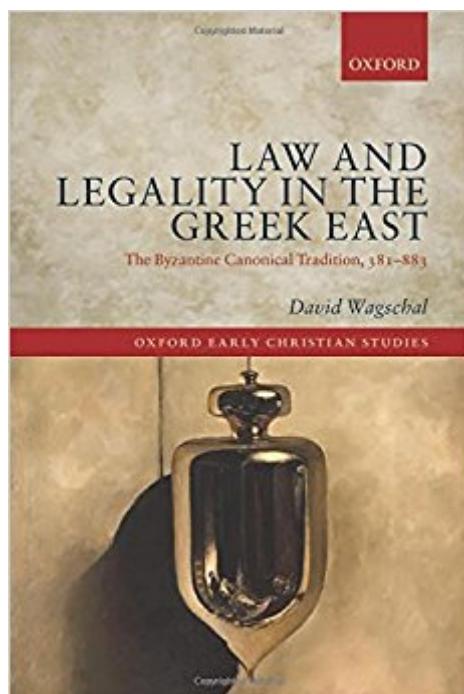


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This book helped to better understand the mind and the spirit of the Eastern Christian Church. Wagschal proposed three principal characteristics of the basic conceptual architecture of Byzantine canon law as a legal phenomenon. Its first and foremost characteristic is to "preserve, transmit, and exegete one corpus of continuously fossilizing [sic] quasi-sacral traditional texts. These traditional texts ARE the law. . . . '[C]anon law' is not . . . an abstract project or doctrinal construct." (Pp. 278-279.) Secondly, "Byzantine canon law is a 'substantive justice system' [T]he system is not primarily designed as a coherent and predictable mechanism of legal concepts and techniques, safely isolated from 'values' quite the opposite, the system is deeply and intentionally invested in embedding itself in broader narratives by which truly just decisions might be measured." (P. 279.) Thirdly, "the entire system . . . is dominated by the notion of tradition. . . . [A]uthoritative legislation always emerges from the past; more recent authorities, however exalted (council, pope, jurist, etc.) always remain subordinate to past traditions." (P. 280.) How important it is for Christians today to be of the same mind. If we were, we would not be faced with an endless series of schisms, heresies and apostasies, or situations where, within one generation, what is the traditional teaching of the church begins to be viewed as bigotry.

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