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ON SOME EXPRESSIONS OF PHILANTHROPY IN VAZHA PSHAVELA'S WORKS

The altruism understood by Vazha Pshavela is a proud humanism recognizing virtues, of both, of other people's and of his own. He makes obvious difference between the real love of mankind and "benevolence" dictated by fear and cowardice, when a person pretends to be kind because he does not wield enough strength to oppress others.

The paper discusses some aspects of philanthropy seen by Vazha Pshavela. It suggests that the writer examines each word, trying to purify them in the fire of dignity and then offers them to his readers. The effect is that being familiarized with Vazha's world means to become a better person than you are, as you are a human being "God's created one according to His image".

The paper discusses some means of becoming a better person according to Vazha Pshavela's worldview that could be accomplished in case of the certain zealous efforts.