

Georgian Folk Proverbs and Shota Rustaveli's Aphorisms

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(Summary)

Folklore is regarded as one of the sources of Shota Rustaveli's worldview. The folk wisdom was reflected in the *Knight in the Panther's Skin* as emanation of the national consciousness and being and, at the same time, general cultural paradigms that occur in the literature of various nations.

In Rustaveli's narrative the folk wisdom is frequently accompanied formula "it is said" that emphasizes old age of the idea, its oral widespread nature and anonymity. Many Rustaveli's aphorisms are very close to the folk proverbs with their ideas though they are formulated with Rustaveli's eloquence.

The semantic and stylistic closeness of Rustavelian aphorisms and folk proverbs evidences that along with the brilliant education of his time, Rustaveli had deep folk wisdom. It is due to this reason that the source of some aphorisms is folk sayings. At the same time, a number of Rustaveli's aphorisms became the basis of folk saying.

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