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## Abbreviations

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 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   |
| NAS  | National Academy of Sciences   |
| RA   | Republic of Armenia  |
| WA   | Western Armenia  |
| WWI  | First World War  |
| WWII | Second World War   |
| YSU  | Yerevan State University   |

## Armenian Alphabets

|    |        |                 |
|----|--------|-----------------|
| Աա | Aa     | as in Part      |
| Բբ | Bb     | Boy             |
| Գգ | Gg     | Good            |
| Դդ | Dd     | Door            |
| Եե | Yy, Ee | Yard, pet       |
| Զզ | Zz     | Zoo             |
| Էէ | Ee     | Egg             |
| Ըը | e', ə  | 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 |

|       |        |   |
|-------|--------|---|
| ԾԸ    | ds     | as in dsar in Armenian meaning Tree         |
| Կկ    | hard k | as in Krak in Armenian meaning Fire         |
| Հհ    | Hh     | House                                       |
| Ձձ    | dz     | as in dzoo in Armenian meaning Egg          |
| Ղղ    | gh     | as in R in French or german                 |
| Ճճ    | tch    | Armenian Tchut meaning chicken              |
| Մմ    | Mm     | Mom   |
| Յյ    | Yy     | Yes   |
| Նն    | Nn     | No  |
| Շշ    | Sh     | Show  |
| Ոո,Օօ | 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  |
| Ցց    | Ts     | Hertz                                       |
| Ու ու | U in   | Urmia                                       |
| Փփ    | Pp     | Put   |
| Քք    | Kk     | Kit   |
| Եվ և  | Yev    | Revision                                    |
| Օօ    | Oo     | Or  |
| Ֆֆ    | Ff     | Foot  |

## Foreword

This book is actually going to continue the History Of the armenian civilization. In my last books," History of Armenian Science and Technology" a concise account is presented about thousands of years of Armenian contribution to the National and international science.

In the presents volumes, efforts are done to present thousands of Armenian Humanities and culture during the last thousands of years.

The rich historical past of Armenia and the Armenian people is marked by exceptionally fruitful, original and multifaceted activities in the field of science, culture and education.

Since English readers may need to know Armenia in a bit more details, I have included a brief history of Armenia in the beginning of the book before main body of the research.

One other note is necessary to mention about Armenian surnames. Traditionaly there end up with **-ian** ((Armenian **-եան** specially in Armenian Diaspora) but in the Republic of Armenia they are ending with **-yan** (Armenian **-յան**), so for our respect for Armenian independent Statehood, I have used the State official method in general.

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

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