

THE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CRIMEAN AND TURKISH LEGENDS: THE VALUE ASPECT

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ABSTRACT

Crimea and Turkey have many similarities in terms of nature, traditions, and languages. Both Crimea and Turkey have a multicultural background of folklore. There are Turkic peoples (Crimean Tatars), Greeks, Armenians, Karaites in Crimea. Almost the same national structure exists in Turkey. There is a difficult political situation in Crimea because different ethnic groups cannot live in peace. Folklore, as an oral history and a mythological subconsciousness of nation, gave us productive material for the analysis of national problems and discovery of their solutions, so we believe that it will be possible to do the same research with Turkish legends. It is also important to find similarities and differences between Crimean and Turkish folklore, discovering the common motifs and analyzing why exactly these motifs are common between these cultures. Investigating common values of different nations is of great importance for this research. The crisis of modern culture appeals for search of universal values. It is especially productive for the studying of legends from different nations which live in one cultural space, such as Crimea and Turkey. The analysis of the variants of legends from various people or different times can give fruitful results. The study of legends from different nationalities can help the identification of value preference *horizontally* and the study of legends from one culture, but in a different time, will give value preference *vertically*.