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## Abbreviations

ACP	Armenian Communist Party
AD	Anno Domini (in the year of the Lord), After Christ, CE (Common Era)
ASSR	Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic
BC	Before Christ
C.	Century
CC	Centuries
EA	Eastern Armenia
GA	Greater Armenia
LA	Lesser Armenia
RA	Republic of Armenia
WA	Western Armenia
WWI	First World War
WWII	Second World War

## Armenian Alphabets

Աւ	Aa	as in Part	Փփ	Pp	Put
Բբ	Bb	Boy	Զզ	Kk	Kit
Գգ	Gg	Good	Եվ լ	Yev	
Դդ	Dd	Door	Օօ	Oo	Or
Եե	Yy, Ee	Yard, pet	Ֆֆ	Ff	Foot
Զզ	Zz	Zoo			
Էե	Ee	Egg			
Ըը	e'	as in Turn			
Թթ	Tt	To			
Ժժ	Zh	as in Pleasure			
Իի	Ii, ea	as in Peak			
Լլ	Ll	Look			
Խխ	Kh	as X in Russian			
Ծծ	ds	as in dsar in Armenian meaning Tree			
Կկ	hard k	as in Krak in Armenian meaning Fire			
Հհ	Hh	House			
Չճ	dz	as in dzoo in Armenian meaning Egg			
Ղղ	gh	as in R in French or german			
Ճճ	tch	Armenian Tchut meaning chicken			
Սս	Mm	Mom			
Յյ	Yy	Yes			
Նն	Nn	No			
Շշ	Sh	Show			
Ոո	Vo, Oo	More			
Չչ	Ch	Chair			
Պպ	P'	Hard P as in Piti in Armenian meaning Must			
Ջջ	Jj	Jerm			
Ռռ	RR	Rock			
Սս	Ss	Sick			
Վվ	Vv	Verb			
Տտ	Th	Hard T as in Thun in Armenian meaning house			
Րր	Rr	Room			
Յյ	Ts	Hertz			
Ու ու	U in	Urmia			

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The idea of writing a book on the Biographical Encyclopedia of Armenia came to my mind many years ago, followed by the book about History of Armenia published in 1981, so I prepared the first volume of Armenian Prominent Figures since 5<sup>th</sup> century in Persian language. Although I had finished the whole volumes the remaining volumes were not published due to financial and environmental issues. But I have considered them in my future plan for publication.

After publishing The Armenian Geographical Encyclopedia, had another project in my research portfolio to present Armenian prominent personalities of various fields in English language, which would attract larger number of readers.

Unfortunately Armenian sources in English language are not too many, so I am trying to prepare some books about different subjects on the Armenian culture in this language. Fortunately valuable endeavors have been accomplished in the field of Armenian Biography in Armenian language since the 5<sup>th</sup> century until now, especially during Soviet era (1920-1990), which I can call *New Golden Age* of the Armenian history, when resurrection of the Armenian Social-cultural, Social-economical and Social-political life of the our people took place. So I decided to prepare this book as a brief encyclopedia of Armenian Biography. Due to limitation of the contents of this book, I have tried to present the articles as brief as possible.

Before presenting the main body of the book I thought it would be appropriate to introduce the brief History of Armenia and the Armenian people.

The main sources for writing this book were several editions of the History of Armenia, Armenian Soviet Encyclopedia (13 volumes), Armenian Concise Encyclopedia (4 volumes), "History of natural sciences and technology among

Armenians", "Armenian cultural history of ideas", , multi-volume historical books of the classic Armenian historians (5-21 centuries), valuable works of Hrachia Atcharian, Encyclopedia of Armenian question, Encyclopedia of Armenian Diaspora, Dictionaries of Armenian Names and Biographies Some Greek and Roman classic sources, Persian and Arabic classic works, contemporary literature, Armenian websites about Armenians National Statistical data of Republic of Armenia, Encyclopedia of Britanica and Americana, multi-volume dictionary (encyclopedia) of Persian language by Dehkhoda, Persian dictionary of Dr. Moien (volumes 5 & 6) Online Encyclopedias such as Wikipedia, Iranica, many other websites, etc.

During about 40 years of my activities, I have had the honor to meet many of the political, scientific and cultural personalities mentioned in this book in person, such as, Karen Demirchian, Fadey Sarkisian, Vazgen Sargsian, Robert Kocharian, Serge Sarkisian, Gevorg Emin, Silva Kaputikian, Hrand Matevosian, Razmik Davoian, Megerdich Nersisian, B. Chukaszian, Levon Ananian, G. Khanents and a hundred others.

In order to include more articles I bypassed common words and sentences and created the Encyclopedia based on a predefined structure and model as NDFWE, as follows:

**Surname, First, Middle names** in English and Armenian.

-D: Birth and death dates and place.

-F: Field(s) of activities

-W: Major Works

-E: Other important notes.

I'd like to appreciate any comments and suggestions to my potential errors for them I need to apologize, I will do my best to improve the quality of this research for the next printings.

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