

Sophistical Refutations 33: *Three Arabic Translations and the Greek Original*

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Abstract

New editions of the three extant Arabic translations of Aristotle's *Sophistical Refutations* are indispensable for a good understanding of the philosophical and textual history of that work. In this contribution we present new editions of chapter 33 of the *Sophistical Refutations*, for the three Arabic translations as well as for the Greek original, with a full critical apparatus for the Arabic translations and an apparatus to the Greek original that fully registers the readings plausibly underlying in the final Greek exemplars of these translations. We add comments on the Arabic texts elucidating our editorial decisions, and finish with a discussion of the relevance of these editions of chapter 33 for the history of the text.

In "The Arabic Tradition of Aristotle's *Sophistici Elenchi*" (henceforth: "Arabic Tradition"), published in volume 10 (2020) of this journal, the first comprehensive comparative study of the three extant Arabic translations of Aristotle's *Sophistical Refutations*, Gerhard Endress showed, also by suggesting many improvements and emendations in selected passages, that the existing editions of them, those by 'Abdurrahmān Badawī and by Farid Jabre (Farīd Ġabr), leave much to be desired – "A new edition of these three translations is thus called for", he concluded ("Arabic Tradition", p. 62). The first aim of this contribution is to heed this call and show by way of example what kinds of improvements such a new edition would offer. To this purpose we present a preliminary new edition of chapter 33 of the *Sophistical Refutations* for all three translations. The reason for choosing this particular chapter is that it constitutes a well-demarcated unit on the issue how difficult it is to deal with arguments that cause trouble, which brings together several important themes from the *Sophistical Refutations*, but which at the same time seems not excessively difficult for translators into Arabic – except, perhaps, for the jokes presented in it, which are a challenge for translators into any language.

In addition we have as a second aim to show, again by way of example, how much the study of the Arabic translations of Greek works of philosophy and science has to profit from a comprehensive understanding of the Greek side of the history of the text and of the interpretative possibilities regarding the content of the text, but also how much the study of the Arabic translations may contribute to our understanding of the history of the text as a whole. We shall show that the differences between the three Arabic translations of the *Sophistical Refutations* can to a large extent be traced back to changes in, additions to and omissions from the text in the Greek phase of the transmission up to the Greek exemplars of the respective translations, and that they can frequently be traced back to changes, additions and omissions which occur more often in the textual tradition. On the other hand, we shall also discuss the relevance of the information provided by the three translations for the textual

history and the constitution of the text of the *Sophistical Refutations*. Also in these respects we develop lines of research which were initiated in close cooperation by Gerhard Endress and Pieter Sjoerd Hasper in “The Arabic Tradition”.

The contribution is structured in the following way: after a brief introduction, we first present a newly edited text of chapter 33 of the *Sophistical Refutations* for all three Arabic translations, but also for the Greek original, with an apparatus accompanying the Greek text which indicates what Greek variants the Arabic translations would correspond to; then individual problematic passages in the Arabic translations are analysed and discussed; finally, the information provided the three Arabic translations is discussed within the context of the textual transmission of the *Sophistical Refutations* as a whole.

§ 1. *Introducing the three Arabic translations of the Sophistical Refutations*

In the case of the *Sophistical Refutations* the famous manuscript *Par. arab.* 2346, containing Arabic translations of the whole *Organon*, together with Porphyry’s *Eisagôgê* and the *Rhetoric* and *Poetics*, transmits to us not one, but three translations of Aristotle’s work on fallacies. According to the manuscript, these three translations are:

naql Yahyā ibn ‘Adī: “version of Yahyā ibn ‘Adī” (d. 974), based on the Syriac version of Athanasius of Balad (d. 687);

naql ‘Īsā ibn Zur‘a: “version of ‘Īsā ibn Zur‘a” (d. 1008), also based on the Syriac of Athanasius;

naql qadīm mansūb ilā l-Nā‘imī: “old version attributed to al-Nā‘imī”, *scil.* Ibn Nā‘ima al-Ḥimṣī (fl. 835).

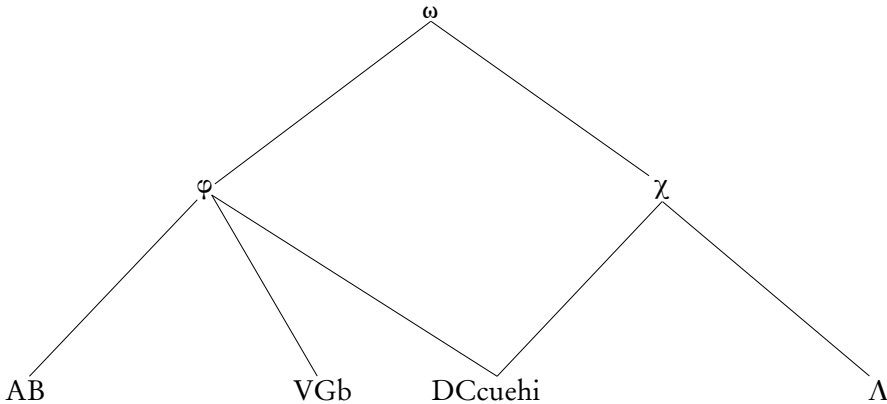
Though it is clear that the third translation is older than the first two, the attribution to Ibn Nā‘ima al-Ḥimṣī cannot be correct, as has been established by Endress (“Arabic Tradition” [above, p. 00], pp. 64-7). Hence we refer to this translation as the *translatio vetus*. Endress assumes reasonably that it is, as is usual for these early translations, based upon a Syriac intermediary, but there is still no direct proof of this. The translation by ‘Īsā ibn Zur‘a is presented as a revision of the translation by Yahyā ibn ‘Adī – which at places it is indeed –, but for his revision Ibn Zur‘a also made use of other sources than the Syriac translation by Athanasius, notably of Theophilus, whose Syriac translation can be found in Arabic in marginal notes accompanying Ibn Zur‘a’s translation (see “Arabic Tradition” [above, p. 00], p. 74, for a good example of Ibn Zur‘a following Theophilus), but probably not limited to Theophilus.

Thus the three Arabic translations bear witness to the Greek tradition of the text of the *Sophistical Refutations* in not quite straightforward ways: while the translation by Yahyā ibn ‘Adī and the *translatio vetus* go back to the Greek exemplars of their respective Syriac sources, leaving thus more room for distortion due to the translation process, the translation by ‘Īsā ibn Zur‘a in addition functions as a kind of mixed manuscript, since it combines at least two different sources. Further, both the *translatio vetus* and the Syriac translation by Athanasius go back to exemplars which already at the Greek stage of the transmission have been contaminated, though the *translatio vetus* more so than Athanasius’ translation (see “Arabic Tradition”, pp. 93-5).

The stemmatic assessment of the exemplars of the three Arabic translations is made significantly easier due to the fact that they share a common ancestor which is situated within

the stemma in such a way that it is completely independent from all other sources. Endress and Hasper (“Arabic Tradition” [above, p. 00], pp. 89-92) argue for this thesis on the basis of a small number of common clearly erroneous readings unique to the three translations, and find further support in the covariation of the three translations. On the basis of the new editions for *Sophistical Refutations* 33, we will in § 4.1 adduce further evidence for this thesis.

Moreover, this common ancestor is to be situated high up in the stemma for the *Sophistical Refutations*. In outline the stemma for *Sophistical Refutations* looks as follows¹ (for the *sigla* used here, see the overview in § 2.1):



where it should be made clear that the group of manuscripts DCcuehi does not seem a stemmatically unitary group, but merely a group of manuscripts which feature both readings which are characteristics for the φ branch and readings deriving to the χ branch, but not necessarily all the same readings. For example, manuscripts ehi probably together do constitute a stemmatic group which shares readings, including errors, with group VGb, but which in e and hi separately are so heavily contaminated from the χ branch that their ‘original’ position in the stemma can hardly be recognised. Also D shares readings, including errors, with the VGb group, but has been contaminated separately.

Now the common ancestor Ψ* of all three Arabic translations is to be situated at the χ side of the stemma, because it shares errors which must have originated at that side of the stemma, but also features probably correct readings which are unique to the χ side, notably with Λ, i.e. Boethius’ exemplar (see Endress–Hasper, “Arabic Tradition” [above, p. 78], pp. 91-2). In *Sophistici Elenchi* 33 we have found no evidence for or against this, but we did find a nice case in *Sophistici Elenchi* 7:

169a33 ἐπισπᾶται Ψ* : ἐπίσταται ABVGbDCcuehi : ἐπιστήσεται Λ

¹ In fact, the *Sophistici Elenchi* seem to share the basic stemma with the *Topica*, though the distribution of manuscripts over the groups may vary somewhat: see P.S. Hasper, “‘Those Searching for Gold Dig up a Lot of Earth’ – On Contamination and Insertion in the Early Manuscript Tradition of the *Organon*. The Case of the *Topics* and the *Sophistical Refutations*”, in A.P. Mesquita – R. Santos (eds.), *New Essays on the Organon*, Routledge, London 2023 (Routledge Monographs in Classical Studies), pp. 279-311, and the more developed stemma for *Topica* 8 in: P.S. Hasper, “A New Edition of the Eight Book of Aristotle’s *Topics*”, *ibidem*, pp. 312-38.

Poste had already proposed to emend the grammatically problematic ἐπίσταται into ἐπισπᾶται,² which is now confirmed by the consensus of the three Arabic translations. The fact that Boethius renders ἐπιστήσεται and not the only slightly divergent ἐπίσταται (differing only by a single stroke) is easily explained as due to a marginal or supralinear correction in his exemplar (or in one of its ancestors), thus suggesting that the erroneous ἐπίσταται had its origin in the φ side of the stemma.

This position of the common ancestor Ψ* at the χ side of the stemma, but independent from both Λ and the group of mixed manuscripts, makes its readings extremely important for the constitution of the text, in at least two ways: (i) any reading found in Ψ* and in part of the φ branch of the stemma should in principle be accepted as the reading of the archetype, except if it is not really possible; (ii) any reading found in Ψ* and in part of the χ branch should still have a good chance of being the reading of the archetype, because of the amount of contamination in the χ branch from the φ branch. As we shall see below, in *Sophistici Elenchi* 33 we find a clear example for (i) at 182 b 37 – see the note in § 4.3. For (ii) there are no examples in *Sophistici Elenchi* 33, but elsewhere in the *Sophistici Elenchi* there are some nice ones:

167 b 18 εἶ τι ABGbDCcuehi : ὅ τι Λ[*quicquid*]Ψ*
170 a 2 μη ABVGbDChi M^F[73.23] : om. AcueΨ*

In either case the evidence from the consensus of Ψ* and part of the χ branch has to be taken very seriously – actually, in neither case would a decision be straightforward.

However, there might also be a third way in which the stemmatic position of the common ancestor Ψ* makes it of great importance for the constitution of the text. This way becomes clear if it can be shown that either the Greek exemplar of Athanasius' Syriac translation or the *translatio vetus* has been contaminated from other parts of the tradition, for if one can demonstrate such contamination, it becomes possible that either Athanasius' translation or the *translatio vetus* (or occasionally even only Yaḥyā ibn 'Adī's translation, if Ibn Zur'a were to use another source) alone transmits the reading of Ψ*. In order to determine whether this possibility holds, we have to study the readings underlying the three Arabic translations against the rest of the extant tradition, and now also against the fragments of the commentaries by Herminus and Alexander identified by Victor Gysembergh in the commentary on the *Sophistical Refutations* by Augustino Nifo.³ Endress and Hasper, "Arabic Tradition" (above, p. 00), pp. 93-5, already try to assess the respective extents of contamination and correction from elsewhere in each of the three translations, the impression being that the *translatio vetus* has taken up more of it than Athanasius' Syriac translation, and that Ibn Zur'a's translation, because of his use of external sources, contains more of it than Yaḥyā ibn 'Adī's. As we shall see in § 4.2, these impressions are confirmed for *Sophistici Elenchi* 33. A consequence of this fact is that if there is a reading which only occurs either in the *translatio vetus* or in

² E. Poste, *Aristotle on Fallacies or the Sophistici Elenchi*, Macmillan, London 1866, p. 116 (repr. Routledge, London 2020 [Routledge Revivals]).

³ V. Gysembergh, *Forgotten Ancient Commentaries on Aristotle's Sophistical Refutations. Fragments of Aspasio, Herminos, Alexander, Syrianos and Philoponos*, De Gruyter, Berlin 2023 (CAGB 10).

Athanasius' translation (or sometimes even only in Yaḥyā's translation, if Ibn Zur'a uses a further source), but can also be found in part of the φ branch of the stemma or in sources belonging to the χ branch which do not belong to those parts of the tradition which frequently serve as sources of contamination (as, for example, *Vat. gr.* 1024 and *Basil.* F II 21), this reading must equally be taken seriously for the constitution of the text. In *Sophistici Elenchi* 33 there is a good example of this way at 182 b 39 – see § 4.3.

What is more, it is in principle not to be excluded that many contaminations coincide: in the whole of the group DCcuehi, in Boethius' exemplar, and either in Athanasius or in the *translatio vetus* – that is, it is not in principle to be excluded that one Arabic translation alone transmits the reading of the archetype, because the alternative reading has taken over the whole extant tradition. The case of 169 a 33 ἐπισπᾶται was already close to it, but we believe there is a clear example of this scenario in *Sophistici Elenchi* 33, namely at 183 a 1-2 – see below, in § 4.3. Of course, most unique readings in one of the Arabic translations, or in Ψ* for that matter, are erroneous, but that need not be true for all of them.

§ 2. The Editions

§ 2.1 Apparatus and notes to the Greek text

The apparatus to the Greek text follows the Bekker numbering inserted in the text. In it, the following sources are referred to:

A	<i>Vat. Urb. gr.</i> 35	(ca. 900)
B	<i>Marc. gr.</i> 201	(954)
V	<i>Vat. Barb. gr.</i> 87	(X)
G	<i>Gud. gr.</i> 24	(XII)
b	Durham C.I.15	(XV)
Λ	Exemplar translationis factae a Boethio ⁴	(ca. 500)
D	<i>Par. gr.</i> 1843	(XII)
C	<i>Coisl.</i> 330	(XI)
c	<i>Vat. gr.</i> 1024	(ca. 1000)
u	<i>Basil.</i> F.II.21	(XII)
e	<i>Conv. Soppr.</i> 192	(XII)
h	<i>Marc. gr.</i> IV.53	(XIII)
i	New College 225	(XIV)
Ψ ^Y	Lectio cognita e translatione arabica facta a Yaḥyā	(X)
Ψ ^Z	Lectio cognita e translatione arabica facta ab Ibn Zu'ra	(X)
Ψ ^v	Exemplar translationis arabicae veteris	(IX)

⁴ Including a few references to manuscripts for Boethius' translations, in case the textual tradition of the translation is divided as well – see B.G. Dod (ed.), *De Sophisticis Elenchis. Translatio Boethii, Fragmenta Translationis Iacobi et Recensio Guillelmi de Moerbeke, Aristoteles Latinus* VI.1-3, Brill – Desclée de Brouwer, Leiden-Brussels 1975.

Ψ ^Σ	Exemplar translationis syriacae factae ab Athanasio ut cognitum per lectiones communes in translationibus arabica factis a Yaḥyā et Ibn Zu‘ra	(VII)
Ψ [*]	Manuscriptum postulatum ut fons communis cognitus per lectiones communes in Ψ ^Σ et Ψ ^v	
Ψ ^{alt.-x}	Lectio transmissa in codice <i>Par. arab.</i> 2346 ex aliquo altero fonte, transmissa cum translatione x	
Theoph.	Lectiones e translatione facta a Theophilo transmissae cum translatione facta ab Ibn Zu‘ra in margine codicis <i>Par. arab.</i> 2346	
H[apud N]	Fragmenta commentarii Hermiini cognita e commentario Niphi	
A[apud N]	Fragmenta commentarii Alexandri cognita e commentario Niphi	
A[]	Citatio ex aliquo altero commentario Alexandri Aphrodisiensis	
M ^{v/c/p} []	Lemma/citatio/paraphrasis e commentario Michaelis Ephesi (raro citatur) ⁵	
S[]	Paraphrasis facta a Sophonia (ca. 1300) (raro citatur)	
N[]	Commentarium Augustini Niphi ⁶	
[x]	Lectio fontis x abest vel indeterminabilis est	

In order not to overburden the apparatus, we mention in the apparatus to the Greek text all variant readings presupposed in Boethius’ translation and in any of the three Arabic translations, but usually only those variants which are found in two or more Greek manuscripts, and none of the variants found in correcting hands. Except for the Arabic translations, the apparatus is negative, only mentioning the sources which deviate from the reading adopted.

In order to save space, the following Greek letters are used to refer to groups of sources:

ω	Consensus of all of ABVGbADCcuehi
α	AB
β	V + γ
γ	Gb
δ	cu
ε	hi

In the apparatus there are further references in bold to report about previous editions as well as to indicate readings which are to be entertained as alternatives:

B	Bekker	<i>Aristoteles Graece</i> (Berlin, 1831)
W	Waitz	<i>Aristotelis Organon Graece</i> (Leipzig, 1844)
SW	Strache–Wallies	<i>Aristotelis Topica cum libro De Sophisticis Elenchis e schedis Ioannis Strache</i> (Leipzig, 1923)
R	Ross	<i>Aristotelis Topica et Sophistici Elenchi</i> (Oxford 1958)
H	Hecquet	<i>Aristote: Les Réfutations Sophistiques</i> (Paris 2019)
edd.	All previous editions	
forsan	Reading which is not to be ruled out definitely for the constitution of the text.	

⁵ See Alexandri quod fertur *In Aristotelis Sophisticos Elenchos commentarium*, ed. M. Wallies, Reimer, Berlin 1898 (CAG II.3)

⁶ Quoted after *Expositiones Magni Augustini Niphi Medicis Philosophi Suessani in libros de Sophisticis Elenchis Aristotelis*, Ioannes Roigny, Paris 1540.

§ 2.2. *Apparatus and notes to the three Arabic translations*

P *Par. arab.* 2346 (1027)

Y Yaḥyā ibn ‘Adī and/or his translation

I ‘Īsā ibn Zur‘a and/or his translation

Σ The author of the Syriac version used by Yaḥyā ibn ‘Adī and ‘Īsā ibn Zur‘a and/or his translation

Q The author of the *translatio vetus* and/or his translation

B ‘A. Badawī (ed.), *Manṭiq Aristū*, Dār al-Qalam Wikālat al-Maṭbū‘āt, al-Kuwayt-Bayrūt 1980 (Dirāsāt Islāmiyya 7).

J F. Jabre (ed.), *Al-Naṣṣ al-kāmil li-manṭiq Aristū. Silsilat ‘Ilm al-Manṭiq*, Dār al-Fikr al-Lubnānī, Bayrūt 1999.

ΠΕΡΙ ΤΩΝ ΣΟΦΙΣΤΙΚΩΝ ΕΛΕΓΧΩΝ (182 b 6-20)

[182b6] Δεῖ δὲ καὶ κατανοεῖν ὅτι πάντων τῶν λόγων οἱ μὲν ^[7]εἰσι ῥήτους κατιδεῖν, οἱ δὲ χαλεπώτεροι, παρὰ τί καὶ ἐν τίνι ^[8]παραλογίζονται τὸν ἀκούοντα, πολλάκις οἱ αὐτοὶ ἐκείνοις ^[9]ὄντες· τὸν αὐτὸν γὰρ λόγον δεῖ καλεῖν τὸν παρὰ ταῦτο γινόμενον. ^[10]ὁ αὐτὸς δὲ λόγος τοῖς μὲν παρὰ τὴν λέξιν τοῖς ^[11]δὲ παρὰ τὸ συμβεβηκὸς τοῖς δὲ παρ' ἕτερον δόξειεν ἂν εἶναι ^[12]διὰ τὸ μεταφερόμενον ἕκαστον μὴ ὁμοίως εἶναι δῆλον. ^[13]ὥσπερ οὖν ἐν τοῖς παρὰ τὴν ὁμωνυμίαν, ὅσπερ δοκεῖ τρόπος ^[14]εὐηθέστατος εἶναι τῶν παραλογισμῶν, τὰ μὲν καὶ τοῖς τυχοῦσιν ^[15]ἔστι δῆλα (καὶ γὰρ οἱ λόγοι σχεδὸν οἱ γελοῖοι πάντες ^[16]εἰσι παρὰ τὴν λέξιν, οἷον 'ἀνήρ ἐφέρετο κατὰ κλίμακος ^[17]δίφρον', καὶ 'ὅπου στέλλεσθε;', 'πρὸς τὴν κεραίαν', καὶ 'ποτέρα ^[18]τῶν βοῶν ἔμπροσθεν τέζεται;', 'οὐδετέρα, ἀλλ' ὅπισθεν ἄμφω', ^[19]καὶ 'καθαρὸς ὁ βορέας;', 'οὐ δῆτα· ἀπεκτόνηκε γὰρ τὸν πτωχὸν ^[20]καὶ τὸν ὠνούμενον'. 'ἄρ' Εὐαρχος;', 'οὐ δῆτα, ἀλλ' Ἀπολλωνίδης'.

b6 καὶ Ψ^v? : om. βδ Ψ^Σ? | b7 τί : τι Ψ^Σ [Ψ^v] | καὶ Ψ* : καὶ γὰρ βc? | ἐν τίνι : ἐν τίνι Ψ^Σ [Ψ^v] | b8-10 ἐκείνοις – ὁ αὐτὸς δὲ Ψ^Σ : om. Ψ^v | b8 ἐκείνοις Ψ^Σ : ἐκείνοι α [Ψ^v] | b9 ὄντες Λ^{Mxaz} Ψ^Σ : om. Λ^{ccc} [Ψ^v] | τὸν αὐτὸν γὰρ : ταὐτὸν γὰρ e : ταὐτὸ γὰρ Ψ^Σ : τὸν γὰρ αὐτὸν β [Ψ^v] | ταὐτὸ Ψ^Σ : ταὐτὰ γ : αὐτὸ ε [Ψ^v] | γινόμενον Ψ^Σ : λεγόμενον δ Ψ^v : γινόμενον λεγόμενον γ [Ψ^v] | b12 διὰ Ψ* : om. ε | δῆλον Ψ^Σ : om. Ψ^v? | b13 οὖν Ψ^Σ : om. Ψ^v H[apud N[106f]]A[apud N[106f]] forsan | ὅσπερ Ψ^Σ : ὅπερ γDδ : εἴπερ Ψ^v? | b14 εὐηθέστατος Ψ* : συνηθέστατος δ | καὶ Λ^{ccc} : πρὸς V : om. Λ^{AzBo} Ψ*? | τοῖς : πᾶσι Ψ*? | b15 οἱ² Ψ* : om. γ [Λ] | b16 εἰσι παρὰ τὴν λέξιν Ψ^Σ : om. Ψ^v || b17 δίφρον Ψ^v A[apud N[106h]] : δίφρου Ψ^Σ : διάφορον γ M^{re}[188.32] [Λ] | ὅπου στέλλεσθε cf. A[apud N[107b]] : ὅπου στέλλεσθαι BβDδε : ποι στέλλεται Ψ^Σ : ποῦ στέλλεσθε M^e[189.4, 10]A[apud N[107b]]? S^{WR} : ποῦ στέλλεσθαι H : προσστέλλεται Ψ^v? [Λ] | πρὸς τὴν κεραίαν Ψ^v : Καραν vel Καρίαν Ψ^Σ : πρὸς τὴν κερμαν A[apud N[107b]] [Λ] | b18 τέζεται Ψ^v : τάζεται Ψ^Σ | b19 καὶ Ψ^vΨ^v? Theoph. : γὰρ vel ὅτι Ψ^Σ? | καὶ καθαρὸς ὁ βορέας Ψ* : om. Λ | b19-20 οὐ δῆτα – Ἀπολλωνίδης Ψ^Σ H[apud N[107c]] A[apud N[107c]] : om. Λ Ψ^v | b19 ἀπεκτόνηκε Ψ^v Theoph. : ἀπέκτεινε δ Ψ^Σ [Ψ^v] | b20 καὶ τὸν ὠνούμενον Ψ^Σ : κατφωμένον Ross, R [Ψ^v].

Naql qadīm (182 b 6-20)

{376a7} [182b6] وقد ينبغي أن تعلم أنّ من الكلام كلاماً [7] تسهل معرفته ومنه ما تصعب معرفته [8] وكثيراً ما يكون الكلام كلاماً واحداً فيضّل السامع له في وجوه كثيرة * * * [b10.2] فمنه ما يكون من اللغة [11] ومنه ما يكون من العارض وقد يكون الاتّصال من غير هذه الجهة [12] أي من نقل الأحرف عن مواضعها فلا تكون حال الكلام بما كانت عليه [13] ولا كالاتّصال الذي يكون من اشتراك الأسماء فإنّ ذلك النوع [14] أسخف أنواع الاتّصال. ومنه ما هو معروف عند كل من سمعه [b15] لا سيّما جميع الكلام الذي يضحك منه ما خلا يسيراً * * * [16.2] كقولك رجل كان يؤتى به على سلّم بكرسيّ، [17] وكان متوثباً على سنان الرّمح، ومن ذلك أن يقول أيّ [18] البقرتين تضع من مقدّمها وليست منهما واحدة تضع من مقدّمها بل كلتاها تضع من خلفها، [19] ومن ذلك قول القائل إنّ الشّمال صافية * * *

182b6 [تعلم] s.p. P : an نعلم leg.? || [كلاماً] corr. B J : كلام P b7 [تصعب] s.p. P : تضعف B J b8 [وكثيراً] P : فكثيراً scr. B J || [فيضّل] ante فيضّل scr. ل. فـ. P (partim illeg.), sed del. b9-10 * * * [τὸν αὐτὸν ... λόγος non vert. (vel non hab. Ψ^v) b16 * * * [εἰσι ... λέξιν non vert. (vel non hab. Ψ^v) b17 [متوثباً] scr. B J : s.p. P b18 [خلفها ... كلتاها] corr. B J : كليهما تضعان من خلفها P b19 [الشّمال] P : <ريح> الشمال B : <ريح الشمال> B b19-21 * * * [οὐ δῆτα ... Ἀπολλωνίδης non vert. (vel non hab. Ψ^v).

ΠΕΡΙ ΤΩΝ ΣΟΦΙΣΤΙΚΩΝ ΕΛΕΓΧΩΝ (182 b 21-36)

[21] τὸν αὐτὸν δὲ τρόπον καὶ τῶν ἄλλων σχεδὸν οἱ πλεῖστοι), [22] τὰ δὲ καὶ τοὺς ἐμπειροτάτους φαίνεται λανθάνειν (σημεῖον [23] δὲ τούτων ὅτι μάχονται πολλάκις περὶ τῶν ὀνομάτων, [24] οἷον πότερον ταῦτ' σημαίνει κατὰ πάντων τὸ ὄν καὶ [b25] τὸ ἔν, ἢ ἕτερον· τοῖς μὲν γὰρ δοκεῖ ταῦτ' σημαίνειν τὸ ὄν [26] καὶ τὸ ἔν, οἱ δὲ τὸν Ζήνωνος λόγον καὶ Παρμενίδου λύουσι [27] διὰ τὸ πολλαχῶς φάναι τὸ ἔν λέγεσθαι καὶ τὸ ὄν) – ὁμοίως [28] δὲ καὶ περὶ τὸ συμβεβηκὸς καὶ περὶ τῶν ἄλλων [29] ἕκαστον οἱ μὲν ἔσονται ῥάους ἰδεῖν οἱ δὲ χαλεπώτεροι τῶν [b30] λόγων, καὶ λαβεῖν ἔν τινι γένει, καὶ πότερον ἔλεγχος ἢ οὐκ [31] ἔλεγχος, οὐ ῥάδιον ὁμοίως περὶ πάντων.

[32] Ἔστι δὲ δριμύς λόγος ὅστις ἀπορεῖν ποιεῖ μάλιστα. [33] δάκνει γὰρ οὗτος μάλιστα. ἀπορία δ' ἐστὶ διττή, ἢ μὲν ἐν [34] τοῖς συλλελογισμένοις, ὅ τι ἀνέλη τις τῶν ἐρωτημάτων, ἢ [b35] δ' ἐν τοῖς ἐριστικοῖς, πῶς εἴπη τις τὸ προταθέν. διόπερ ἐν [36] τοῖς συλλογιστικοῖς οἱ δριμύτεροι λόγοι ζητεῖν μᾶλλον ποιοῦσιν.

b21 σχεδὸν Ψ^Σ: om. Ψ^Υ? | b23 τούτων Ψ^Σ: τούτου δ S^{WR} [Ψ^Υ] | b24 ταῦτ' Ψ^ΣΨ^Υ: τοῦτο V: ταῦτα γD: om. Ψ^Υ? | b24-25 κατὰ πάντων τὸ ὄν καὶ τὸ ἔν Ψ^{*}: τὸ ἔν κατὰ πάντων καὶ τὸ ὄν δ: κατὰ πάντων τὸ ὄν καὶ τὸν γ | b24 κατὰ Ψ^{*}: καὶ γ | b25 τοῖς – σημαίνειν Ψ^{*}: om. ε | b25-26 τὸ ὄν καὶ τὸ ἔν οἱ Ψ^{*}: τὸ ἔν καὶ τὸ ὄν ἐνιοι ε: καὶ ἐν δ: καὶ ἐνιοι D: καὶ ἐν οἱ V: καὶ τὸ οἱ γ?: om. ε | b26 λόγον καὶ Παρμενίδου λύουσι Ψ^Σ: καὶ Παρμενίδου λύουσι λόγον βδ [Ψ^Υ] | b27 διὰ Ψ^Σ?: παρὰ γδ [Ψ^Υ] | φάναι Ψ^Σ: φαίνεται δ Ψ^Υ? | ἔν ... ὄν Ψ^{*}: ὄν ... ἐν Ce | b28 καὶ: καὶ <τῶν> Forster, R | περὶ ... περὶ: παρὰ ... παρὰ Poste, S^{WR} | περὶ¹ Ψ^{*}?: παρὰ δ | τὸ συμβεβηκὸς Ψ^Σ: τοῦ συμβεβηκὸς αγDCee BWH [Ψ^Υ] | καὶ περὶ² Ψ^Σ: καὶ ε: om. Ψ^Υ | b29 ἕκαστον Ψ^Σ: om. ε Ψ^Υ? | δὲ Ψ^{*}: ε | b30 καὶ Ψ^Υ: om. Ψ^Σ? Theoph. ? | b31 οὐ – πάντων Ψ^Σ: om. Ψ^Υ | ὁμοίως: ὁμοίως δὲ Ψ^Σ? S[65.1]: [Ψ^Υ] | b32 ὅστις Ψ^{*}: ὅτις γ | b33 ἢ Ψ^{*}: om. γ | b34 ὅ τι: ὅτι Ψ^ΣΨ^Υ: om. Ψ^Υ | τις: τίς τι Ψ^Υ: τι Ψ^Σ | ἐρωτημάτων Ψ^Σ: ἀπορημάτων Ψ^Υ? | b35 ἐριστικοῖς Ψ^ΥΨ^Υ: ἐτέροις Ψ^Σ | εἴπη Ψ^{*}: εἴποι ui | προταθέν Ψ^{*}: προταχθέν γ | b36 λόγοι Ψ^{*}: λόγου ε | μᾶλλον Ψ^ΣΨ^{alt-v}: om. Ψ^ΥΨ^Υ.

Naql qadīm (182 b 21-36)

[21] وأكثر هذا الكلام بهذا النحو معروفة سخافته. [22] ومنه ما يغيب على المهرّة. وعلامة [23] ذلك أنّهم ربّما ناقض بعضهم بعضاً في الأسماء [24] مثال ذلك أنّهم يسألون فيقولون {377a7}/ {376a15} إذا قال قائل هو وقال أيضاً [b25] واحد فهذان دلالتهما واحدة في كل معنى أو كل واحد له دلالة غير دلالة صاحبه. فقد ظنّ أقوام أنّهما يدلّان على شيء واحد [26] وظنّ آخرون ما قال زينون وبرمنيدس إنّه [27] بقدر ما صارت [له] جهات الواحد كثيرة بقدر ذلك يتصرّف الذي هو لأوجه كثيرة. وكذلك [28] سائر الكلام منه [29] ما سهلت معرفة ما يعرض فيه ويتصرّف له ومنه ما عسرت معرفته، [b30] والمعرفة في أيّ جنس هو وهل يجب أن يكون مضللاً أو غير [31] مضللاً * * * .

[32] وأصعب الكلام ما كان مضطراً إلى الشكّ فيه [33] لأنّ ذلك من الكلام ἄصهوῦ عميق عَفَص. والشكّ شكّان أحدهما [34] فيما أُلّف من الكلام فإنّ ذاك إذا رفع منه أحد شيئاً كان مشكوكاً فيه، [b35] والشكّ الآخر يكون في أهل الشغب عند مباحكة بعضهم بعضاً كيف ينبغي أن يقول القائل مقدّمته. من أجل ذلك [36] العضااض من الكلام في المقاييس يوجب الفحص جدّاً.

b24 scripsi (= οἷον) من P B J b25 [كلّ] P supra lin. b27 [له] P B J: seclusi || كثيرة scripsi: كثيرة P¹ وكثيرة P², J معرفة b29 B J ينصرف: s.p. P: scripsi || يتصرّف J بقدر B: بقدر P²: del. P¹: ر P¹ بعدر scripsi: بقدر B || كثيرة B || معرفة B J: P: scripsi || ويتصرّف B J وينصرف: s.p. P: scripsi || ويتصرّف B J: P: scripsi (scil. الكلام) هي P B J b31 * * * transl. οὐ ῥάδιον ... πάντων om. P b33 [صهو] vel sim. P: وهو scr. B J || عميق P: عويص scr. B J || عَفَص s.p. P (parum clare): om. (secl.?) B J b34 [كان] P supra lin. B: فكان P in textu J b35 [في] P in textu P supra lin. b36 العضااض scripsi (= οἱ δριμύτεροι): العضااض P: القصاص B J || جدّاً om. P¹ in textu: rubre suppl. P² supra lin. (vix leg.).

Naql Yahyā b. 'Adī (182 b 21-36)

[21] وعلى هذا النحو بعينه ولهؤلاء الأخر أقلباً كثيرةً. [22] وهؤلاء الذين هم مجربون أكثرَ بَرِينْ أُنْهِنْ مذهبول عنهن. والدليل [23] على هؤلاء من قبل أنْهَمْ يخاصمون كثيراً بسبب الأسماء [24] أي إنما أيدل الموجود والواحد على جميعهن [b25] أو على آخر. وذلك أنه أماً هؤلاء فإنّ الموجود والواحد يُظنّ أنه يعرف واحداً بعينه [26] وأماً هؤلاء فيحللون كلمة زنون وفرمانيدس [27] من قبل أنْهَمْ يقولون إنّ الواحد الموجود يُقالان على أنحاء كثيرة. وعلى هذا المثال [28] وفي العرض ومن قبل كل واحد من تلك الأخر [29] أماً هؤلاء من الكلمات فيكنّ سهلةً أن يُرين وأماً هؤلاء فأصعب [b30] إذا أُخذ في جنس ما أترى تبكيتاً أم ليس [31] تبكيتاً ليس يسهل وعلى هذا المثال في جميعهن.

[32] والكلمة الحادة السديدة هي التي تصير أن يتشكك أكثر [33] وذلك أنّ هذه تلذع أكثر. والشك هو ثنائى أماً ذاك [34] فيرفع شيئاً من السؤالات في هذه المؤلّفات وأماً ذاك [b35] ففي هؤلاء المرآتية أنّ كيف يقول إنسان التي مدّت. <و> من قبل هذه [36] الكلمات الحادآت يجعلن أن نطلب في القياسات <أكثر>.

فيجعلون P: فجعلون (= λούσει) scripsi (= λούσει) s.p. P: B/J b26 أيدل (= ποτερον ... σημαίνει) scripsi (= ποτερον ... σημαίνει) s.p. P: B/J b27 [من قبل B/J b27 scripsi (= δὲ)] om. (secl.?) B b28 [أنهم ... هؤلاء من B27-29] J [B] أن J [B] أن B || من P/J: من قبل (= δὲ) scripsi (= δὲ) s.p. P: B/J b29 [فيكنّ] scripsi (= τὸν ἄλλον) s.p. P: B/J b30 [أترى] an [أترى] (= καὶ) scripsi (= τὸν ἄλλον) s.p. P: B/J b31 [يسهل] corr. B/J: سهم P b35 [المرآتية] scripsi (= τοὺς ῥιπτικῶς) s.p. P: B/J [من قبل B/J b36 أكثر] supplevi (= μᾶλλον) om. P B/J.

Naql 'Isā b. Zur'a (182 b 21-36)

[21] وعلى هذا النحو بعينه يكون في أكثر الأشياء الأخر إلا اليسير منها. [22] وقد يضلل بهذه الأشياء القوم الذين يُظنّ بهم أنّ لهم دربة. ويبدل على [23] هؤلاء أنّهم كثيراً ما يختصمون في الأسماء [24] أعني هل الموجود والواحد يدلان على جميع الأشياء دلالة واحدة بعينها [b25] أو مختلفة. وذلك أنّ هؤلاء الذين يُظنون أنّ الموجود والواحد يدلان على شيء واحد بعينه [26] هم الذين ينقضون قول زين وبرمانيدس [27] بأن هذين يقولان إنّ الواحد الموجود يُقالان على معانٍ كثيرة. وعلى هذا المثال [28] يجري الأمر في التي من العرض ومن كل واحد من تلك الأخر. [29] فأماً بعض هذه فالنظر فيها يكون من أوائل سهلة وبعضها من التي هي عسرة جداً [b30] إذ أخذت في جنس ما وليس أن ينظر في أن هل هذا تبكيت أو ليس [31] بتبكيت ممّا يسهل والنظر في جميعها يكون على هذا المثال.

[32] والكلام الحاد السديد هو الذي يجعلنا كثيرى التشكك [33] وذلك أنّ هذا هو خاصة {377a1} الذي نهش. والتشكك يكون إما مثنى وإما مضاعفاً أما ذاك [34] فإن يُرفع من التي قد ألقت شيء من السؤالات وأماً هذا [b35] ففي هذه الأشياء الأخر وكيف يقول القائل الأقاليل التي قد امتدت. ولهذه العلة [36] تكون الأقاليل الحادة في القياسات خاصة هي التي تبعتنا على البحث.

[b23 كثير] corr. B/J: كثير P b24 [هل] P (= ποτερον) scripsi (= δὲ) s.p. P: B/J b27 [بأن] scripsi (= δὲ) s.p. P: B/J b28 [بأن] scripsi (= δὲ) s.p. P: B/J b30 [بأن] scripsi (= δὲ) s.p. P: B/J b31 [يسهل] leg.? B33 [نهش] scripsi (= δάκνει) s.p. P: B/J b34 [مضاعف] corr. B/J: مضاعف P B35 [شيء] scripsi (= δὲ) s.p. P: B/J [من قبل B/J b36 أكثر] supplevi (= μᾶλλον) om. P B/J.

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^[37]ἔστι δὲ συλλογιστικὸς λόγος δριμύτατος ἢ ἐξ ^[38]ὅτι μάλιστα δοκούντων ὅτι μάλιστα ἐνδοξὸν ἀναιρή. εἷς γὰρ ^[39]ὧν ὁ λόγος μετατιθεμένης τῆς ἀντιφάσεως ἅπαντας ὁμοίως ^[183a]ἔξει. [ἀεὶ γὰρ ἐξ ἐνδοξῶν ὁμοίως ἐνδοξὸν ^[2]ἀναιρήσει ἢ κατασκευάσει] διόπερ ἀπορεῖν ἀναγκαῖον. ^[3]μάλιστα μὲν οὖν ὁ τοιοῦτος δριμύς, ὁ ἐξ ἴσου τὸ συμπέρασμα ^[4]ποιῶν τοῖς ἐρωτήμασι, δεύτερος δὲ ὁ ἐξ ἁπάντων ὁμοίων. ^[5]οὗτος γὰρ ὁμοίως ποιήσει ἀπορεῖν ὅποῖον τῶν ἐρωτημάτων ^[6]ἀναιρετέον. τοῦτο δὲ χαλεπὸν· ἀναιρετέον μὲν γὰρ, ὅ ^[7]τι δ' ἀναιρετέον ἄδηλον. τῶν δ' ἐριστικῶν δριμύτατος μὲν ὁ ^[8]πρῶτον εὐθύς ἄδηλος πότερον συλλελογίσται ἢ οὐ, καὶ πότερον ^[9]παρὰ ψεῦδος ἢ διαίρεσιν ἐστίν ἢ λύσις· δεύτερος δὲ τῶν ^[10]ἄλλων ὁ δῆλος μὲν ὅτι παρὰ διαίρεσιν ἢ ἀναίρεσιν ἐστίν, ^[11]μὴ φανερός δὲ ὧν διὰ τίνος τῶν ἠρωτημένων ἀναίρεσιν ἢ ^[12]διαίρεσιν λυτέος ἐστίν, ἀλλὰ πότερον αὕτη παρὰ τὸ συμπέρασμα ^[13]ἢ παρὰ τι τῶν ἐρωτημάτων ἐστίν.

b37 λόγος γ Ψ* : μὲν λόγος AVADCδδε edd. : λόγος μὲν B | **b38** μάλιστα² Ψ^Σ : om. Ψ^ν | δοκούντων Ψ* : δοκούντων ἐνδοξῶν Vδ : δ' οὐ τῶν ἐνδοξῶν γ | ἀναιρή Ψ^Σ : ἀναιρή καὶ κατασκευάζη Vδ Ψ^ν : ἀναιρή τις ἢ κατασκευάζη γ | **b39** ὁ Ψ* : om. bD [Λ] | ἀντιφάσεως Ψ^ν : προτάσεως Ψ^Σ | ἅπαντας Ψ^Σ : om. Ψ^ν | ὁμοίως Λ Ψ^Σ M^φ[191.30] : ὁμοίους αγDCδδε Ψ^ν? edd. | **183a1-2** ἀεὶ – ἀναιρήσει ἢ κατασκευάσει expunxi : hab. ω BWS^{WH} : ἀεὶ – ἀναιρήσει Ψ^Σ Colli, R : om. Ψ^ν | **a1** ἀεὶ : δεῖ γ Ψ^Σ [Ψ^ν] | ἐνδοξῶν Ψ^Σ : ἐνός γ [Ψ^ν] | ἐνδοξὸν : ἐνδοξα Ψ^Σ [Ψ^ν] | **a4** τοῖς Ψ* : om γC [Λ] | δὲ Ψ* : om. Ce | **a5** ἐρωτημάτων Ψ^ν : ἐρωτημάτων Ψ^ΣΨ^ν | **a6** δὲ Ψ^ν : γὰρ Ψ^Σ? | **a6-7** ἀναιρετέον Ψ^ν : ἀναιρεῖν vel ἀναιρῶν Ψ^Σ | **a6** γὰρ : γὰρ ἐστίν β [Ψ*] | **a6-7** ὅ τι Ψ* : ὅτι Di | **a8** πρῶτον Ψ* : πρῶτος Gce | πότερον1 Ψ^νΨ^ν : πρὸς τι οὖν Ψ^Σ | ἢ οὐ Ψ* : om. γ | καὶ Ψ^Σ : καὶ εἰ συλλελογίσται VΨ^ν | **a9** παρὰ : παρὰ τὸ c?D [ΛΨ*] | ἐστίν Ψ^ν : om. AD [Ψ^νΨ^ν] | **a9-12** ἢ λύσις – λυτέος ἐστίν Ψ^Σ : om. Ψ^ν | **a10** ὁ δῆλος : ὁ δῆλον γ [Ψ*] | ἢ ἀναίρεσιν Ψ^Σ : ἢ ἀναίρεσις δ [Ψ^ν] | **a11** ἠρωτημένων : ἐρωτημάτων Vee [Ψ^ΣΨ^ν] | **a11-12** ἀναίρεσιν ἢ διαίρεσιν λυτέος ἐστίν ἀλλὰ Ψ^Σ : ἀναίρεσιν λυτέος ἐστίν ἀλλὰ γ : om. V [Ψ^ν] | **a12** ἀλλὰ Ψ* : om. Ψ^ν Ross, R : ἀλλ' ἢ Wallies, S^W | λυτέος Ψ^Σ : λυτέον Dc [V][Ψ^ν] | πότερον Ψ^Σ : καὶ πότερον β Ψ^ν | αὕτη Ψ* : om. Λ | **a13** om. Ψ^Σ : παρὰ Ψ^ν.

Naql qadīm (182 b 37 - 183 a 13)

[37]والعِضاض في المؤلّف من الكلام هو الذي يكون من [38]الذي يُظنّ كثيراً أنّ المحمود منها يُرْفَع {377a14}/ {378a6} ويُبطل. لأنّ هذا [39]القول وإن كان قولاً واحداً إذا نُقِلت مناقضةً مقدّمته [183a1] كان تأليفه واحداً. [* * *] [2.2]ومن أجل ذلك تجب المسئلة والحيرة فيه بالاضطرار. [3] فهذا القول خاصّةً وما كان مثله عِضاضاً [و] هو الذي [4]يجعل النتيجة مساويةً للمسائل. والقول الذي في مرتبة ثانية من الصعوبة هو الذي يجعل النتيجة من الكلّ شبيهةً به. [a5]فإنّ هذا القول أيضاً يلجئنا إلى أن نسأل في أيّ المقدّمين [6]يُبطل. وذلك عسر صعب لأنّ إبطال أحدهما واجب [7]فأما أيّهما يُبطل فليس بمعروف. وأما الصعب من كلام أهل الشَّعْبِ <ف>بألاً [8]يكون استبان بصدرّ الكلم أُلّف منه المقياس أو لم يؤلّف وإن كان [9]<ب>تأليفٍ أمّن كذب تأليفه أم من قسمته * * * [a12.2]ومن أجل النتيجة كان ذلك [13]أو من أجل المقدّمات.

b37 [العِضاض] scripsi (= δριμύτατος) : الضّاص vid. P : القصاص B J || يكون P : an يلزم vel يوجب leg.? **b38** [منها] P : منها B J || scripsi (= وَيُبطل) scripsi (= μετατιθεμένης) : نقبت P B J **b39** [نُقِلت] scripsi (= μετατιθεμένης) : ويوضع P B J **a1-2** * * * ἀεὶ ... κατασκευάσει non vert. (vel non hab. Ψ^ν) **a3** [عِضاضاً] scripsi (= δριμύς) : مضاص P : مضاء B : مقياس J || أو P B J : seclusi **a5** [أيضاً] post أيضاً scr. l. ... (illeg.) P, sed del. **a7** [وأما] P : فأما B J || <ف> supplevi (ف... وأما = δ) **a8** [بصدرّ الكلم أُلّف] scripsi (= πρῶτον εὐθύς ... πότερον συλλελογίσται) : باللف P : تأليفاً B J **a9-12** * * * ἢ λύσις ... ἐστίν (ἀλλὰ) om. (hom.? [scil. non vert. ἀλλὰ]) Ψ^ν.

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^[14]Ἐνίοτε μὲν οὖν ὁ μὴ συλλογισθεὶς λόγος εὐήθης ἐστίν, ^[a15]ἐὰν ᾗ λίαν ἄδοξα ἢ ψευδῆ τὰ λήμματα· ἐνίοτε δ' οὐκ ^[16]ἄξιός καταφρονεῖσθαι. ὅταν μὲν γὰρ ἐλλείπη τι τῶν τοιούτων ^[17]ἔρωτημάτων περὶ οὗ ὁ λόγος καὶ δι' ὅ, καὶ μὴ προσλαβὼν ^[18]τοῦτο καὶ μὴ συλλογισάμενος εὐήθης ὁ συλλογισμός· ^[19]ὅταν δὲ τῶν ἔξωθεν, οὐκ εὐκαταφρόνητος, ἀλλ' ^[a20]ὁ μὲν λόγος ἐπιεικής, ὁ δ' ἐρωτῶν ἠρώτηκεν οὐ καλῶς.

^[21]Ἔστι τε, ὡς περὶ λύειν ὅτε μὲν πρὸς τὸν λόγον ὅτε δὲ ^[22]πρὸς τὸν ἐρωτῶντα καὶ τὴν ἐρώτησιν ὅτε δὲ πρὸς οὐδέτερον ^[23]τούτων – ὁμοίως καὶ ἐρωτᾶν ἔστι καὶ συλλογίζεσθαι καὶ πρὸς ^[24]τὴν θέσιν καὶ πρὸς τὸν ἀποκρινόμενον καὶ πρὸς τὸν χρόνον, ^[a25]ὅταν ᾗ πλείονος χρόνου δεομένη ἢ λύσις ἢ τοῦ παρόντος καιροῦ ^[26]τὸ διαλεχθῆναι πρὸς τὴν λύσιν.

a14 μὴ $\Psi^{\text{alt-z}}$: om. Ψ^* | εὐήθης $\Psi^2\Psi^v$: om. Ψ^v | a15 λίαν ἄδοξα Ψ^s : ἄδοξα λίαν G : ἄδοξα Ψ^v | ἄδοξα post hoc desinit manus vetus codicis e | a17 περὶ Ψ^s : παρὰ Ψ^v | οὗ Ψ^* ? : ὁ V : ὦν γι : ἄ Ross, R | δι' Ψ^* : περὶ V : παρ' ὁ καὶ δι' γ | ὅ Ψ^v : οὗ Di : οὗ ὁ λόγος ἐστὶ β : ὁ ὁ λόγος ἐστὶ Ψ^s : ἄ Ross, R | καὶ² Ψ^v : om. Vh Ψ^s ? R | προσλαβὼν Ψ^* : προλαβὼν ε | a19 δὲ Ψ^s : δὲ οὐ τούτων ἀλλὰ Ψ^v | οὐκ εὐκαταφρόνητος Ψ^* : οὐ καταφρόνητος γ | ἀλλ' Ψ^* A[N78] : οὐδαμῶς ἀλλ' αADCe edd. : οὐ κακῶς ἀλλ' γ | a20 ἠρώτηκεν Ψ^s : ἠρώτησεν αDCe WS^WH [Λ Ψ^v] | a21 τε Ψ^* : δέ βDδ R | ὡς περ Ψ^* : ὅπερ ε | a22 οὐδέτερον Ψ^v : οὐδ' ἕτερον Ψ^s | a23 ὁμοίως Ψ^* : ὁμοίως δὲ δ | a24 πρὸς¹ Ψ^* : om. ε | a25-26 πλείονος χρόνου – τὴν λύσιν Ψ^s [partim] : ἢ λύσις Ψ^v | a25-26 δεομένη ἢ λύσις ἢ τοῦ παρόντος καιροῦ : om. Ψ^s [Ψ^v] | a25 ἢ : exp. Ross, R [Ψ^*] | a26 τὸ διαλεχθῆναι – λύσιν Ψ^s : exp. Waitz, S^W [Ψ^v].

Naql qadīm (183 a 14-26)

[14] ورتبما كان القول الذي فيه تأليف جاهلاً أهلاً أن يُحتَقَر [a15] إذا كانت مقدماته إمّا كاذبة وإمّا غير محمودة. ورتبما لم [16] يستأهل التهاؤن لأنه إذا كان ينقص شيء من [17] المسائل التي كهذه إمّا عند سماع القول وإمّا من قائله فلم يستدرك [18] ذلك ولم يؤلّفه فذلك المقياس جاهل. [19] وإذا كان ذلك لا ينقص القول بل من الذي خارج من القول فليس القول بأهل أن يُحتَقَر لكن [a20] القول مذهب لينّ والسائل قد سأل ولم يجد. [21] فكما أنه يجوز لنا مرّة أن ننقض عند القول ومرّة [22] عند المسائل أو المسئلة ورتبما لم يجوز ذلك ولا عند واحد [23] منهما بقدر ذلك يجوز لنا أن نسأل وأن نؤلّف بقدر [24] وضع الكلام والمجيب فيه وبقدر الزمان [a25] إذا أمكننا أن ننقض فيه * * *

a14 [أهلاً] corr. B J : اهل P a16 [ينقص] scripsi (= ἐλλείπη) : s.p. P : ينقض B J a18 [جاهل] + أظنّه مجهول P supra lin. a19 [ينقص] scripsi : بصد vel بصر P : بصد B J | لكن scripsi (= ἀλλ') : لان P : لأن B J a25 [أن ننقض] corr. P² in textu et in marg. : النقض (parum clare) P¹ B J | * * *] ἢ ... λύσιν (a25-26) non vert. (vel non hab. Ψ^v).

Naql Yahyā b. 'Adī (183 a 14-26)

[14] فَإِنَّهُ موجود حيناً الكلمة التي أُلِّفَتْ <خطأ> [a15] إِنَّ كانت المأخوذات عن المشهورات أو الكاذبات كثيرة، وتوجد حيناً لا [16] يستحق أن يستهان بها. وذلك أنه إذا كان ناقضاً شيء من هذه [17] السؤالات اللواتي كهذه نحو الذي الكلمة وللذي هو موجود للكلمة إذ لم يُزَدْ فيؤخذ [18] هذا ولم يؤلَّفْ فالقياس خطأ. [19] وأما إذا كان من هؤلاء اللواتي من خارج فليس يسهل أن يستهان به لكن [a20] الكلمة لينة وأما الذي سأل فلم يسأل جيداً.

[21] وموجود بمنزلة ما أن يحلّ موجوداً أمّا حيناً فنحو الكلمة وأما حيناً [22] فنحو الذي يسأل ونحو السؤال وأما حيناً فوَلَا نحو آخر [23] من هؤلاء وعلى هذا المثال يوجد أن يسأل وأن يؤلَّفْ نحو [24] الموضوع ونحو الذي يُعْجِب ونحو الزمان أيضاً [a25] متى كان زمان كثير *** [26] أن يتكلم نحو الحِلّ

a14 موجوداً [موجود B J || خطأ] supplevi (= εὐθύτης, cf. transl. Yahyā 183a18) : om. P B J scripsi (= ἔστιν, cf. transl. Ibn Zur'a) : فإن P B J || [المأخوذات s.p. P] P : وتوجد B J || و يوجد s.p. P : scripsi [شيء a16 B J ويوجد s.p. P] B J scripsi [يُزَدْ فيؤخذ] scripsi (= προσλαβών) : للكلمة P B J || [الكلمة a17 B J شيئاً P : سياً (= ττ) : P موجوداً ما P : موجوداً أمّا P in textu supra lin. ينقض] P in textu [يحلّ a21 B J يرد فيأخذ P : نرد فإحد a25 الحِلّ P in textu supra lin. : النقض] * * * δεικνύει ... αἰρουῦ non vert. (vel non hab. Ψ²⁵).

Naql 'Īsā b. Zur'a (183 a 14-26)

[14] وربما كان القول الذي أُلِّفَ ركيكاً [a15] إِنَّ كانت المأخوذة فيه إمّا بعيدة من الشهرة جداً أو كاذبة وربما كان لا [16] يستحق أن يستهان به. فإذا كان القول عادماً لشيء من أمثال هذه [17] المسائل نحو أي شيء كان القول ولأن المتكلم لم يأخذه مع ما أخذ [18] ولا أُلِّفَ فإنَّ القياس يكون ركيكاً، [19] وإذا كان من الأشياء التي من خارج فليس يسهل أن يستهان به بل [a20] يكون القول رقيقاً وإن الذي سأل لم يسأل حسناً. [21] وهذا مثل أن يُجْعَلَ النقص أمّا أحياناً فمصرفوف إلى القول وأحياناً [22] مصرفوف إلى السائل وإلى السؤال وليس يكون في وقت من الأوقات مصرفوفاً إلى غير [23] هذه. وكذلك إذا سألنا فإنَّ أن يسأل وأن يؤلَّفْ يكون بحسب [24] الموضوع وبحسب المجيب وبحسب الزمان [a25] إذا كان الزمان * * * [26] الذي يُتَكَلَّم فيه في النقص زماناً طويلاً.

P : معما J : corr. [مع ما] || (secl.?) J || لم B J a17 لم يؤلَّفْ : P supra lin. الذي لم يولف : P in textu [أُلِّفَ a14 scripsi : فإن a23 P supra lin. جيداً (i.e.) حيداً +] حسناً || P B J فإن : [OIN] scripsi : وإن B a20 على ما P : زمان طويل : B J corr. [زماناً طويلاً a26] * * * δεικνύει ... αἰρουῦ non vert. (vel non hab. Ψ²⁵) : فإن P : فإن

§ 3. Notes on the Arabic translations

The following remarks provide some additional information on the three Arabic translations and concern partly issues that could not be formalised for the purposes of the critical apparatuses or would have blown them up inappropriately, and partly data irrelevant for the critical establishment of the text in the proper sense, yet of interest for questions of translation technique or text transmission. Furthermore, we mention here two critical notes added in ms. P in red ink underneath ‘Īsā ibn Zur‘a’s translation.

182 b 7 While **Q** paraphrases *παρὰ τί καὶ ἐν τίνι* through *في وجوه كثيرة* (“in many ways”), **Y** and **I** point to *παρὰ τι καὶ ἐν τίνι* (or a Greek text lacking diacritics).

182 b 9 (i) The reason for the omission in **Q** is not quite clear. A reflect of τὸν αὐτὸν may be found in the clause *وكثيرا ما يكون الكلام كلاماً واحداً* (“and often the argument is one and the same”), tolerably paraphrasing a phrase like *πολλάκις οἱ αὐτοὶ ἐκείνοι[ς] ὄντες τὸν αὐτὸν*, so that we may assume an omission of *γὰρ λόγον ... ὁ αὐτὸς* in **Ψ^v** (hom. αὐτὸν ... αὐτὸς).

(ii) Interestingly, **I** confirms the reading *γινόμενον*, whereas *نُدعا* in **Y** points to *λεγόμενον* (= ms. γ). For *nusiba* c. *ilā* as equivalent of ontological *παρὰ* with acc. in **I**, cf. *SE* 179 a 7 (similarly in Ps.-Ishāq’s translation of *De Anima* II 9, 421 a 23f). Similar divergences occur in 182 b 19 and 182 b 35 (see Endress-Hasper, “Arabic Tradition” [above, p. 77], pp. 70-1).

182 b 12 The reading *أَنَّهَا* (instead of *أَنَّهُ* in **P**, adopted by Jabre, deleted or omitted by Badawī) in **Y** is required by the antecedent *هؤلاء* and by the predicate *لا تكون معلومة*.

182 b 13 While *ὥσπερ οὖν* corresponds perfectly with *فإنه بمنزلة ما* in **Y**, *οὖν* is not explicitly reflected in **I**. It was definitely missing in **Ψ^v**, which is why **Q** took the *ὥσπερ*-clause as a continuation of the preceding one and reiterated the preceding negating (*μη* 182 b 12) *ك ... لا* (“not ... and not like/insofar as ...”).

182 b 14 *أَمَا هَذِهِ* (= consecutive *τὰ μὲν*) in **I** is a continuation of the preceding thought (similar to *أَمَا هَؤُلَاءِ* in **Y**). The prefixed *fa-* in **P** is due to the error of a copyist, who either took a misplaced *Hamza* (in *خطأ*) for *fa-* or did not understand the syntactical structure of the sentence.

182 b 15-16 *لا سيّما* for *καὶ γὰρ* in **Q** is strange. On the other hand, this adverb is used in **Q** in various, partly rather inadequate, ways (e.g. = *εἰ δὲ* 175 b 24, = *εἴπερ* 175 a 18, 177 b 3, = *ἐπειπερ* 178 a 5, = *μάλιστα* 169 a 33, = *καὶ* 168 b 19, = *μᾶλλον γὰρ* 174 b 4). At the present place, it can be taken as an indicator for the fact that the absence of any Arabic equivalent of *εἰσὶ παρὰ τὴν λέξιν* is due to, not an omission in the Arabic transmission, but rather a lacuna in **Ψ^v** which leaves the clause without predicate and the translator baffled as to the function of *καὶ γὰρ*.

182 b 17 (i) *متوتّباً* (**Q**) without any diacritics in **P**, probably correctly conjectured by Badawī. Alexander, in Nifo 107 b, and in his wake also Michael of Ephesus, *In Sophisticos Elenchos* 189.4-16, took this example to be one of ambiguity between the passive and medial meaning of *στέλλεσθαι*, **Q** choosing the medial meaning “to rush/head towards s.th.” (*tawattaba* c. *‘alā*), and **Σ** choosing the passive meaning “to be sent/dispatched to [a place]”; (= *arsala* in **Y**, *anfada* in **I**), cf. the alternative rendition in Michael of Ephesus, *In Soph. El.* 189.4-16 and now also Alexander (in Nifo 107 b). Moreover, **Σ** took *κεράτεια* (whose primary meaning is “horn”, and metaphorically stands for anything which resembles a horn in some way, e.g. “antenna” (of insects), anything projecting like a horn, including the relevant meaning here: “yard-arm” – see

LSJ ad locum – = سنان الرُّمَح “projecting part of a lance” in Q) as a proper name of the person mandating this mission which, as a consequence, is not translated but transliterated (badly preserved in the Syro-Arabic transmission). Strikingly, also Alexander misread κεραία, namely as κερμαν (Nifo 107b), but it is unlikely there is a connection. (The correct ambiguity of the example concerns the lexical meaning of στέλλεσθαι, which in a highly specialised nautical context, e.g. πρὸς τὴν κεραίαν, “to the yard-arm”, means “to take in the sails and attach them to”, while it normally means something along the lines as understood by Alexander – see *LSJ ad locum*).¹

(ii) Furthermore, Σ read ποι (= *ilā makān* Y, *ilā ba’di l-mawādi* I) instead of ὄπου. The Arabic versions Y and I of the entire example (καὶ ὄπου ... κεραίαν) have been replaced with ugh fantasy texts in Badawī and Jabre.

182 b 18 Instead of رَبَّتْ in Y and I the manuscript has in both cases only the rasm. Badawī and Jabre propose the reading رأيت which can hardly be derived from the Greek τέξεται. More likely (and without necessitating any modification of the rasm) is the assumption that Σ read some form of τάσσω (probably τάζεσαι) for which we often find some form of رَبَّتْ (“to arrange, put in order”) in Arabic translations, e.g. Arist., *Metaph.* VI 2, 1026 b 15, *De Partibus anim.* I 1, 641 b 18, *EN* III 12, 1119 b 17, *EN* IV 5, 1125 b 35; Ptol., *Almagest* I 1, pp. 512.15, 543.11 in the translation ascribed to Ishāq b. Ḥunayn/Thābit b. Qurra; Nemesius, *De natura hominis*, p. 48.8 Morani, etc..

182 b 19-20 (i) Q omits οὐ δῆτα ἀπεκτόνηκε ... Ἀπολλωνίδης either because he did not understand the Greek or because he deemed the previous examples sufficient for the illustration of Aristotle’s point.

(ii) Due to the difficulty of the contents the transmission of versions Y and I is corrupt at many places (see the critical apparatuses), while Badawī and Jabre again provide self-made fantasy texts. The beginning of this passage in version I (وذلك أن) is marked with a *signe de renvoi* in red ink referring to the following text on the next page of the manuscript (likewise in red ink and probably by the same hand as of the main text):

في نقل ثاوفيللا والريح الشمال صافية لابل وذلك أنها قتلت المسكين والذي كان يشتري وأترى
أرحوس لابل لكنّه أفولونيدس.

The note removes the incomprehensibility of ‘Īsā’s version caused by the (miswritten) transliterations of οὐ δῆτα. However, it may likewise aim at pointing to the fact that وذلك أن does not correspond with καὶ καθαρὸς ὁ βορέας (rather reflecting ὅτι καθαρὸς ...). Again Y and I seem to affiliate with different branches of Greek manuscripts (cf. 182 b 9, b 35). While يُقتل in I corresponds to ἀπέκτεινε (= ms. δ), Y and Theophilus’ translation quoted in this interspersed note (قتل / قتلت) support ἀπεκτόνηκε as in the remaining Greek manuscripts.

182 b 21 يكون in I lacks a subject. Should the following في be deleted or أمّر (or else الأمر في) be read instead?

182 b 22 Σ did not realise the contrastive bias of τὰ δὲ. Therefore, both Y and I render the clause introduced by τὰ δὲ as a sort of explication on the afore-mentioned fallacies (τῶν ἄλλων [γενῶν]).

¹ See Aristote, *Les réfutations sophistiques*, trad. et comm. par L.-A. Dorion, Vrin - Presses de l’Université Laval, Paris-Laval 1995, p. 402, n. 446.

182 b 23 بِمَاٌ for πολλάκις in **Q** seldom, yet not unprecedented (cf. 175 a 22, Artemidor, *Oneirocr.* II, chap. 68, l. 30; Galen, *Quod animi virtutes*, p. 50.1).

182 b 26-27 The text in **Q** does not match the Greek. For διὰ τὸ πολλαχῶς φάναι τὸ ἐν λέγεσθαι καὶ τὸ ὄν it says: “as (بَقْدَر) the ways of [being/predicating] one become multiple (or: occur as a multiplicity) to the same extent (بَقْدَر ذَلِكَ) being is used in multiple ways/senses”. In the following chapter **Q** uses coordinated بَقْدَر ... بَقْدَر to translate comparative ὅσῳ ... τοσοῦτῳ (183 b 23f., similarly بَقْدَر ذَلِكَ ... كَمَا for ὅσπερ ... ὁμοίως below, 183 a 21-23). The reason why he introduced such a comparative structure at the present place is not clear. In all likelihood, **Q** had some variant reading for λούουσι διὰ in front of him (**Q** uses بَقْدَر c. gen. also for Greek prepositions, yet not for διὰ, cf. 168 a 23 κατὰ with acc., 170 a 28 παρὰ with acc., 183 a 22f. πρὸς with acc.). Furthermore, he may have read φαίνεται (≈ صَارَتْ) as in ms. δ instead of φάναι, whereas λούουσι διὰ and φάναι are confirmed by **Y** (= مِنْ قَبْلِ ... مِنْ قَبْلِ [sic leg. pro مِنْ قَبْلِ P]) and at leastly partly by **I**.

182 b 28 καὶ περὶ² was probably missing in Ψ^v, thus causing the paraphrastic rendering of τῶν ἄλλων ἕκαστον in **Q**. While **I** translates περὶ¹ and περὶ² consistently with مِنْ, **Y** has فِي in the first case and مِنْ قَبْلِ in the second. However, this does not necessarily mean that he had access to a variant reading παρὰ ... περὶ (= ms. δ), as he uses elsewhere various prepositions to render περὶ with acc., among them فِي (166 b 6, 167 b 4), عَلَى (165 a 25, 183 b 26), and لَدَى (170 b 26, 170 b 28).

182 b 29-31 (i) **Q** lacks a translation of οὐ ῥᾶδιον ὁμοίως περὶ πάντων. The Arabic sentence is incomplete, which points to an omission in the Arabic transmission.

(ii) **Y** and **I** reflect a Greek text omitting καὶ¹ (182 b 30, present in **Q**), thus subordinating the λαβεῖν-clause to the preceding one.

(iii) وبعضه (= οἱ δὲ 182 b 29) in version **I** is marked with a *signe de renvoi* in red ink referring to the following text underneath ‘Īsā b. Zur‘a’s translation (likewise in red ink and probably by the same hand as of the main text):

ثاوفيلا ويعسر أن يستدرك من القول في أي شيء قيلت

The reason for this note may be threefold. Firstly, it points out that ‘Īsā’s explanatory addition إِمَّا مَضَاعِفًا هِيَ عَسْرَةٌ جَدًّا is without correspondence in the Greek text and not supported by Theophilus’ Syriac version. Secondly, it shows that Theophilus read καὶ λαβεῖν ... and translated this correctly as independent coordinated clause. Finally, it may be supposed to indicate that Theophilus correctly read ἐν τίνι (182 b 30) as opposed to ἐν τινι (γένει) read by **Σ** and translated by **Y** and **I** (= فِي جَنْسٍ مَا). In all likelihood, the quotation from Theophilus’ version should read فِي أَيِّ شَيْءٍ فِي أَيِّ جَنْسٍ instead of فِي أَيِّ شَيْءٍ.

182 b 33 وَإِمَّا مَضَاعِفًا for διττή in **I** is odd and may trace back to a marginal variant reading (either مَضَاعِفًا for مُتَنَّى or vice versa) which at a certain point of the transmission has been interpolated into the main text. However, one cannot rule out the possibility that ‘Īsā ibn Zur‘a aimed at differentiating between two meanings of διττή, (i) of two mutually exclusive kinds and (ii) in two respects by its own nature. At 176 a 23 ‘Īsā uses مَضَعْفٌ for διττόν.

182 b 35 *في هذه الأشياء الأخر* in I clearly reflects the reading *ἐν τοῖς ἑτέροις* instead of *ἐν τοῖς ἑριστικοῖς* (confirmed by Q and Y).

183 a 1-2 The dubious phrase *ἀεὶ γὰρ ... ἀναίρησει ἢ κατασκευάσει* is entirely absent from Q, whereas it is confirmed (except for the problematic part *ἢ κατασκευάσει*) by Y and I – see § 4.3. Instead of *ἀεὶ* Ψ^Σ (accordingly Y and I) read *δεῖ* (= ms. γ), but this shared error seems a mere coincidence.

183 a 6-7 (i) *أما أن يُرفع* in Y and *إذا رفعناه* in I point to a (circumstantial) participle form of *ἀναίρω* (*ἀναίρων*? instead of *ἀναίρετέον*) in Ψ^Σ, cf. *GALex I, idā* 3.2, an 4.1, D. Gutas, *Theophrastus, On First Principles (Known as his Metaphysics)*, Brill, Leiden 2010 (*Philosophia Antiqua* 119), p. 436.

(ii) *أما* in I corresponds to *ὁ τι* and justifies the reading *أَي* for undotted *ال* or *ا* in Y (read as *إ* by Badawī and Jabre).

183 a 9-12 The lacuna in Q is probably caused by a *saut du même au même* in the Arabic transmission (ending in *قسمة/قسمته = διαίρεσιν*). The following *ومن أجل* points to *καὶ πότερον* (= ms. β) rather than *ἀλλὰ πότερον*.

183 a 14 *μη* is missing in all three Arabic versions. However, the copyist and editor of the Paris manuscript had access to another version which preserved a translation of *μη*. In order to make the reader aware of this, he elongated the horizontal stroke of the letter *Fā'* in *ألف* = *συλλογισθεις* in such a way that he could add on top of it *الذي لم يؤلف = μη συλλογισθεις*. Since he did so while copying 'Īsā ibn Zur'a's version, he probably drew on Theophilus' translation, variant readings of which are usually noted in connection with I.⁶

183 a 17 Q takes *οὗ* in *περὶ οὗ ὁ λόγος* as referring to the addressee of the speech (hence: *سامع القول* “he who listens to the speech/the argumentation”) and analogously the following *ὁ* as referring to the person presenting the argument (*قائله*). Σ hits Aristotle's intention in the first case, but takes *διὰ* in *δι' ὁ* in a causal sense.

183 a 25-26 The transmission of the final clause of this chapter (*ὅταν ... τὴν λύσιν*) is fragmentary in all Arabic versions. Q read the words *ὅταν, ἢ λύσεις*, and probably one or two further words and fabricated the meaning “when we are able to solve it” (*إذا أمكننا أن ننقض*), where *أن ننقض* is difficult to read in the manuscript and corrected twice, once *in textu* and again clear *in margine*, nevertheless *النقض* in Badawī and Jabre), while the passage *δεομένη ... καιροῦ* was omitted in Ψ^Σ or ignored by Σ.

§ 4. Information provided by the three Arabic translations about the history of the text

§ 4.1. The common ancestor of all three Arabic translations

One of the theses about the three Arabic translations formulated by Endress-Hasper is that they share a common ancestor which is not the archetype or sub-archetype of the extant manuscript tradition. With the present edition of chapter 33 of the *Sophistici Elenchi* in the three Arabic translations, we may add more uniquely shared errors to the list:

⁶ Cf. H. Hugonnard-Roche, “Contributions syriaques aux études arabes de logique à l'époque abbasside”, *Aram* 3 (1991) 193-210, and Endress-Hasper, “The Arabic Tradition” (above, p. 77), pp. 70-4.

- 182 b 14 τοῖς : πᾶσι Ψ*?
 182 b 34 τις : τίς τι Ψ^Y : τι Ψ^Σ
 183 a 14 μὴ Ψ^{alt.-Z} : om. Ψ*

Especially 183 a 14 is very convincing, but also the other two cases are suggestive: the chances that at 182 b 14 all three Arabic translations render a generalising use of the definite article here with ‘all’, whereas we have not found other such cases, are rather slim, while at the same time the shift from ΤΟΙΣ ΤΟ ΠΑCΙ is in uncial script quite possible; and at 182 b 34 all three translations feature the incorrect τι, while the variant τίς τι in the old translation is in likelihood due to correction from elsewhere. Moreover, there are also the following three cases, which provide corroborating evidence:

- 182 b 15 ὅπου στέλλεσθε AChi : ὅπου στέλλεσθαι BβDδε : ποι στέλλεται Ψ^Σ : προσστέλλεται Ψ^Y? [Λ]
 182 b 36 μᾶλλον ω Ψ^ZΨ^{alt.-v} : om. Ψ^YΨ^Y
 183 a 5 ἐρωτημάτων ω Ψ^Y : ἐρωτημάτων Ψ^ZΥ^V

Though at 183 a 5 the corruption of ω into οἱ is a familiar one, the fact that both Ψ^Z and Ψ^v feature the dual form is striking; it is quite possible that Yaḥyā ibn ‘Adī did not render the dual form accurately, because he saw that it did not make good sense. At 182 b 15 not only are the three Arabic translations unique in reading the third person singular, but also the reading προσστέλλεται plausibly underlying the *translatio vetus* is most probably a corruption of the reading ποι στέλλεται, which we only find in Athanasius.

Thus the evidential base for the claim that they share a common ancestor which is not the archetype of the whole tradition has become much more solid. We may now treat it as an established fact.

§ 4.2. Contamination in one or more Arabic translations

On the basis of the fact that the three Arabic translations share a common ancestor one can identify more easily places at which one of these translations has been contaminated from elsewhere. In Endress–Hasper already quite a few places of contamination in any of the three translations have been listed. On the basis of the present editions of *Sophistici Elenchi* 33, we may add the following:

- 182 b 9 γινόμενον ABVADCehi Ψ^Σ : λεγόμενον cu Ψ^v : γινόμενον λεγόμενον Gb [Ψ^v]
 182 b 19 ἀπεκτόνηκε ABVGbADCehi Ψ^Y : ἀπέκτεινε cu Ψ^Σ [Ψ^v]
 182 b 26 φάναι ABVGbADCehi Ψ^Σ : φαίνεται cu Ψ^v?
 182 b 31 ὁμοίως ABVGbADCcuehi : ὁμοίως δὲ Ψ^Σ? S[65.1]? [Ψ^v]
 182 b 38 ἀναιρῆ ABADCehi Ψ^Σ : ἀναιρῆ καὶ κατασκευάζῃ Vcu Ψ^v : ἀναιρῆ τις ἢ κατασκευάζῃ Gb
 182 b 39 ὁμοίως VΛ Ψ^Σ : ὁμοίους ABGbDCcuehi Ψ^v?
 183 a 1-2 ἀεὶ – ἀναιρήσει ἢ κατασκευάσει expunxi : om. Ψ^v : hab. ABVGbADCcuehi : ἀεὶ – ἀναιρήσει Ψ^Σ
 183 a 8 καὶ ABGbADCcuehi Ψ^Σ : καὶ εἰ συλλελόγισται V Ψ^v
 183 a 12 πότερον ABADCcuehi Ψ^Σ : καὶ πότερον VGb Ψ^v
 183 a 17 ὁ ABACcuh Ψ^v : οὗ Di : οὗ ὁ λόγος ἐστὶ VGb : ὁ ὁ λόγος ἐστὶ Ψ^Σ

What we see is that there is more contamination in the exemplar of the *translatio vetus* than in Athanasius' exemplar, and that the use of an external source caused Ibn Zur'a's translation to be a more contaminated source than Athanasius' exemplar. Only the readings in Ψ^Y at 182 b 9 and in Ψ^Z at 183 a 17 betray clear contamination in Athanasius' exemplar. These results are in line with those described in Endress-Hasper (see above).

§ 4.3. *Comments to the Greek text, also in relation to the Arabic translations*

182 b 13 ὥσπερ οὖν versus ὥσπερ: The evidential situation is very interesting, since Nifo makes it clear that Herminius and Alexander did not read οὖν, just as the *translatio vetus*, while the whole of the rest of the tradition does have οὖν. There are basically two possibilities: (1) Aristotle wrote οὖν, but it was struck in the part of the tradition known to Herminius and Alexander,⁷ and again in the part of the tradition immediately leading up to the exemplar for the *translatio vetus* (whether or not under influence of those commentaries); (2) Aristotle did not write οὖν, but it was very successful in finding its way into the text at an early stage of the tradition, including in the part leading up to Athanasius' translation, but with the exception of the exemplar for the *translatio vetus*. Both scenarios are really possible; this is obvious for (1), but there are enough examples of (2) almost obtaining, also in the case of the *Sophistici Elenchi*. There are not really facts of the matter about the tradition available which make the one scenario more plausible than the other.

There is not much of a difference between the two possibilities, for if possibility (1) obtains, ὥσπερ οὖν is here not used in such a way that it is to be picked up by an explicit or implicit "in this way", but rather as starting an independent sentence, meaning "as indeed" (see *LSJ* and Montanari *ad locum*), in this context getting close to meaning something like "for example" or the contemporarily quite ubiquitous "like". This use is rather frequent in Aristotle: there are further examples, among others, at *Anal. Pr.* I 15, 34 a 22; *Metaph.* III 4, 1000 a 1; *EN* III 8, 1116 b 12; *EN* V 9, 1137 a 2; and *EN* V 11, 1138 b 11.

It may well be that the issue is only going to be decided if we have statistical evidence on the usage of ὥσπερ versus ὥσπερ οὖν, in Aristotle but especially in late antiquity.

182 b 16 ὅπου στέλλεσθε versus ὅπου στέλλεσθαι and ποῦ στέλλεσθε: This is a difficult case. Almost the whole extant Greek tradition has ὅπου στέλλεσθαι, which is problematic for two reasons: why ὅπου, which is normally only used in dependent questions, and why the infinitive στέλλεσθαι? To discuss the verb first, there are several further sources (a citation by Michael of Ephesus, Nifo's report about Alexander) which feature the second person plural form στέλλεσθε, which in late ancient times was not really distinguishable in pronunciation from the infinitive. On the other hand, the third person singular form στέλλεται in all three Arabic translations seems to confirm that the archetype of the extant

⁷ Gysembergh, *Forgotten Ancient Commentaries* (above, n. 3), p. 74, n. 2, thinks it is possible that Nifo's statement: "Textum hunc legit Herminius et Alexander sine verbo illo igitur" might mean that Herminius and Alexander themselves proposed the change of striking οὖν, but we find that difficult to believe because there is no reference whatsoever, however indirectly, to what might be the reason for such a proposal, and because Nifo says that both did not 'read' it – since we may assume Alexander knew Herminius' work, it seems odd to imagine that both introduced the change. Moreover, given that there is in fact not that much of a difference between ὥσπερ and ὥσπερ οὖν (see the main text), it seems difficult to imagine that Herminius and Alexander would want to interfere in the text they found by striking οὖν.

tradition did have the infinitive form – the form *στέλλεται* may well be an attempt to solve the problem with the infinitive. If we assume that Alexander’s commentary is older than the archetype of the extant tradition, it is open to us to adopt the form *στέλλεσθε*, and to express our surprise that in the extant manuscript tradition the infinitive form was subject to correction to such a small extent.

As to the interrogative pronoun, the evidence of the Arabic translations points to *ποῦ* rather than *ὅπου*, for it seems impossible that Athanasius’ translation “to somewhere” translates *ὅπου*, whereas it can translate *ποι* without accent. Also the corruption *προστέλλεται* presumably underlying the *translatio vetus* points in the direction of *ποῦ*, since, due to the similarity between uncial *Ϸ* and *ι*, *ποι* only differs clearly from *πρὸς* by the letter *ρ*, which after the strokes of *π* and before the round *ο* is not such a big deal. If then, however, *ὅπου* is to be a corruption of *ποῦ*, one may wonder where it came from, for the initial *ο* is a real addition. The only scenario seems to be that *ποι* was corrupted to *που*, and since this did not make sense given the answer, it was corrected into *ὅπου*, but would not a correction back into *ποῦ* be much easier?

It is therefore worthwhile to consider an alternative scenario, namely one in which *ὅπου* is the original reading. Even though *ὅπου* normally only features in indirect questions, this seems possible, namely when a question context is understood; there is an example in Aristophanes, *Nubes*, v. 214, also mentioned by Montanari *ad locum*. As it seems anyway unlikely that Aristotle himself made up the examples, we can easily imagine him taking over the question in isolation from the question context. Readers of the text, however, could easily have thought that *ὅπου* was incorrect and thus have introduced *ποῦ*, as someone writing a commentary, like Alexander, is almost forced to do in the paraphrase anyway.

182 b 19-20 οὐ δῆτα – Ἀπολλωνίδης: The fact that this stretch is both missing in the exemplar of Boethius’ translation and in that of the *translatio vetus* cannot be traced back to the archetype, since Alexander seems to have read it.

182 b 37 λόγος versus μὲν λόγος: The deviant position of *μὲν* in B, after *λόγος*, is best explained by *μὲν* having been added. Thus the reading of the sub-archetype for ABVGb is without *μὲν*, since both the ancestor of B and the ancestor of Gb do not have it. The absence of *μὲν* in all three Arabic translations establishes now conclusively that the archetype did not feature it.

182 b 39 ὁμοίως versus ὁμοίους: There is not that much of a difference in content between the adverb and the adjective, as with both readings the sentence says that a single argument contains, on the basis of contraposition, “all similar deductions” or “all deductions similarly” (for the meaning of that claim, see the next comment). These arguments are all similar or are contained all similarly in that each of them have acceptable premisses and a conclusion which is the negation of an acceptable proposition. The reading *ὁμοίως* seems to be that of the sub-archetype of the one branch of the stemma, because it is found in Athanasius and Boethius, but also occurs in the other branch of the stemma, namely in V and in *Ambros. gr.* D 82 sup., a 14th century manuscript closely related to Gb. While *ὁμοίως* is the *lectio difficilior*, the reading *ὁμοίους* is thus a successful simplification which took over almost the whole of the extant tradition, including Gb and probably Ψ^v.

183 a 1-2 ἀεὶ – ἀναιρήσει ἢ κατασκευάσει expunxi: As it is, the text of all extant Greek sources as well as Boethius’ exemplar is logically incorrect. The sentence at issue is meant

to elucidate the claim just above that “a deductive argument is most aggressive if it destroys something that is most acceptable on the basis of things that are most accepted”: a valid argument A with premisses p_1 and p_2 and conclusion not- q , with p_1 , p_2 and q all being equally acceptable. Aristotle first elucidates this claim by saying that A will contain, by contraposition, all [other] deductions on an equal footing: p_1 , p_2 , therefore not- q is equivalent to p_1 , q , therefore not- p_2 is equivalent to p_2 , q , therefore not p_1 . If there is no way to prefer one of p_1 , p_2 and q over any of the others, such an argument (including its equivalents) will produce a puzzlement which one cannot escape from, because any two of the three propositions is shown to be inconsistent with the third. It is this idea that the line at issue should spell out: “For all the time [i.e. every one of these equivalent arguments] it will destroy or establish on the basis of acceptable things something which is equally acceptable”. However, it does not do so correctly, because the point that such an argument “will establish” cannot apply, as it is crucial for contraposition that there is a negation.

There are basically two ways in which one might respond to this problem. The first is chosen by Ross (on a proposal by Colli), but can already be found in the Syriac translation by Athanasius: strike the problematic η κατασκευάσει as a later addition. By itself, however, that is not enough, for if the sentence without η κατασκευάσει were the original text, one would need to explain how this addition became part of the manuscript tradition in the first place – and that seems very difficult, especially because it would have to be inserted at least two times, once for each main branch of the stemma (for the common ancestor of ABVGB and at least for Boethius’ exemplar, it being unclear from which side of the stemma manuscripts DCcuchi get this reading).

The second way to solve the problem is to take one’s lead from the *translatio vetus* and argue that the whole sentence is to be struck. In this way it is easier to explain how the erroneous part arose: the whole sentence started its life as a gloss by someone who did not quite understand the situation, and then this gloss was deemed attractive enough (as it for the most part is) to take over the whole extant manuscript tradition – with the exception of the translation by Athanasius or its exemplar, where the troublesome words were struck again. And one can see that it is a gloss, for it does not add any information which is not already formulated explicitly in the previous sentence: $\epsilon\zeta$ ἐνδόξων ὁμοίως ἐνδοξον covers $\epsilon\zeta$ ὅτι μάλιστα δοκούντων ὅτι μάλιστα ἐνδοξον and also ὁμοίως, and is even less informative; ἀναιρήσει covers ἀναιρή; and αἰ is present in ἅπαντας ... τοὺς συλλογισμοὺς. Also for understanding the next sentence the sentence at issue is superfluous.

183 a 19 $\epsilon\upsilon$ καταφρόνητος versus $\epsilon\upsilon$ καταφρόνητος οὐδαμῶς: Before the evidence from the three Arabic translations and Nifo’s reports about Alexander became available, one might still have thought that οὐδαμῶς was the reading of the archetype, but was struck in Vcu because it does not add that much to the content. It now appears to be the other way round: οὐδαμῶς is an early addition to the text which was very successful in conquering much of the extant manuscript tradition.

183 a 20 η ρώτηκεν versus η ρώτησεν: In terms of content there is not much to choose between the perfect and the aorist here, and also paleographically uncial κ and \epsilonpsilon resemble each other (the stroke being the difference), frequently the one being mistaken for the other. The evidence of Athanasius’ translation tips the scales for the perfect.