

CONTENTS

Acknowledgements	xi
Abbreviations	xiii

INTRODUCTION

I. Revelation, Truth, Canon, and Interpretation	2
A. Revelation	4
B. Truth	10
C. Canon	13
1. Who is the intended audience of the <i>Dialogue</i> ?	16
2. How much importance should be attributed to Marcion in NT canon formation?	19
3. Did Justin employ a harmony?	20
4. Is the singular/plural of εὐαγγέλιον significant?	21
5. Does Justin reverse the trend of placing apostolic writings on a par with the Prophets?	22
D. Interpretation	25
II. The Life of Justin	27
A. Justin's Autobiography	28
1. Birth	28
2. Life	28
B. Justin's Biography	29
1. Birth	29
2. Life	29
3. Death	30
III. The Writings of Justin	32
IV. The <i>Dialogue with Trypho</i>	32
A. Date	32
B. Text	34

CHAPTER ONE

THE PURPOSE AND DESTINATION OF THE
DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO

I. Pagan Destination	38
A. The Address to Marcus Pompeius	38
B. The Philosophical Prologue	40
C. The Use of the Hebrew Scriptures	42
D. Appeals to Gentiles	45
1. <i>Dialogue</i> 23.3	46
2. <i>Dialogue</i> 24.3 and 29.1	47
3. <i>Dialogue</i> 32.5	48
4. <i>Dialogue</i> 64.2	49
5. <i>Dialogue</i> 119.4	49
E. The Literary Form of the Dialogue	50
F. Other Arguments for a Pagan Readership	51
1. Misconceptions About Christianity	51
2. The Theme of Forgiveness	51
3. The Historical Context of the Dialogue	52
4. Tertullian's <i>Adversus Judaeos</i>	53
II. Christian Destination	54
A. The Address to Gentiles in <i>Dialogue</i> 24.3 and 29.1	54
B. The Liturgical Styling of <i>Dialogue</i> 24.3 and 29.1	54
C. Justin's Portrayal of Jews	54
D. Criticism's of Cosgrove's Position	54
III. Other Arguments for a Jewish Audience	57
A. Jewish-Christian Polemics	57
B. Eschatological Remnant of Jews	59
1. <i>Dialogue</i> 32.2	59
2. <i>Dialogue</i> 55.3	59
3. <i>Dialogue</i> 64.2-3	60
IV. Conclusion	61

CHAPTER TWO

THE CONCEPT OF REVELATION
IN *DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO*

I. Introduction	63
II. Background—Epistemology	66

A. Platonic Epistemology	67
1. "Becoming"	69
2. "Being"	70
3. Plato's Allegory of the Cave	71
B. Justin's Platonic Epistemology	73
C. Toward a Christian Epistemology	75
D. Concluding Remarks on Epistemology	77
III. Background—Theology Proper	77
A. Common Starting Point?	78
1. Justin's Concept of God	79
a. Pre-Conversion	79
b. Post-Conversion	80
2. Trypho's Judaism	84
3. Apophatic Theology	87
B. Knowledge of God and Revelation	90
IV. Witnesses to Revelation	92
A. The Prophets	92
B. The Memoirs of the Apostles	98
V. The <i>Logos</i> as Revelation	102
VI. Salvation	110
A. Creation	114
B. Fall and Sin	116
C. Redemption	117
VII. Summary and Conclusion	119

CHAPTER THREE

THE CONCEPT OF TRUTH IN *DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO*

I. Truth in Its Second Century Context	123
A. Truth in Hebrew Thought	123
B. Truth in Platonic Thought	124
1. The Divided Line	125
2. The Simile of the Sun	127
3. Platonic Truth	129
C. Truth in New Testament Thought	129
II. Dialogue as a Search for Truth	132
A. Ancient Near Eastern Dialogues	132
B. Pre-Socratic and Socratic Dialogues	132
C. Platonic Dialogues	133

III. Justin's <i>Dialogue</i> and the Genre of Dialogue	135
A. Similarity to Platonic Dialogue	135
B. Divergence From Platonic Dialogue	136
IV. Philosophy as a Search for Truth	138
A. Justin's Post-Conversion View of Philosophy	138
1. Ethical Behavior	138
2. Diversification of Philosophy	139
a. Primordial Philosophy	141
b. Primordial Philosophy in Justin Martyr	142
c. The Writings of Moses (Prophets)	144
d. <i>Logos</i>	144
e. <i>καταπέμπω</i>	146
B. Justin's Pre-Conversion View of Philosophy	147
C. The Spirit	152
V. Justin's Presentation of Truth	155
A. The Argument From Prophecy	155
1. The Prophets and Jesus	155
2. The Argument Proper	158
3. The Interpretation of Events and Truth	162
B. Jesus as the New Covenant or Law	168
1. The Problem of the Old Law	169
a. Old Law Inadequate in Motive	170
b. Old Law Inadequate in Content	171
c. Old Law Inadequate in Effect	171
2. Necessity of a New Law	171
3. Supremacy of the New Law	172
C. Jesus as the Logos of God	175
1. God	175
2. The Logos as God's Mode of Expression	176
3. The Logos and John's Gospel	177
4. Distinction Between the Logos and the Father	179
5. Generation of the Logos	181
6. The Logos and the Will of the Father	182
VI. Summary and Conclusion	183

CHAPTER FOUR

THE NEW TESTAMENT CANON AND THE
DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO

I. The ἀπομνημονεύματα	188
A. Authorship, Reliability and Content	188
1. Written Documents	188
2. The Memoirs and the Argument From Prophecy	188
3. The Memoirs and Psalm 22	190
a. Generation	190
b. Birth	191
c. Life	191
d. Crucifixion	191
e. Resurrection	192
B. Identification of the Memoirs	192
C. Non-Referenced Material in the <i>Dialogue</i>	194
D. Source of the Non-Referenced Material	195
II. The New Testament Canon	202
A. The Rule of Faith	203
1. Irenaeus and the Rule of Faith	204
2. Tertullian and the Rule of Faith	206
3. The Rule of Faith and Canon	207
B. Scripture and Canon	211
C. Rule of Faith, Scripture, and Canon in the Second Century	214
III. Justin's Memoirs and the New Testament "Canon"	215
A. Apostolic Writings as Scripture	216
B. The Implications of Justin's Use of a Harmony	218
IV. Summary and Conclusion	219

CHAPTER FIVE

INTERPRETATIONAL FOUNDATIONS IN THE
DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO

I. Introduction	221
II. Foundations for Interpretation	223
A. Two Laws	223

1. New Covenant Foretold	225
2. Old Law for Jews Only	225
3. Justification of Patriarchs	226
4. Spiritual Obedience	227
a. Perpetual Sabbath	229
b. Unleavened Bread	229
c. Fasting and Circumcision	230
d. Lasting Precepts	230
B. Two Advents	231
1. The Problem of a Suffering Messiah	232
2. The Prediction of a Suffering Messiah	233
3. Examples of a Suffering Messiah	235
4. Recapitulation of the Curse	236
5. Subjugation of the First Advent	238
III. Baptism, Illumination, and Interpretation	240
A. Baptism	245
B. Illumination or Enlightenment	247
C. Interpretation	250
IV. Evaluation of Justin's OT Interpretation	251

APPENDIX

GOSPEL QUOTATIONS AND ALLUSIONS FOUND
IN THE *DIALOGUE WITH TRYPHO*

I. Passages contained in the Gospel or Memoirs	255
II. Passages said to be words or commands of Jesus	260
III. Passages with no indication of source	267
Bibliography	277
Index of Justin Martyr's Writings	291
Index of Scripture	298
Index of Ancient Authors	302
Index of Modern Authors	304
Index of Greek Terms and Phrases	305
Index of Subjects	307