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## SUMMARY

The thesis "Professor Ioan Gh. SAVIN - life, work and timeliness of his apologetic principles"

The idea of developing a doctoral thesis, tinted apologetic, started from that graduated a Faculty of Theology and master classes that I found with surprise that after more than quarter of a century after gaining freedom in theological discipline plans was not reintroduced discipline called Apologetics. Studying theological plans of education in the interwar period, but also those from the communist period, I found that discipline Apologetics was taught until the communists came to power, when theological education was expelled from the university and was held in the Church, not officially recognized by the atheist state. Moreover, totalitarian system, hoping to abolish the Church accepted a theological education to be trained servants with a single purpose - simple officiants! Of the three missions ministry or priesthood - The teaching, sanctifying and ruling - theological education was oriented to form only servants, officials of liturgical worship or those related to human life. Missionary side was totally ignored and sometimes prohibited. Parishes and deaneries in the archives are circular in which priests were obliged to shorten transmitted jobs and reduce sermon to five minutes. In this respect, the three wings, they had to elevate the priestly ministry, were reduced to one and that pretty feeble: Simple Office jobs! However, the Church has expressed an attempt to refill the mission to defend the faith by introducing a subject that is related Apologetics: missionary guidance.

Our work, far from being exhaustive, is more an invitation to rediscover a discipline very useful, but less present in theological education at all levels, namely discipline Apologetics, masterfully illustrated by professor Ioan Gh. SAVIN.

In our approach, arguing choosing the theme and exposing dawn apologeticii Christian make a biographical presentation of Professor John Gh. Savin, who was born on December 18, 1885, in the village Jorasti County Covurlui (today Galați) family priest Gheorghe Savin, priest on that city. Of the 13 children of the family priest George and

Zoița Savin, eight - three boys and five girls - died in childhood, a scarlet fever epidemic that swept Berheci and Zeletin area.

Primary school began in his native village Jorasti, then repeated fourth grade of the Normal School of Roman because the Seminary, where he wanted to go, did not receive him, because he did not have 11 years old. Follow the Lower Roman Seminary and the upper one in Iasi, namely Seminary "Veniamin Costache". Arriving at the Faculty of Theology in Bucharest was noted by Professor Ioan Mihălcescu, future Metropolitan Irenaeus of Moldavia, who also facilitated a scholarship to study in Germany (1910). After brilliant studies philosophy, theology and logic at Heidelberg and Berlin succed to submit his doctoral thesis in 1915, but the start of warfare will hold all the formalities for its support in fact. Returned to the country will be drafted into the army and sent as a soldier in the 51 Regiment Galati, actively participating at the front for a while. Unscathed by the front falls Romanian and German language teacher at a high school in Bolgrad and in 1920 reached Inspector General in the Ministry of Religious Affairs, during which elaborate religious education in secondary schools work. Contemporary and active participant in the great events of the early twentieth century - the Great Union and the institution of the Church to the rank of Patriarchate, Professor Ioan Gh. Coman will rise in body university in 1927 when he was tenured in the Department of Apologetics the Theology Faculty of Chisinau (p. 28). It was a fertile period, published several papers (pp. 28-30).

Pursued by state security (pp. 30-36), Professor Ioan Gh. Savin would be victim of communist Security, paying freedom of expression with long prison years (pp. 36-69). But Professor Ioan Gh. Savin was one of the most avid apologists of Christianity, in that developed first, a manual of apologetics for seminars and schools, and a university course with the same content, but much larger, which would be published only after 1989 (pp.69-70). Rational arguments to prove the existence of God were analyzed, presented in a very clear manner and enriched with data and results of scientific research in the first half of the twentieth century. Elements of quantum physics and can be found in the genetic its apologetics. For those of today this seems natural, but the academic community and especially theology, at that time things were totally outstanding. If the data provided by Professor Ioan Gh. Savin, in two volumes of apologetics, as compared with the last work in the field . –Apologetica, coordinated by Mr. Prof. Lemeni I can be wrong if I say that the latter work was written without knowing in detail the work of our great scientist!

And his scientific pursuits, Professor Savin first fixes the truth revealed in relation to the scientific (pp. 98-107), where all of the weaknesses of deviations or deviations of all shades. The fact that he analyzed and fought off atheism and bolshevism (pp. 107-114), would bring them great suffering over the years. We must mention that although it has been more than seven decades since its last published work from designed Apologetics of professor Ioan Gh. Savin and - meanwhile - have changed a lot in all areas of life, the vision of the great theologian is still current; more, it was an approach from left to discourse academic reconstruction of Romanian Orthodox Theology on side apologetic. He insisted very much to clarify the relationship between religion and science, but also to dispel the myth of the conflict between the two (pp. 139-159).

If manual Apologetics for Faculty of Theology in Romanian Patriarchate, rational arguments to prove the existence of God is treated several times, Professor Ioan Gh. Savin gives them a great deal of attention (pp. 160-277). What should be noted is that he debunks the myth of Darwinian evolutionism, showing that the true ideologue of this ideology was Ernest Haeckel (pp. 260-265). He launched screwy theory of spontaneous generation, submitting that life had suddenly from inanimate matter, is put everything to a very simple substances - from chemically - he called protoplasm. This would be a sequential combination of elements, the most important of which were carbon dioxide, oxygen and nitrogen. Haeckel argued that because the seventh decade of the nineteenth century "cell biologists saw as an undifferentiated and homogenous globule of plasma".

Haeckel's intellectual scam is international notoriety. We would like to reiterate history: In 1859, exploration vessel "Cyclops" collected from the seabed sludge strange green. Haeckel - examining it under a microscope - has concluded that resembled **protoplasm**<sup>1</sup>. Epochal revelation communicated it to a friend of his great admirer and defender of Darwin, namely Thomas Henry Huxley. In turn, Huxley - examining microscope that mud - came to the same conclusion. Thus was born the theory of abiogenesis, which stipulated that life arose from inanimate matter, although that sludge did not give any sign of evolution!

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<sup>1</sup> For him, the cell pellet was simply a small combination of carbon albumin.

More later it was demonstrated - using a best microscope - that protoplasm or small lumps, as they were deemed cells contain thousands of different types of organic cells, proteins and nucleic acids and more! The thesis of the two was canceled by an experiment conducted by Louis Pasteur, who cooked soup in a special glass vessel and that the sealed. After a while unscrewing jar, he found that the soup was equally clear that not born any microorganism, which cancel theory of spontaneous generation.

But things did not stop there. Haeckel - having talent for drawing and seeing that there was any evidence to support the evolution of species proposed by Darwin - drew embryos of animals, some "parts of embryos ignoring them, others by presenting distorted to appear as similar to each other. With these drawings false traveled around Germany, convincing people that evolution was true. "

Unfortunately for him and fortunately for science, a renowned professor of natural sciences at Cambridge - namely L. Agassiz - disprove Haeckel's drawings. Moreover, even the University of Jena (Germany) accused of forgery. Poor Haeckel admitted trick, using the most unexpected justification: "Hundreds of the best observers and biologists lie under the same charge."

The delicate issue is that - after a century and a half since his argument to disprove Haeckel - his drawings, along with the biogenetic law, we find presented in biology textbooks, after which teaches students in undergraduate and presented as axioms! In this sense, scientists today are aware that "the law biogenetics has become so deeply rooted in biological thinking that can not be torn there, despite the fact that has been demonstrated to be wrong by many scientists subsequent . "

And encyclopedias worldwide have mastered the biological myth, presenting it as an absolute truth. It is a paradox that scientists when it comes to accept God require evidence, but so easily close eyes to the lack of evidence of their claims! And then ignores the elementary truth that God came into history and invited us to live divinely, to eternalize us. Anyone can see that the Son of God incarnate vector changed history, but also divided history into two. Also people - accepting and not resurrection, says Saint Nicholas Velimirovic - proof can not be questioned by anyone! Therefore a scientist from the second half of the twentieth century, named WR Thompson, referring to his feat Haeckel, writes "A law of nature can be determined only as induction of facts. Haeckel, of course, was not able to do that. But what he did was arrange existing forms of animal life in a series - from simple to complex - interposing imaginary entities

where there is discontinuity and then giving embryonic phases names corresponding stages of the so-called sequence evolution.

Where this parallelism there were treated by the simple expedient of saying that embryological development was forged (that made exception). When convergence embryos was not entirely satisfactory, Haeckel changed their artwork to fit his theory. The changes were small but significant. Biogenetic law on post proof of evolution has no value. "(P. 272).

With what people stubbornly supports a fake - he begat many ideological deviations - but fail to accept that simple truth, revealed by the Savior Christ: God is Love. Love can not be denied, demonstrated bid, negotiated, etc., but - simply - supported or not! When you discover that ennobles accept, you do not accept to be sure that you sink into the abyss of selfishness and loneliness!

In this sense, God is love and invites us to a permanent partnership of love; a partnership which - once completed and supported - we provide uplifting and becoming into being eternal! Saints are those who implemented this partnership, leaving the operating limits of temporality and eternity of God, that love!

But the whole scientific approach of Professor Ioan Gh. Savin led to the labors of Father Dumitru Popescu, materialized in his spiritual rational Apologetics Orthodoxy (p. 278). Logos and rationality of creation, according to the parent Popescu underlying rational argument on the existence of God. Commenting attitudes of today's world, to the sacred, divine transcendence and immanence, Father academician fixed place of apologetics and Orthodox teaching, saying "Unlike trends deconstructive and shredders of the new trends that seek to transform and shape God and man at will process our deification in Christ shows that man was created by God to progress toward his likeness in Christ and in the Church by the Holy Spirit, heavenly Father's favor. "(p. 295). In the same line, update the principles apologetic professor Ioan Gh. Savin and Academician Alexandru Surdu placed by pentadic philosophy, the philosophical categories revalued on the existence and divinity and emphasizes the attributes of God. By this and by recourse to the thinking and the vision of St. Dionisie Psudo-Areopagitul, Sf. Maximum Marturisorul and not only, the DL. Academician Alexandru Surdu requires current academic thinking - theological, philosophical, scientific - a God person and not one abstract, as did the western philosophy (p. 303).

We must mention that professor Ioan Gh. Savin defenders and witnesses remains one of the true faith in the darkest century of unbelief! He paid for his beliefs with long

prison, misery and contempt supporting a system aimed decapitation intellectuals. Campaigner for truth, while still a student, after having contacted the German world, particularly European culture, Professor Savin refuted by the chair, and in writing, all forms of wandering from the Truth! He aims to be an apologist, in the modern sense, but has proposed and managed to be a Christian. For him, Christianity was a way of life in which man is called to reach the likeness of God. Appropriating, but culture time was able to help mankind to think clearly, to use scientific discoveries data consolidation and protection of lifestyle faith revealed by God through His Son.