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Shalva Amonashvili

Georgian educator and psychologist, Academician Shalva Amonashvili was born on March 8, 1931, in Tbilisi. He graduated from Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Oriental Studies in 1955; in 1958, he completed postgraduate studies at *Iakob Gogebashvili Pedagogical Institute*. In 1960 after defending a dissertation in Education and Pedagogy, he was awarded a Candidate's Degree in Educational Sciences. From 1960 he worked at the same institute as a laboratory assistant, junior researcher, academic secretary, laboratory head, deputy director for Sciences and the director.

In 1964, together with his colleagues, Dr. Amonashvili established the Experimental Didactics Laboratory to conduct a series of experiments on the primary education in several regions of Georgia. In 1987-1990, after defending his doctoral dissertation in Psychology in 1972, he was appointed the director of Experimental Scientific Educational Union.

Shalva Amonashvili was widely acclaimed as one of the innovative teachers in the former USSR. He was the first to introduce a five-day school week in Georgia. On December 20, 1988, at the General Union Assembly of Educators, he called for freeing the school children from equalization as it was at that time dictated by the center; according to him, the child of any nationality had his or her national traits, which was why teaching children of all the Soviet Republics with a uniform curriculum was practically ruled out. He stated: "Until the situation continues at our schools, our youth will be angry and incensed when leaving it."

In Moscow, he set up his own publishing house, where together with Academician Zuev, published "Anthology of Human Pedagogy". 54 volumes have been published so far. Shalva Amonashvili is the author of about 50 published books in the Georgian and Russian languages. The books published in the Georgian language include: "The Central Person of Transformation: The Problem of School", Tbilisi, 1989; "Hello, children!, Teacher's Guide", Tskhinvali, "Iristoni ", 1989; "Hello, Children!: Teacher's Guide", Sokhumi, "Alashara", 1988, to name a few.

In 1985, Sh. Amonashvili was elected a corresponding member of the Academy of Pedagogy of the Soviet Union, and on January 27, 1989 – a full member. After the dissolution of the USSR, on March 21, 1993, he was elected as a real member of the Russian Academy of Educational Sciences.

Acad. Shalva Amonashvili is invited to give lectures in many countries around the world, including the former Soviet Republics. He holds an honorary doctorate from hundreds of countries around the world and pursues his educational activities regardless of his age. In 1991-1998, he was the head of the Faculty of Primary Education and Methodology at Sul Khan-Saba Orbeliani Tbilisi pedagogical Institute. Since 2000 he was the President of the International Association of Humane Pedagogy, since 2014 he has been the Honorary President of the Association.