Realization of the Concept "Desire" in Folk Tales of the Ukrainian Carpathian Mountains

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The article is based on materials by Ukrainians and Hungarians in the Ukrainian Carpathians tradition. The author examines the concept of "desire". The world of desires in a folk tale represents the basic dreams and aspirations common to all mankind, and in particular the aspiration towards happiness, involving different things – common wealth, power, marriage, social justice, preserving youth and health etc. Human dreams are conveyed in the form of fairy-tale fantasy.