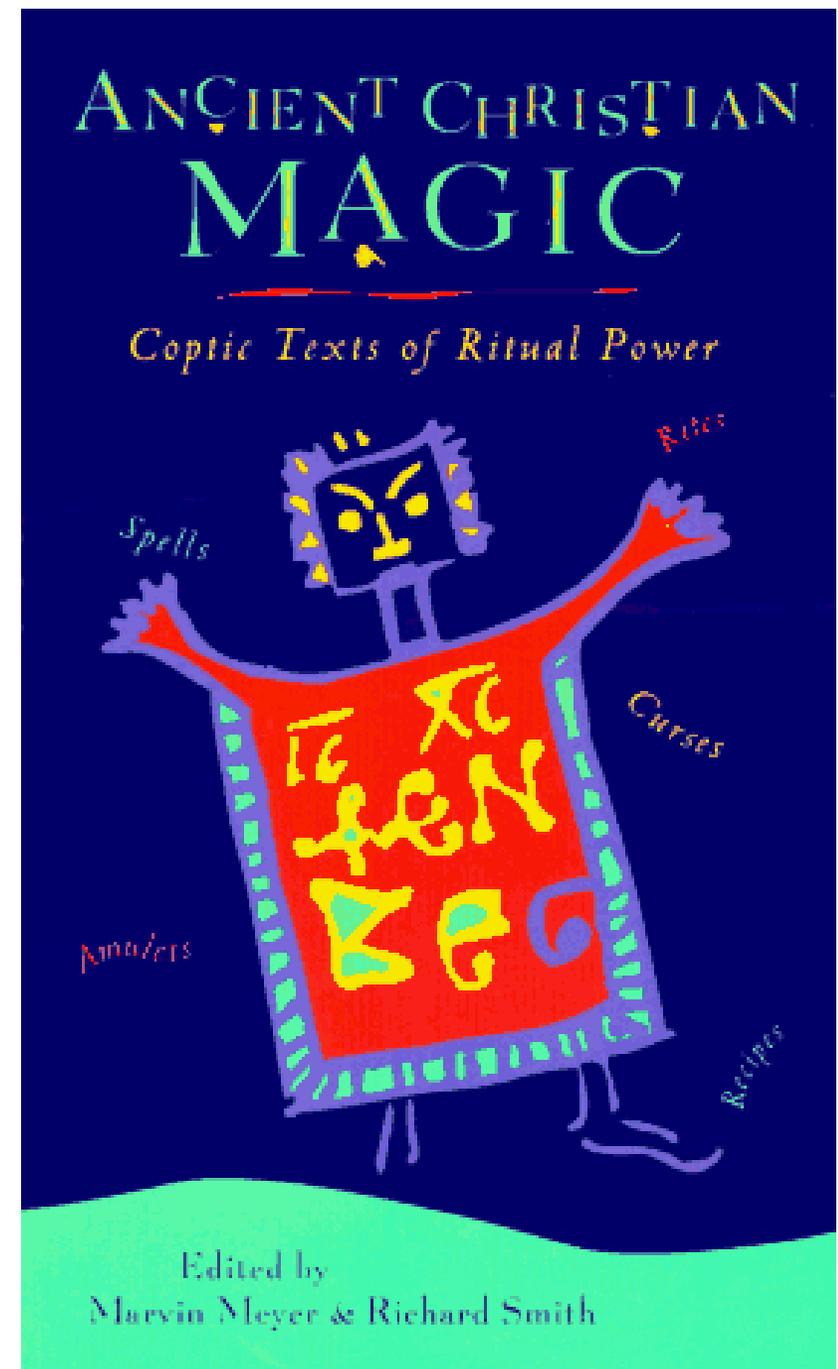
LANGUAGES OF MAGIC

Language Change in Formularies from Egypt

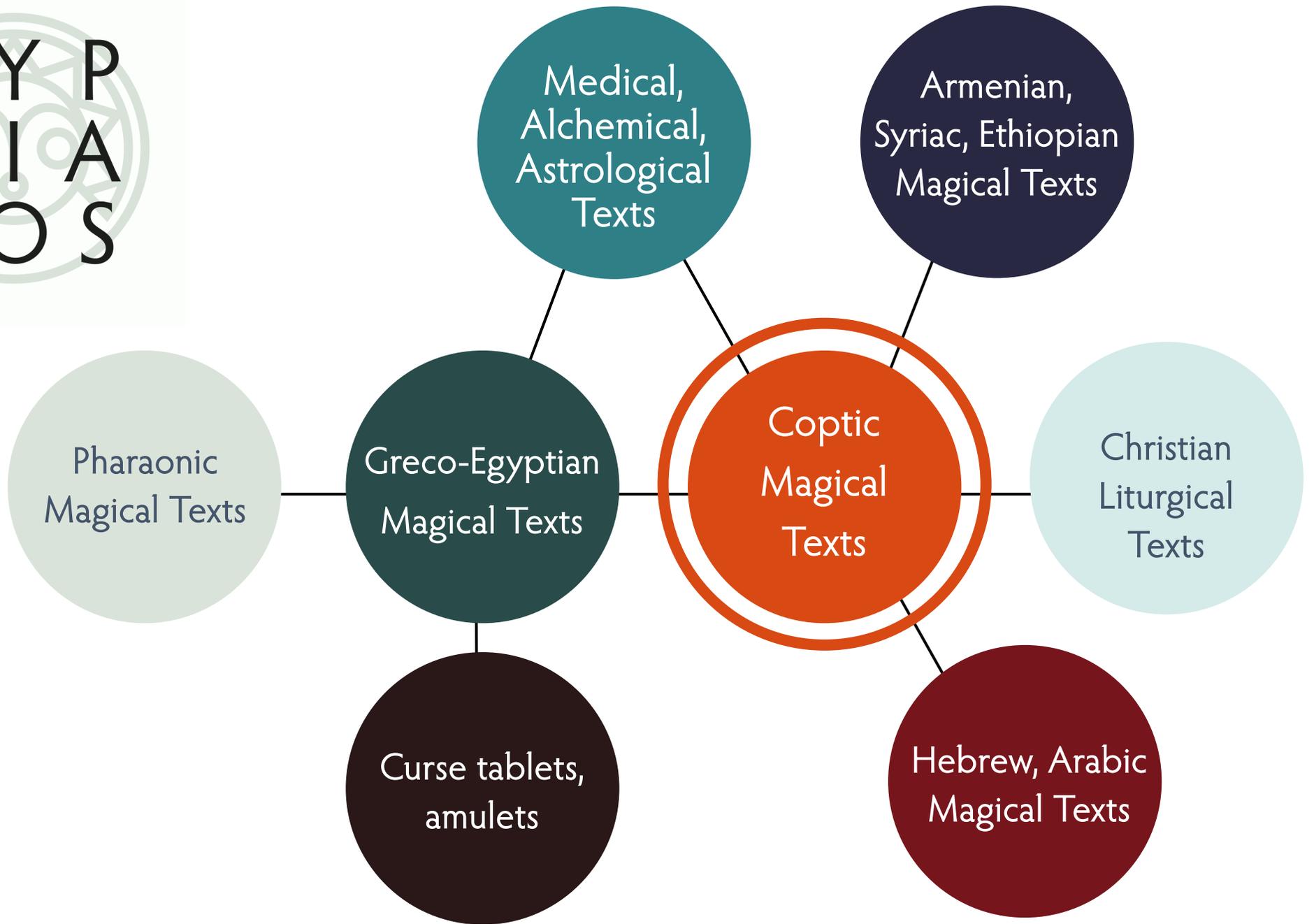


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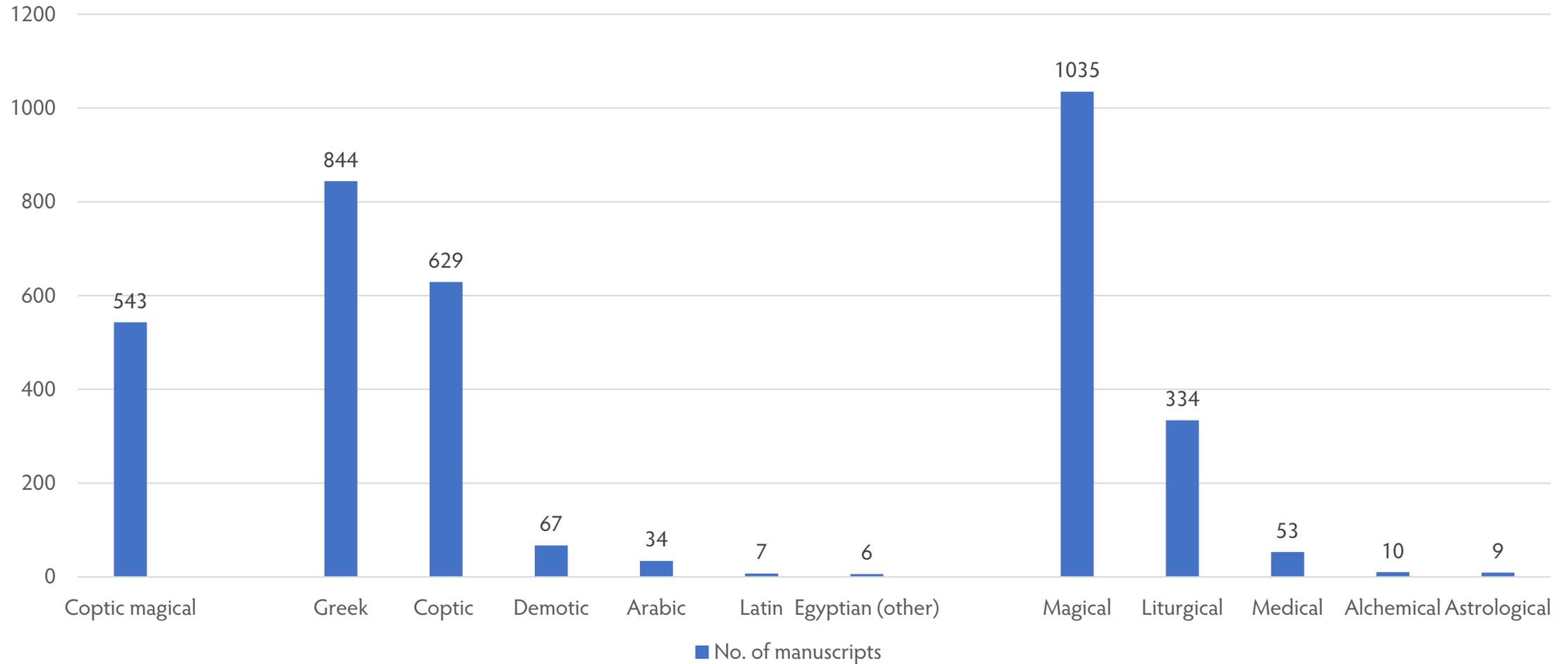
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 - <https://web.archive.org/web/20060908031215/http://iac.cgu.edu/research/copticmagic.htm>
 - Rossi's Gnostic Tractate (1988)
 - Ancient Christian Magic: Coptic Texts of Ritual Power (1994)
 - Ancient Magic and Ritual Power (conference 1992, pub. 1995)
 - The Magical Book of Mary and the Angels (1996)
 - Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World (conference 1998, pub. 2002)
- TM Magic — Religious, Ritual, Magical and Divinatory texts, Franziska Naether & Mark Depauw
- Roxanne Bélanger Sarrazin. "Catalogue des textes magiques coptes." *Archiv für Papyrusforschung* 63.2 (2017): 367–408.



Corpora for Kyprianos



Contents of Kyprianos



- Total no. of manuscripts: 1545



ARCHIVES

Collections of **manuscripts** found in a single site, written by a single scribe or otherwise connected by their production and/or use.

MANUSCRIPTS

Rolls, codices, rotuli, sheets, and other written objects containing one or more **texts**.

TOPONYMS

Sites in which manuscripts were written, found, or purchased.

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Recipes containing instructions for how to carry out rituals, or texts written in the course of such rituals.

HANDS

Identifiable scribal hands used to write **texts**. These hands can be described by their style (quadrilinear, bilinear; formal, informal etc.), and can sometimes be associated with a named individual.

IMAGES

Visual tableaux included within **texts**. These may be figural (animal or human figures), or contain *kharktêres* (magical signs) or text formations (letters manipulated to create particular shapes).

Development of the Kyprianos Database

- Filemaker version created September 2018
- Wordpress in development; scheduled for October 2020
- Custom MySql/Php solution for end of project, September 2023 (?)



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Bib. (Edition) Coptica 5 (2006): 20–31."/>

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Guide

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Bib. (General) Magikon Zoon: Animal and Magic, edited by Korshi Dosoo and Jean-Charles Coulon (forthcoming)."/>

State of Edition

Hands

Ink Colour

Form

Category

Language(s) Script(s)

Dialect

Language Dialect (Notes)

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Contents

1. Ro ll. 1-14: Invocation for unclear purposes

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Notes/Discussion

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Manuscript 1159

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Title (Original)

Title (Translation)

Title (Conventional) Applied curse against Aaron

Language(s) Egyptian (Coptic) Dialect Sahidic (nonsta) Script(s) Coptic

Language/Dialect (Notes)

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Text no. 1 Ink Colour

Position Convex ll.1-67

Copyist Name(s)

Client Name(s)

Target Name(s) Haron (m.) the son of Tkouikira (f.)

TM People 8275

Hand(s)

Attributed Author

TM Author

Recurrent Formulae

I adjure (ork) you

I adjure (tarko) you

Type of Text

Curse (applied, magical)

Text

Convex

1. χμγ
2. ΚΟΥΧΟΣ
3. ΤΡΟΦΩΣ
4. ΚΙΜΦΙΑΣ
5. ΠΣΟΘΟΜΙΣ
6. ΜΕΝ ΠΛΕ-
7. ΜΟΣ
8. ΜΗΟΛΙΑ/Τ\
9. ΝΑΙ ΗΣ
10. ΕΗΡΑΗ ΕΗ-
11. ΤΣΟ ΕΗΤΗ-
12. ΝΑΜΙΣ ΕΗ-

Translation

[1] ΧΜΓ [2] Koukhos, [3] Trophōs, [4] Kimphias, [5] Psothomis, [6-7] and Plemos, [8] Mēoliat: [9] these are [10] the names of [11] the six [12] powers of [13] Death, they [14] who bring [15] every sickness [16] down upon [17 -18] every man, [19] that bring [20] every soul [21] out of [22] every body [23] I call (?), I adjure [24] you (pl.) by [25] your names [26] {and your [27] names} [28] and your powers [29] and your [30] places and [31] the salvation of [32] Death [33] that you go [34] to Haron the [35] son of Tkouikira [36] and you take his [37] soul! I adjure [38] you (s.), oh [39] dead one, by the way [40] upon which they took you [41] and the [42] punishment that [43] came upon you, [44] and that you heard [45] of, and the [46] punishment that you [47] saw, [48] and the faces [49] that you saw, [50] and [51] the river of fire, [52] which casts wave [53] upon wave, that [54] {I will [55] place this} [56] at the moment that I [58] place this [59] bone under [60] you, [61] that just as [62] you have suffered, [63] you shall

[Greek Loans](#)

Apparatus

1. χμγ : Χ(ΡΙΣΤΟ)Υ Drescher : ΧΥ<ΧΟΣ> Ritner

11-12. ΤΗΝΑΜΙΣ i.e Greek δύναμις

16. 16. ΕΞΡΑ : ΕΞΡΑΙ Drescher

19. ΕΗΗ- : ΕΗ- Drescher

20. ΠΟΙΧΗ i.e Greek ψυχή

22. ΣΩΜΕ i.e Greek σώμα

Notes

31-32. ΠΟΥΧΑΙ ΕΗ|ΠΗΟΥ This is probably best understood as referring to the wellbeing or salvation of the Death, the personified concept or Angel of Death who the Powers serve, rather than the abstract idea of salvation in death.

Editor

From Drescher, with corrections by KD (23/5/2019; 11/10/2019) and EL (23/5/2019) based on high quality photograph; translation by KD (11/10/2019)

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Kimphias

Psothomis

Plemos

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Bone (human)

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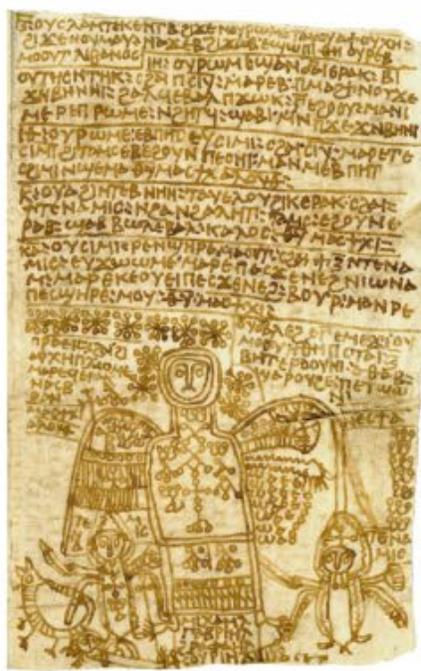
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Notes



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Tracing

Elements

- Angel
- Michael
- Anthropomorph
- Angel (six-winged) x 2
- Sword x 2
- Character (*) x 12
- Cross
- Character (X) x 1
- Character (ω) x 11
- Character (Ψ inverted)
- Vowels
- Character (A) x 5
- Character (+) x 3

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Transliterated Coptic	Toutōn Totoun	ΤΟΥΤΩΝ ΤΟΤΟΥΝ
Anglicised Arabic	Umm el-Baragat Tell Umm el-Breigât	
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Magical (applied ?)

Contents:

1. Ro ll. 1-19: Applied amulet containing invocation for healing Phantaxia, daughter of Phebrunia.

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I was not yet seven years old when I entered the mysteries of Mithras... when I was still ten years old, I carried the torch for Demeter and submitted to the white sorrow of Kore, and I served the serpent of Pallas on the Acropolis as I was promoted to temple servant... After these things, when I was twenty years old, I came to Memphis among the Egyptians, and there I gained experience in the innermost sanctuaries... There I came to know how many rulers of the darkness there are and how they prosper in souls and have communion with their own bodies, and what kind of energy is erected through them... I saw there the souls of giants which were detained under darkness and in appearance raising up the earth as though one were carrying the heaviest of burdens on one's shoulders... I saw the Devil. Trust me, I even received him with joy and conversed with him... He promised to make me a ruler after the time of the things in my life and to assist me in this life. For this reason he entrusted a phalanx of demons to me, since I held honor with him.... Then, when I passed from the land of Chaldea, I arrived in Antioch and was performing miracles like one of the ancients, and I gave proof of my sorcery and was a famous philosopher-magician, since I possessed a great understanding of the invisible realms.

The Confession of Cyprian of Antioch 1.1-9.1

So I reprov'd my wrath, ...allayed my rage with great humility... I got to my feet, turned my face to the west, stretched my right hand out to heaven, cleansed myself of the dirt on my feet, drew my breath, and directed these formulae (*apologia*) at heaven, to the tabernacle of the Father within the seven veils... Gabriel, he with the great power of fire, who fills his fiery face with the fire that devours every other fire... [he will] go to NN., and reveal himself to her in a great revelation, relentless (?), irresistible, fascinating, filling her heart, her soul her spirit, and her mind ' with burning desire Yea, I adjure you, O Gabriel, go to NN, hang her by the hair of her head and by the lashes of her eyes. Bring her to him, NN...

P.Heid.Inv.Kopt.684 ll. 47-130

