

LEONAS GINEITIS: “I AM A PUBLIC SCHOLAR AND COVERT CREATOR”

Summary

On the grounds of personal impressions, diaries and literary fiction by Leonas Gineitis (1920–2004), the author of this article reveals another, much less publicly accessible life side of this literary scholar. Although having worked for many years of his life as literary historian, he also took significant interest in philosophy, Oriental wisdom, art, astronomy, as well as being an ardent traveler and attentive observer of people, social and natural phenomena. His philosophical work *The Unity of Being*, published during years of Lithuanian independence, together with his miniatures, aphorisms, philosophical remarks, quatrains, which he kept creating during his whole life, as well as his manuscript diaries and autobiography, allow us better understanding the integrity of his philosophically minded personality, the oneness of his life and thought, the significance of his ecological views and harmonious outlook, and the importance of conscious attempts at creating one’s own personality. Some aspects inherent in his way of life and pantheistic views allow us comparing Gineitis with such guru of life as Vydūnas.