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*THE HISTORICISM OF MIKHAYLO LOMONOSOV
AND OF PAISIY HILENDARSKI*

The author of the article compares Paisiy Hilendarski's ideas, presented in his prefaces, with those of Lomonosov expounded upon in the preface to his "Ancient Russian History". On the basis of numerous established similarities, the author traces how these lead to markedly different results. The principal leading distinction between conceptions of the historians is the idea of the system of state, which is the natural starting position in the thought of the Russian academic, but is traumatically lacking in the Athon's monk's reasoning. A direct consequence of this are not only the different addressees in the histories, but also the described perspectives for the development of the Bulgarian and Russian societies.