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Review

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ON THE RELIGIOUS IDENTITY OF OSSETIANS
BOOK REVIEW: ORTHODOXY IN ALANIA-OSSETIA: HISTORY,
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The collection of articles being reviewed is devoted to the study of the role, which the adoption of Orthodoxy by Alanya played in the formation of Ossetian statehood and in the development of spirituality and culture of Ossetians. The publication outlines a wide range of research subjects: from the origins of the adoption of Orthodoxy to the modern religious state of Ossetians, it also depicts the key figures in the process of propagating the Orthodox faith among the local population. The publication focuses on the role of Christianity in the history of North Ossetia-Alania amid the increasing trend of the revival of ethno-religious traditionalism among Ossetians over the past few years.

Keywords: *Orthodoxy, North Ossetia, the Baptism of Alanya, paganism, pre-Christian beliefs*

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