

SUMMARY

The texts about belief that have been found in the context of the ethnographic research of the last two decades and that have been linked to the solving of problematic situations arising in everyday life, have emphasized the character and the actions of *the Romanian priest*. The accounts about clerical services rise above the ethnical, confessional and linguistic boundaries and attribute magical, respectively visionary activities to Orthodox priests and monks. The topic of the volume is the imagery constructed around the Orthodox clergy that has attained this particular function in the Hungarian folk culture from Romania. The aim of this publication is to print in one place those folkloric texts that have either been dispersedly published or can be found only in manuscripts, thus recording data about one of the characteristic habits of use of beliefs in the current Hungarian society from Romania.

The collection consists of eight content units. Out of these, seven contain the texts and data about the character, the way of life, habits, scholarly and everyday activities, the judgment, the payment, respectively the death of the Orthodox priest. In the eighth chapter one can read a selection of texts that illustrate the religious-magical activities attributed to priest of other confessions. The database contains both interviews of interview fragments varying in length as well as general data or case presentations.

The editor's research paper can be read as an afterword. It sums up the research data of the topic, the structure and the geographical range of the imagery studied. The sources of the texts, respectively the research literature used throughout the interpretation of the data can be seen in the form of a contracted bibliography. The appendix of the book contains the names of the informants and researchers, respectively the year of the first editions of the texts that have already been published. There is also an enclosed glossary of all the archaisms or words from different dialects that could prove difficult, respectively a list of the names of settlements mentioned in the research, both in Hungarian and Romanian, as well as their regional setting. An index is also added to make orientation easier.