

WORLDVIEW REFLECTED THROUGH TERMS (ACCORDING TO NEW ETHNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS)

ABSTRACT

The proposed article deals with ethnographic terminology such as **čuli kali** (a virgin), **švili kali** (female child), **adamiani** (a human being), and **švili** (a child). They are identically explained in dictionaries, various reference books and special literature. In addition to synonymy, the functionality and social capacity of terms under discussion are attested. In all regions of Georgia, a woman (**dedakaci**) whether married or unmarried, widowed or former target of abuse though innocent (those with clean flesh and spirit, and unblemished) was referred to as c'ul kaloba (virginity), and acknowledged as "a human, a noble one".

The purpose of the proposed article is to revive the traditional Georgian worldview and social capacity reflected in the above-mentioned ethnographic terms as a given to be maintained.

The Georgian ethnopsychology and mentality fully internalized and further embraced the LORD God's creation of a "suitable helper" for Adam as a way of life, of a woman who is a decent spouse living a pure, wholesome and loving life.

According to a currently widespread opinion, it is difficult to define "defloration". With the introduction of differing approaches in the course of the last quarter of the previous century, a major part of ethnographic lexical units has been neglected.

Ethnohistoric analysis allows us to substantiate a tremendous role of an honoured "woman" / "daughter" in the family as well as in social life. The following has been established: 1) by maintaining her "human" nature, a woman, a spouse who is not a slave to her bodily desires allows man's dignity and manliness to be uncompromised; 2) neglect and degradation of commonly acknowledged chastity and morality, and unfaithfulness towards **the father of the household / head of the household** and **the main head of the household** and the betrayal of **threshold** would be condemned by God and punished by a secular rule (that involved divorce).

Social importance of virginity maintained in an ethnographic mode of life was not a forced concept; The very national worldview and mindset of the Georgians should serve as a guiding principle for the present as well as the future.

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