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ALEXANDRE MANVELISHVILI AND SOME QUESTIONS OF RUSSO-GEORGIAN RELATIONSHIPS

Alexandre Manvelishvili wrote a monograph work *Russia and Georgia* in the emigration in the years 1931-34 (Paris, 1951). The author surveys the relationship between the two countries from the ancient time to the 60s of the 19th century with which he filled the gap caused by the Soviet period censorship.

Alexandre Manvelishvili gives the vast panorama of historical events in the context of the related issues in the world history. One of the merits of the book is that it provides convincing arguments to dispel illusions according to which the common Christian Orthodox confession had been considered a reliable basis for the tenacity of mutual relations. Referring to historical facts the historian tries to provide well-grounded argumentations that Russia, a country of the common Christian ideology, has harmed and oppressed Georgian people with far more perfidious atrocity and barbarity than any other invaders with non-Christian faith.