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THE PERSONALITY OF ACADEMICIAN MIKHAIL ARNAUDOV IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TEN ARNAUDOV READINGS²¹

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Abstract: *The article studies the personality of Academician Mikhail Arnaudov from the standpoints of the texts, published in the ten Arnaudov collections. When constructing the image of Michael Arnaudov's personality, we observe the main requirement to seek the truth about his life, and thus we protect ourselves from subjectivism and manipulation, from an apology for the apology's sake or from ignoring facts. The present study clarifies the motives of Acad. Arnaudov to engage in political activity, as well as the specifics of the dossier, written in two different political systems. For the writing of Acad. Arnaudov's biography there are also irrevocable essentials of the research, in which the information about his life in Ruse is presented. The families, belonging to the Veliko Tarnovo clan of the Simidovs and to the clan of the Arnaudovs, were reconstructed, as well as his student's years in Rousse and the participation of Mikhail Arnaudov in the educational initiatives of the Dorostol and Cherven bishoprics in the 30s of the 20th century. The study ends with the emphasis that the great teachers and spiritual masters of Mihail Arnaudov, whose humanist ideals and visions of the world, man and people, he follows steadily, are Prof. Ivan Shishmanov and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.*

Keywords: *Academician Mikhail Arnaudov, personality, Arnaudov collections.*

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