

AN ATTEMPT TO TRACE A HYPOTHETICAL DERIVATIONAL PATTERN

(Summary)

The article questions the existence of the suffix -ѡѡа in the Old Bulgarian language. This hypothetical suffix is to be met with in only two words known from the Old Bulgarian manuscripts – namely the words ραΔѡѡа and λѣпоѡа. These words are recorded only in their plural form – the first is attested in the instrumental and the second in the dative case. Concerning the word ραΔѡѡа there are two possible explanations available. The first one is the assumption of an autonomous suffix -ѡѡи in the meaning of an adverb. The second one takes into account the existence of words with -ѡѡи in old East Slavonic texts, as well as the contemporary pluralia tantum in the Ukrainian language with the suffix -ѡѡи (*радоѡѡи, люблюѡѡи, ласѡѡи* etc.), deriving the hapax legomenon ραΔѡѡамн from *ραΔѡѡи, not ραΔѡѡа. As far as the word λѣпоѡа is concerned it is assumed that it represents a hypercorrect form of the word λѣпоѡа.

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