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**PROBLEMS OF THE MEANING IN THE SLAVONIC VOCABULARY OF THE
CYRILLO-METHODIAN PERIOD**

(Summary)

Lexicological analyses of OSC are mainly based on translated texts and usually try to establish the meaning of OSC lexemes on the basis of their Greek equivalents. Such an approach suffers from methodological shortcomings. An alternative (especially in the case of oriental texts) is provided by the contextual approach, determining meaning on the basis of careful analysis of the linguistic context. The usefulness of this approach is demonstrated by the analysis of the lexemes *трѣзичиъ* / *трѣзичьникъ*, *кѣнигъчии* / *букварь*, *букы* / *кѣнигы* / *писма*, *грьк-* / *ѣни-* in texts going back to the Cyrillo-Methodian period (mainly the *Vitae* of Constantine-Cyril and Methodius and Hrabr's treatise *On the letters*).