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On the Study of "jvartena" (Language of Divinity)

Summary

In the highlands of eastern Georgia (namely, in Khevsureti) a special kind of vocabulary has been evidenced in the ritual texts, and this should be studied from the standpoint of its origin, functioning, linguistic essence, etymology, semantic, etc.

The existence of *jvartena* is conditioned by strong effectiveness of the category of sacred in the religious and everyday life of the Khevsurian communities. *Jvari* – high patron of community – with his penetrating into the different spheres of the reality, these are space (territory of community), time, things, human beings, animals, human activities etc. – makes some of its parts as his own peculiar property. The language is one of these spheres where *Jvari* leaves his imprint to single out a special (sacred) vocabulary.