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RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE AND INCOMPATIBILITY IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN GREEKS AND BULGARIANS, ORTHODOX AND CATHOLICS IN THE HISTORY OF BULGARIA FROM THE 13TH TO THE MIDDLE OF THE 15TH C.

*(Summary)*

The relations between the ethnic and religious-confessional Christian communities, indicated in the title, are examined with the aid of individual examples from sources of a great variety of languages and origin (Old Bulgarian, Byzantine, Latin, etc.). The advanced Bulgarian-Byzantine symbiosis in the sphere of church-religious relations and spiritual culture is recorded. Separate instances of intolerant relations between Bulgarians and Greeks are also noted.

In the author's opinion, during the period under review the relations of the Bulgarian Kingdom with the Church of Rome were of a contradictory and varying character. The expansiveness of the Catholic clergy towards the Bulgarian Orthodox population, often treated as "heretical and schismatic", is emphasized. Special attention is paid to the attitude towards the Catholic Church in the Old Bulgarian anti-Latin literature.

To the article is appended the translation made of excerpts from two works by the Franciscan monk Bartolomeo della Verna, written in 1367–1369 and 1379.