

The Use of Hyphens or Dashes in the Compound Name

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In an earlier article posted in Zinda magazine, I questioned why did Dr. Sargon Dadesho promote the title Assyro-Chaldean (which is the French for the English ChaldoAssyrian) in his book "The Assyrian National Question." I asked if a writer had to list historical events as they were used exactly and uncorrupted, I asked why didn't Dr. Dadesho at least somewhere in his book attack or criticize Agha Potrus, malik Qambar, and the Treaty of Sevres for using that title over 80 years ago, but he continuously attacks the ADM (ZOWAA) and other Assyrian writers who do today? Not a single supporter of Bet Nahrain Inc. and AssyriaSat dared to respond on the various forums.

Today, I want to ask a different question but in the same line. If Dr. Dadesho was always for the Assyrian name ONLY and if he really had always rejected any compound name or the use of dashes and slashes, why did he promote or initiate the use of the dashes when he on page 30 of his same 1987 book "The Assyrian National Question" wrote and I quote: "The Succession in the Assyrian-Chaldean Catholic Church"? He used this title "Assyrian-Chaldean" with the dash personally without any reference to any other writer. One could conclude that he in fact promoted the use of such title with the dash for the Chaldean Catholic Church in 1987 because I for one have not heard any other writer before him referring to any of our churches as such.

Why did he promote/initiate the use of the dashes (i.e., Assyrian-Chaldean) in his book? Why is it okay for Dadesho to use the term "Assyrian-Chaldean" but when others use it they are considered as traitors?