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**1. Introduction.** A number of 18th- and 19th-century orthographies exist for Albanian; one of the more significant ones given its corpus is called Todhri ([ˈtoðri]), from the nickname of the man who devised it, Dhaskal Todhri ‘teacher Todhri’, whose name was Theodor Haxhifilipi (1730–1805). Unfortunately, I did not get a chance to work with the late Robert Elsie on this proposal, which never benefitted from his expertise due to his untimely death. I give below here the introduction to the script from Elsie 2017:

The Todhri alphabet is an original writing system that was used for Albanian in the central Albanian region of Elbasan in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. It consists of 36 letters (plus nine ligatures and six rare graphemes). This script is attributed to one Dhaskal Todhri ("teacher Todhri"), whose full name was Theodor Haxhifilipi (ca. 1730-1805), and who stemmed from Elbasan.

The biblical texts in this Todhri alphabet were discovered by the Austrian consul in Janina, Johann Georg von Hahn (1811-1869), who announced his finding in an article entitled *Bericht über die Auffindung eines uralten albanesischen Alphabetes* (Report on the Discovery of an Ancient Albanian Alphabet), submitted to the Austrian Academy of Sciences in November 1849. Hahn published a small portion of this material, in what he regarded as “the original” Albanian alphabet, in his seminal three-volume *Albanesische Studien* (Albanian Studies), Jena 1854, and regarded it, rather naively, as stemming from ancient Phoenician script. On the author and origin of the material in Todhri script, Hahn explains:

*“As far as I have been able to ascertain, this alphabet seems to be native only to the town of Elbasan. It is unknown in Durrës, Shkodra and in all of Toskeria (Epirus), but it seems to have been understood and used a bit in the neighbouring town of Berat to the south.*

*In Elbasan, usage of this alphabet is not limited to ecclesiastical texts. It is used there by several merchants for correspondence with their compatriots abroad. Some of them, indeed, keep their accounts in this script, but I doubt whether there are more than fifty people who know this script nowadays.*

*This alphabet is traditionally attributed to a certain Theodor, a teacher at the Greek school there, who was not only a town preacher but also a well-educated man. It cannot be ascertained, however, whether he invented the alphabet or was simply the first person to bring it to Elbasan. He is said to have translated into Albanian not only the New Testament, but also the Old Testament (from the Septuagint [Greek translation] because he did not know Hebrew). Unfortunately all of his writings were burnt by his relatives during a major outbreak of the plague, out of fear of infection. Judging from*

*the age of his living relatives, he probably died around the end of the last century. He had studied in Moschopolis [Voskopoja], ten hours to the east of Berat. [...]*

*I searched in vain in Elbasan for manuscripts in this Albanian alphabet. All I could find were two copybooks, one of seven pages and the other of twelve pages in quarto; fragments of a Gheg translation of the Greek Horologion; and a Gheg translation of a fragment of the Gospel of St John written on a folio sheet. The man who wrote the older of these works in his youth was still alive. As such, none of these manuscripts was over fifty years old. “*

Todhri stemmed from a family of Orthodox silversmiths. For periods in the second half of the eighteenth century, he apparently kept the register of the Orthodox Church of Saint Mary's in the fortress of Elbasan, though he was not a clergyman himself. In these records, he called himself Theodor, son of Haxhi, or Theodor Dhaskalos (teacher). He seems to have died around 1805.

After Hahn, the study of Todhri script was taken up by Leopold Geitler (1847-1885), professor at the University of Zagreb, in his work *Die albanesischen und slavischen Schriften* (Albanian and Slavic Scripts), Vienna 1883, who regarded the Todhri alphabet as derived from Greek and Roman cursive. He had access to the copybooks that Hahn had found in Elbasan, and in 1883 he deposited them in the Imperial Library, now the Austrian National Library, in Vienna. The thirty sheets (46 pages) are still preserved in the manuscript division of the Library. This manuscript, kindly made available by the manuscript division of the said library, forms the basis of this publication. Other texts in Todhri script, of which there may have been many, seem, tragically, to have been lost.

In 1901, the Albanian linguist Gjergj Pekmezi (1872-1938), in his *Vorläufiger Bericht über das Studium des albanischen Dialektes van Elbasan* (Preliminary Report on the Study of the Albanian Dialect of Elbasan) sent to the Austrian Academy of Science, reported that he had come across texts in Todhri script on his journey to Elbasan in 1900:

*“It was quite by coincidence that during my stay in Elbasan, an over eighty-year-old monk called Parthenius came to see me for health reasons from the Monastery of St. John Vladimir which is situated an hour away from Elbasan. He is no doubt the oldest man alive who knows how to write in this alphabet. He told me that he had learned it from a student of the Theodor who was said to have invented it. This student, called Camblak, succeeded Theodor as a teacher in Elbasan and later became Hegumen [ abbot] of the said monastery. According to him, Theodor invented the script and brought it with him from Moschopolis where he had studied. The script is now dying out. It was pushed aside by the Kristoforidhi alphabet, whereas now it is the Fashëri alphabet that is being used. Very few people (some merchants and a woman who gave me a sample of her writing) still use the old script for their letters. Church hymns can also be found written in it. Not too long ago, it was being used by Demetrios Andreas Pina, a native of Elbasan and one-time bishop of central Albania. [ .. .]*

*Parthenius told me that there was a chest in the church choir of the monastery with some unused church utensils, including books and manuscripts, in it. He thought there might still be something of Theodor's there, even though, according to Hahn, almost everything was burnt. I took up his suggestion and found the chest, but it was in a terrible state of neglect. There and in the side altar to the left, there were not only sheets of Greek parchment and hymnbooks, but also a few pages and copybooks written in this Elbasan script. They seemed to stem from various ages because, among them, were some of Pina 's sermons.*

*There were three copybooks, containing 6-20 sheets, of the size of those discovered by Hahn, which were probably the oldest - but just how old is difficult to say. They were written in various hands. One of them with some church hymns probably stemmed from*



1.	A	B	C	Ç	D	DH	E	È	F	G	GJ	H	I	J	K	L	LL	M	N	NJ
	v	ᄁ	ᄂ	ᄃ	ᄄ	ᄅ	i	ᄇ	ᄈ	ᄉ	ᄊ	ᄋ	ᄌ	ᄍ	ᄎ	ᄏ	ᄐ	ᄑ	ᄒ	ᄓ
2.	–	MB	–	–	ND	–	–	–	–	NG	NGJ	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	–	ᄔ	–	–	ᄕ	–	–	–	–	ᄆ	ᄇ	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4.	AS	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	GH	–	HJ	–	–	KH	–	–	–	–	–
	v	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	ᄉ	–	ᄌ	–	–	ᄎ	–	–	–	–	–

1.	O	P	Q	R	RR	S	SH	T	TH	U	V	X	XH	Y	Z	ZH
	o	ᄁ	ᄂ	ᄃ	ᄄ	ᄅ	ᄆ	ᄇ	ᄈ	ᄉ	ᄊ	ᄋ	ᄌ	ᄍ	ᄎ	ᄏ
2.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	NX	NXH	–	–	–
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	ᄐ	ᄑ	–	–	–
3.	OO	PS	–	–	–	SK	SHT	ST	–	–	–	–	–	JY	–	–
	ᄒ	ᄓ	–	–	–	ᄕ	ᄄ	ᄅ	–	–	–	–	–	ᄍ	–	–

A. The prenasalized characters are by and large modifications of the base letters. Prenasalized *b* looks a bit like *m* (ᄑ M + ᄁ B = ᄔ MB); prenasalized *d* fuses both (v N + ᄄ D = ᄕ ND); prenasalized *g* and *gj* both share an extension (v N + ᄉ G = ᄆ NG; v N + ᄊ GJ = ᄇ NGJ); prenasalized *x* and *xh* share a similar extension (v N + ᄋ X = ᄐ NX; v N + ᄌ XH = ᄑ NXH).

B. Of the 10 letters here 6 of them answer to Greek characters: ᄉ GH = γ GAMMA; ᄎ KH = χ CHI; ᄒ OO = ω OMEGA; ᄓ PS = ψ PSI; ᄕ SK = ξ XI; ᄅ ST = ζ STIGMA.

C. The remaining 4 letters are a little less clear. v AS might simply be v + ᄅ; ᄌ HJ is a turned ᄋ H (von Hahn gives X “dark ch” [x] and ᄌ “light ch” [ç]); ᄄ SHT is clearly ᄆ SH + ᄇ T and is attested several times in at least one of the texts; and ᄍ JY (Elsie writes *ju/jy*) would appear to be ᄉ I + ᄌ Y.

Note that Elsie’s chart omits von Hahn’s ᄌ HJ, though this may be an oversight (modifying X [c] to ᄌ [ç] is logical). Elsie’s chart also includes ᄍ JY which von Hahn does not give, but von Hahn gives a letter ᄏ *të* which is also clearly ᄇ T + ᄉ EH but is similar to that in shape. Perhaps this letter should be encoded, though it does not appear in the present chart. The text which contains ᄄ SHT writes *të* as ᄇᄉ.

**6. Ordering.** As for the Vithkuqi script, it is likely that modern Albanians will wish the alphabetical order for Todhri to be similar to that of the Latin Albanian alphabet. (The order given by von Hahn is not particularly practical for modern users.) This order has been followed in the code chart, with prenasalized consonants following their bases and other characters inserted where appropriate.

### 7. Unicode Character Properties

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105C0;TODHRI LETTER A;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C1;TODHRI LETTER AS;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C2;TODHRI LETTER BA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C3;TODHRI LETTER MBA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C4;TODHRI LETTER CA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C5;TODHRI LETTER CHA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C6;TODHRI LETTER DA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C7;TODHRI LETTER NDA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C8;TODHRI LETTER DHA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105C9;TODHRI LETTER E;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105CA;TODHRI LETTER EH;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105CB;TODHRI LETTER FA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105CC;TODHRI LETTER GA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105CD;TODHRI LETTER NGA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105CE;TODHRI LETTER GJA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105CF;TODHRI LETTER NGJA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105D0;TODHRI LETTER GHA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105D1;TODHRI LETTER HA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105D2;TODHRI LETTER HJA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105D3;TODHRI LETTER I;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
105D4;TODHRI LETTER JA;Ll;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;

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105D5;TODHRI LETTER KA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105D6;TODHRI LETTER KHA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105D7;TODHRI LETTER LA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105D8;TODHRI LETTER LLA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105D9;TODHRI LETTER MA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105DA;TODHRI LETTER NA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105DB;TODHRI LETTER NJAN;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105DC;TODHRI LETTER O;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105DD;TODHRI LETTER OO;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105DE;TODHRI LETTER PA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105DF;TODHRI LETTER PSA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E0;TODHRI LETTER QA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E1;TODHRI LETTER RA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E2;TODHRI LETTER RRA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E3;TODHRI LETTER SA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E4;TODHRI LETTER SKAN;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E5;TODHRI LETTER STA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E6;TODHRI LETTER SHA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E7;TODHRI LETTER SHTA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E8;TODHRI LETTER TA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105E9;TODHRI LETTER THA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105EA;TODHRI LETTER U;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105EB;TODHRI LETTER VA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105EC;TODHRI LETTER XA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105ED;TODHRI LETTER NXA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105EE;TODHRI LETTER XHA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105EF;TODHRI LETTER NXHA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105F0;TODHRI LETTER Y;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105F1;TODHRI LETTER JY;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105F2;TODHRI LETTER ZA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;  
 105F3;TODHRI LETTER ZHA;Ll;0;L; ; ; ; ;N; ; ; ; ;

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§. 1. Das Alphabet.

Nr.	Zeichen.	Benennung.	Werth.	Nr.	Zeichen.	Benennung.	Werth.	Nr.	Zeichen.	Benennung.	Werth.
1.	V	A	a	19.	ʋ	Ra	r	37.	ʒ	θa	griech θ
2.	i	E	offen e	20.	f	Rra	rr	38.	ʋ	Ba	b
3.	l	I	i	21.	ϸ	Fa	f	39.	ϸ	Mba	mb
4.	o	O	o	22.	ʋʋ	Δa	griech δ	40.	ϸ	Pa	p
5.	o	U	u	23.	ϸ	Ma	m	41.	v	Na	n
6.	ʋ	Ü	ü	24.	ʋ	Ja	deutsch j	42.	q	Tscha	tsch
7.	ʋʋ	E	stumm e	25.	h	Gha	gh	43.	g	Dscha	dsch
8.	z	Sa	s	26.	k	Ngja	ngj	44.	g	Ndscha	ndscha
9.	ʋ	Ca	griech ζ	27.	ʋ	Gja	gj	45.	5	Sta	st
10.	ʋ	Tsa	ts	28.	ʋ	Ngja	ngj	46.	ʋ	Scha	sch
11.	ʋ	Dsa	ds	29.	ʋ	Γa	griech γ	47.	ʋ	Ja	franz. j
12.	ʋ	Ndsa	nds	30.	ʋ	Psa	ps	48.	ʋ	Schta	scht
13.	ʋ	Wa	w	31.	ε	Ha	h	49.	ʋ	Te	te
14.	H	La	l	32.	X	Cha	dunkel ch	50.	ʋ	Njan	nj
15.	ʋ	Lja	lj	33.	ʋ	Chja	hell ch	51.	ʋ	As	as
16.	ʋ	Kja	kj	34.	ʋʋ	Ta	t	52.	ʋ	Ω	griech ω
17.	ʋ	Ka	k	35.	ʋ	Da	d				
18.	8	Xan	x	36.	ʋʋ	Nda	nd				

Figure 1. Todhri characters as given in von Hahn 1854.

## THE ALBANIAN ALPHABETS.

Values.	Büthakukye.	Elbasan.	Probable Greek Prototypes.	Values.	Büthakukye	Elbasan.	Probable Greek Prototypes.	Values.	Büthakukye.	Elbasan.	Probable Greek Prototypes.
a	Ⲑ ⲁ	ⲕ	α	n	ⲛ	ⲕ	ν	v	ⲕ ⲕ	ⲕ	β
b	ⲛ ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	β	x		ⲛ	ξ	d	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	δ
g	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ	γ	o	ⲟ	ⲟ	ο	y		ⲟ	ε
dh	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ ⲛ	δ	p	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	π	y	ⲛ ⲛ		η
e	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ ⲛ	ε	r	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	ρ	ss	ⲛ ⲛ		σ
z	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ	ζ	s	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	σ	u	ⲛ ⲛ		υ
ē	ⲛ ⲛ		η	t	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	τ	gh		ⲛ	κ
th	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ	θ	ü	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	υ	e		ⲛ	ι
i	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ	ι	f	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	φ	u		ⲛ	ο
k	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ	κ	kh	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲛ	χ	rr		ⲛ	ρ
l	ⲛ ⲛ ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ	λ								
m	ⲛ ⲛ	ⲕ	μ	ō		ⲛ	ω				
I.	II.	III.	IV.	I.	II.	III.	IV.	I.	II.	III.	IV.

### THE LIGATURES.

Elbasan.				Büthakukye.	
<i>as</i>	ⲕ = α + σ	<i>dsh</i>	ⲕ = θ + σσ	<i>ky</i>	ⲕ ⲛ = κ + ι
<i>ps</i>	ⲕ = π + σ	<i>ndsh</i>	ⲕ = ν + θσσ	<i>ks</i>	ⲕ ⲕ ⲕ = κ + σ
<i>mb</i>	ⲕ = μ + β	<i>nd</i>	ⲕ = ν + δ	<i>dz</i>	ⲕ ⲛ = δ + σ
<i>st</i>	ⲕ = σ + τ	<i>ds</i>	ⲕ = δ + σ	<i>ds</i>	ⲕ ⲕ = θ + σ
<i>sh</i>	ⲕ = σ + σ	<i>nds</i>	ⲕ = ν + δσ	<i>tzy</i>	ⲕ ⲛ = τ + σ + ι
<i>shy</i>	ⲕ = σσ + ε	<i>ngh</i>	ⲕ = ν + κ	<i>ng</i>	ⲕ ⲛ = η + ν
<i>sht</i>	ⲕ = σσ + τ	<i>gy</i>	ⲕ = κ + ε		
<i>te</i>	ⲕ = τ + ε	<i>ngy</i>	ⲕ = ν + κε		
<i>ts</i>	ⲕ = τ + σ	<i>ly</i>	ⲕ = λ + ε		
		<i>ky</i>	ⲕ = κ + ι		

Figure 2. Todhri characters as given in Taylor 1883. Taylor's "ligatures" seem to be his attempts to show the derivation of the letters.

## The Todhri Alphabet

Modern Alb.	Todhri	Modern Alb.	Todhri
a	∇	t	Ɔ
b	Ɔ	th	Ɔ
c	∟	u	◦
ç	Ɔ	v	Ɔ
d	∧	x	Ɔ
dh	Ɔ	xh	Ɔ
e	i	y	Ɔ
ë	Ɔ	z	Ɔ
f	⊙		
g	h	<b>Ligatures</b>	
gj	h	ju/jy	Ɔ
h	Ɔ	mb	Ɔ
i	i	nd	xx
j	j	ng	h
k	c	ngj	h
l	d	nx	Ɔ
ll	H	ps	Ɔ
m	c	sht	Ɔ
n	v	sk	8
nj	h		
o	o	<b>Rare letters</b>	
ō	⊙	nxh	Ɔ (?)
p	∟	st	5
q	Ɔ	as	Ɔ
r	Ɔ	γ (Greek)	Ɔ
rr	Ɔ	χ (Greek)	Ɔ
s	Ɔ	zh	Ɔ
sh	Ɔ		

Figure 3. Todhri alphabet chart from Elsie 2016.







1. ...këtó fóla júve
2. qi të mos skandalisi, do tju bájñe syrgjýn júve, po do ví kóho, qí
3. kushdó qi tju vrási júve, do ti dúket sikur i bán kur-
4. bán perëndisë, e këtó do jua bájñe júve se nuk më ngjófën ás múu, as
5. babánë, pó këtó fóla júve qí kur të vínjë
6. kóhoja ti kujtóni ató qi ju tháshë únë, këtó núk jua tháshë për pára se
7. íshje me júu, ma nashtí po shkój ke aí qi më dërgój, e
8. njerii nuk më pyet, kú shkon, pó pse ju tháshë këtó fjálë júve, u
9. helmútë fórtë, pó únë të dréjtën thémë júve, qí ju báhet
10. mírë júve qí të shkój únë, se në mós shkófsha únë, híri nuk vjéne më
11. júu, má në vofsh do te çój hírin më júu, pra si të
12. víi aí híir, do shájë dynjánë për gjynáftë, ne për drejténítë, ne për
13. gjýqët, e për gjynáftë, psé núk mbesójñe më múu,
14. për drejténite, se ke babái do shkój, nde núk më shífshni ma, e për
15. gjýqët, se arhóndi kësáj dynjájë u sháa, kám ne shúm
16. për tju thánë júve, po núk mundi mbáni méndë nashtí, pó kúr të vínjë
17. aí shpírti drejténësë, do ju t hék më çdó vërtetní e
18. núk ka mé fólë prej vetiu, pó sá të ndëgjojë do flásë nde do rrëfjë të
19. për t árdhmet júve, aí múu do laftójë, se prej
20. méje do dálë, nde do kallëzój júve, gjíth qísh ká babái të míat janë,
21. prandáj tháshë qí prej méje do dálë e tju kall-
22. ëzójë júve, ne pák hérë, prá núk më shífni, përsí ne pák hérë, prá do
23. më shífni, se do shkój ke babái, prá thánë çirá-
24. këtë shóq me shóq ç asht këjó qí na thótë, ne nji çík prá nuk më shífni,
25. prá ne nji çík do më shífni, nde se dó shkój ke babái,
26. prá thóshin ça[shtë] këjó çikë që na thótë, nuk e dimë se qísh na thótë
27. kështú. u kujtúa Kríshtí se do te pýsin e ju tha vetë, po pýtni
28. pse tháshë qí ne nji çík prá núk më shífni, përsíi ne nji çík prá do më
29. shífni; vërtë, vërtë thémí júve, se do qáni e dó váji jú,
30. má dynjája dó gëzójë, e jú dó helmóchi, pó hélmi jújë dó kthéhet më
31. gëzím, grúja kúr dó líndi, idhënohet si i értë
32. sahátí sajë, ma si të líndi fëmínë, núk e kujtón ma të fështirët, prej
33. gëzímít se léu njerí më dynjátë, ashtu ne ju, nashtí
34. idhënií kényi, po përsíi dukem ndër júu, e dó ju gëzóhet zémбра jújë, qí
35. atë gëzím súnd ju a márrí njerii, pra m at hére mú mós

**Figure 7.** Transcription of figure 4 above from Elsie 2016.

	105C	105D	105E	105F
0	ᵛ 105C0	ᵛ 105D0	ᵛ 105E0	ᵛ 105F0
1	ᵛ 105C1	ᵛ 105D1	ᵛ 105E1	ᵛ 105F1
2	ᵛ 105C2	ᵛ 105D2	ᵛ 105E2	ᵛ 105F2
3	ᵛ 105C3	ᵛ 105D3	ᵛ 105E3	ᵛ 105F3
4	ᵛ 105C4	ᵛ 105D4	ᵛ 105E4	
5	ᵛ 105C5	ᵛ 105D5	ᵛ 105E5	
6	ᵛ 105C6	ᵛ 105D6	ᵛ 105E6	
7	ᵛ 105C7	ᵛ 105D7	ᵛ 105E7	
8	ᵛ 105C8	ᵛ 105D8	ᵛ 105E8	
9	ᵛ 105C9	ᵛ 105D9	ᵛ 105E9	
A	ᵛ 105CA	ᵛ 105DA	ᵛ 105EA	
B	ᵛ 105CB	ᵛ 105DB	ᵛ 105EB	
C	ᵛ 105CC	ᵛ 105DC	ᵛ 105EC	
D	ᵛ 105CD	ᵛ 105DD	ᵛ 105ED	
E	ᵛ 105CE	ᵛ 105DE	ᵛ 105EE	
F	ᵛ 105CF	ᵛ 105DF	ᵛ 105EF	

105C0	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER A
105C1	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER AS
105C2	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER BA
105C3	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER MBA
105C4	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER CA
105C5	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER CHA
105C6	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER DA
105C7	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER NDA
105C8	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER DHA
105C9	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER E
105CA	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER EH
105CB	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER FA
105CC	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER GA
105CD	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER NGA
105CE	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER GJA
105CF	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER NGJA
105D0	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER GHA
105D1	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER HA
105D2	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER HJA
105D3	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER I
105D4	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER JA
105D5	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER KA
105D6	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER KHA
105D7	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER LA
105D8	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER LLA
105D9	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER MA
105DA	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER NA
105DB	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER NJAN
105DC	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER O
105DD	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER OO
105DE	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER PA
105DF	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER PSA
105E0	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER QA
105E1	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER RA
105E2	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER RRA
105E3	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER SA
105E4	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER SKAN
105E5	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER STA
105E6	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER SHA
105E7	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER SHTA
105E8	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER TA
105E9	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER THA
105EA	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER U
105EB	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER VA
105EC	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER XA
105ED	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER NXA
105EE	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER XHA
105EF	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER NXHA
105F0	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER Y
105F1	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER JY
105F2	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER ZA
105F3	ᵛ	TODHRI LETTER ZHA

## A. Administrative

1. Title

**Preliminary proposal for encoding the Todhri script in the SMP of the UCS**

2. Requester's name

**UC Berkeley Script Encoding Initiative (Universal Scripts Project)**

3. Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution)

**Liaison contribution.**

4. Submission date

**2020-07-10**

5. Requester's reference (if applicable)

6. Choose one of the following:

6a. This is a complete proposal

**No.**

6b. More information will be provided later

**Yes.**

## B. Technical – General

1. Choose one of the following:

1a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters)

**Yes.**

1b. Proposed name of script

**Todhri.**

1c. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block

**No.**

1d. Name of the existing block

2. Number of characters in proposal

**78.**

3. Proposed category (A-Contemporary; B.1-Specialized (small collection); B.2-Specialized (large collection); C-Major extinct; D-Attested extinct; E-Minor extinct; F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic; G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols)

**Category E.**

4a. Is a repertoire including character names provided?

**Yes.**

4b. If YES, are the names in accordance with the "character naming guidelines" in Annex L of P&P document?

**Yes.**

4c. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?

**Yes.**

5a. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font (ordered preference: True Type, or PostScript format) for publishing the standard?

**Jaon Glavy via Michael Everson.**

5b. If available now, identify source(s) for the font (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.) and indicate the tools used:

**Michael Everson, FontLab.**

6a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?

**Yes.**

6b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?

**Yes.**

7. Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?

**Yes.**

8. Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at <http://www.unicode.org> for such information on other scripts. Also see Unicode Character Database <http://www.unicode.org/Public/UNIDATA/UnicodeCharacterDatabase.html> and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

**See above.**

## C. Technical – Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES, explain.

**No.**

2a. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)?

**Yes, in L2/09-328.**

2b. If YES, with whom?

**Robert Elsie, Stiven Llupa, Edon Muhaxheri.**

2c. If YES, available relevant documents

3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included?

**See above.**

4a. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare)

**To write the Albanian language.**

4b. Reference

5a. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?

**Yes.**

5b. If YES, where?

**In scholarly publications.**

6a. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?

**No.**

6b. If YES, is a rationale provided?

6c. If YES, reference

7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?

**Yes.**

8a. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?

**No.**

8b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

8c. If YES, reference

9a. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters?

**No.**

9b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

9c. If YES, reference

10a. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character?

**No.**

10b. If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?

10c. If YES, reference

11a. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences (see clauses 4.12 and 4.14 in ISO/IEC 10646-1: 2000)?

**No.**

11b. If YES, is a rationale for such use provided?

11c. If YES, reference

11d. Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided?

**No.**

11e. If YES, reference

12a. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics?

**No.**

12b. If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)

13a. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility character(s)?

**No.**

13b. If YES, is the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic character(s) identified?