The book describes the religious belief of the Ossetian people, led the list for ossetian Sacred Imagery cult worship, some private and general conditions of the rites and a prayer. The author presented a folk version of the history of the Sacred Groves Khetag in North Ossetia. The paper presents data on the dynamics of the formation of the modern concept of the Day of Khetag, described classical folk traditions. A critical analysis of some unconventional phenomena is carried out. Summarized and described in detail the features and an algorithm for the preparation and conduct Rites associated with very significant for the ossetian people the day. Of particular interest are the memories of the author and description of the different cases and situations related to this cult place. Very impressive parting appeal of the author to the youth Ossetia. Work is well illustrated.



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The memory of my father Dzodzikov Elbrus Gappoevich dedicate

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Preface

It is generally accepted concept of *«medical truentizm»*, which is defined as *«*fruitful striving to doctors useful creative activities outside of medicine». Collection of prof. A.P. Zilber from Petrozavodsk contains about 4000 files on doctors engaged in fruitful creativity. These people have a need to express themselves in a professional manner in other areas than medicine. The term *«physician-truent»* proposed by the english surgeon Lord Berkeley Moyniganom (1865-1936), is meant by the word of doctors involved in literature, art, politics, engineering and so on. A.I. Avicenna, A.P. Chekhov, V.V. Veresaev, V.I. Dahl, M.A. Bulgakov - only a few striking examples *truentizm*.

It turned out that not only doctors, but also close to them in spirit biologists also no stranger to doing something in addition to the specialty. To master the basics of medicine in his youth, Charles Darwin - has thrown her and became the founder of the modern theory of evolution, the naturalist who made a huge contribution to biology. At the same time, and his literary work has left its significant mark in history.

Literary and artistic creation Dr. Sci. Biol Margarita Elbrusovna Dzodzikova - a vivid example *truentizm*, which can be characterized as a medical-biological.

Appears before the reader a short story «Suadagskaya legend», in which a high artistic level is presented, it would seem, all in Ossetia known story of the origin of the sacred groves Khetag located in Alagirsky district of North Ossetia-Alania.

However, the facts that have come down to us from the oral tradition of the ossetians, under the pen of the author's starting to show its new face. Conflict kabardian prince with his former bodyguard ossetian fell in love with the prince's daughter and took her away to their homeland, from the framework of inter-religious relations. Emphasis on interpersonal relationships in love with the offended girl's



father. So it is in real life - the reasons and motives are interwoven and can form the basis of mutual hostility.

Miraculous escape from his pursuers did not randomize the Holy Uastyrdzhi the patron saint of travelers, revered by all peoples of the Caucasus. An interesting interpretation of the name «Khetag» as translation kabardian «warrior, soldier», as well as the origin of the names Hetagurovih known far beyond Ossetia.

The collection of family traditions ossetians «OSS.KIRIMIT.ru» there is such a link: «Almost the entire population of Naro-Mamison basin its origins tied with Khetag. Previously descendants Khetag wrote their names as Dzhanayev-Hetagurov, Burnatsev-Hetagurov, Dzidahanov-Hetagurov, Dzaparov-Hetagurov, Balaev-Hetagurov, Otarov-Hetagurov, Zalaev-Hetagurov, Mamiev-Hetagurov, Gioev-Hetagurov. Between these names could not do marriages. To this group belong to genealogical legend Berievy, Gagievy, Gubaevy, Enaldievy, Sautievy, Tsutsievy and others». We present the hypothesis folklore reflect the real appearance of Naro-Mamison individual community Alans. Himself K.L. Hetagurov believed that his ancestors were descended from the Alans and previously lived on the Big Zelenchuk.

However, the truth through the centuries is not always available knowledge. Legends coexist with the real facts, constituting a coherent whole. Their artistic interpretation reflects certain personal thoughts and preferences of the author.

Touching attitude M.E. Dzodzikovoy to their fellow - residents Suadag, the history of customs associated with the celebration of Khetag to their relatives and friends. Organically in the plot of the story are mounted some details ossetian national customs, is not known to all members of today's youth, and older people, who often do not know them, but if they do, they do not perform.

The memory of ancestors, kindness, patriotism, the desire to give young people a moral farewell - make «Suadagskaya legend» textbook work.

Alexander Khadartsev, Member of the Union of Writers of Russia



INTRODUCTION

Statements on religious themes, it is very subtle. A person who decided on this tightrope walker feels like walking on the razor's edge between truth and balance, which is in the air, a burning desire to call a spade a spade, and at least a strong desire to get around sharp «corners» and not to offend anyone.

Maybe someday, humanity, making sure that the planet Earth is a huge laboratory or test site used by several of the highest civilization, which is not the first millennium are monitoring the different experimental groups «reasonable» community, for the convenience of genetically «tagged» on «white, yellow, red and black» will smile shyly, looking back on the biology and the history of mankind or individual people.

Who knows, but it turns out that a person «by-product» of genetic engineering biologists now unknown galaxies. After all, not one or two people see the similarity with the helmet halo suit, in the holy book describes the «ascension», «descent» and many other «coincidences» and similarities, such as the «Immaculate Conception» and all believers, regardless of religious affiliation while praying turn their eyes upward - to the Universe - the place from which the Earth were prophets, preachers, teachers or angels. Creative people often use the phrase «descended ...».

And what is the Places of Power and the Holy Places, nor point of contact with «Higher Beings» who showed their presence and interfered with the «things of the earth», attracted strong emotional message and are preserved in the memory of people. How do know?!

But today, along with the fact that the scientific world, solve important fundamental and applied questions of science, when humanity has reached space (in our opinion) heights in its development, in the minds of a large part of the world's population coexist peacefully and sometimes prevail over him religious dogmas. What is especially interesting, and many scientists are included in this number.