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*ISTORIYA SLAVYANOBULGARSKA ('SLAVONIC-BULGARIAN HISTORY'):  
ONE MORE ASPECT OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE*

*In the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century when the seminal work of Paisiy Hilendarski Istoriya Slavyanobulgarska was written, there existed two variations of Bulgarian language: the archaic one (that is almost not used nowadays) and the New Bulgarian language of the Damaskins. Paisiy was acquainted with the New Bulgarian Damaskins quite well. However, we can hardly define the language of his work as New Bulgarian. The reason for the above apparent contradiction is the role which Paisiy attributed to his History.*