

## Conclusion

Christianity did not erase from Romanian thought all the old beliefs and legends from the pagan Romanians. From them, some tales remained clear, but others became confused. This happened with all the Christianized peoples, however.

These old beliefs are included in the people's innermost convictions, but they are not annexes of the Christian religion.

Some indeed are heresies, which hinder the peasants in their field work on days which are not Christian holidays; others make the peasants superstitious; but they also have a positive aspect, telling of the people's origins.

Such heresies, and the people's legends and language, together with their history, form the Golden Book of that people. Then, even history must recognise them, but this source is frailer, needing more discrimination to use. From this work, we have seen so many valuable data about this Golden Book of our origins, that nobody could be in any doubt about our Dacian-Roman beginning. Thus, with our heads held high, we can say like Ovid: *Et documenta damus qua simus origine nati*.

