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GEORGIAN BELIEFS CONCERNING TO THE BIRTH OF MANKIND AND THE CONCEPTION OF MANKIND'S CREATION FROM THE EARTH

Research of the special scientific literature shows, that in the cultural tradition of Egyptians, Babylonians, Jews, Greeks and other people was wide spread the conception of creation of the first man by the godness from the clay (versions: earth, red earth, dust). In such case the demiurges are Egyptian Khnum, Summerian Aruru, Babilonian Bel, Jewish Jahve Greek Prometheus.

Tipologically equal versions of the mentioned conception can be seen in the mythological beliefs of modern people of all parts of the earth (Australia, Asia, Europa, Africa and America) (J. Frazer)

The analysis of ethnographic data collected by the Georgian Ethnographers (G. Chitaia, S. Makalatia, V. Bardavelidze, J. Rukhadze, T. Ivelashvili, N. Abakelia and others) in the whole Georgia reveals that earth plays an important part in the ancient beliefs of Georgians concerning to the birth of mankind.

However, the universal conception of mankind's creation from the earth is not proved in the Georgian beliefs, on our opinion. the data existed for today and used in the following article make a real foundation for reconstruction of such conception in the ancient cultural traditions of Georgians.