

## **Depreciative Reception of Theophany from Maglavit (1935) in the Romanian Orthodox Theology. A Critical Evaluation**

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### **Abstract**

In 1935 Petrache Lupu, a young shephard from Maglavit (Oltenia, Southern Romania) had a vision of God as an old man, that has caused a huge mystical and ethical phenomenon of an unprecedented magnitude in the history of Romania. The most important Orthodox theologians in Romania like Nichifor Crainic, Dumitru Stăniloae or Ioan Irineu Mihălcescu considered the Maglavit theophany to be authentic and wrote about it. After the establishment of communist power in Romania, critical voices against Petrache Lupu's theophany appeared especially under the pressure of atheist ideology (Petru Rezuș, Petru I. David). The most balanced Orthodox theologians or Christian essayists spoken for a reserved attitude without making decisive arguments against the revealed character of theophany.