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Thesis Title	Folk Beliefs of Iraqi Turkmens and Analysis of Elements Formed By These Beliefs in Folk Literature		
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Abstract	<p>Turkish people, who have spread over a wide area from north to south and from east to west, are one of the oldest and the noblest nations of the world. Turkish public beliefs have been taking an important role for protection of Turkish culture, language and identity. Turkish societies, who were convicted to fall under foreign countries' domination at various times, have not lost their national identity and national presence by means of their beliefs and culture. One of these societies is Iraqi Turkmen</p> <p>Participation, observation, interview and comparison methods have been conducted during the phase including the ascertainment of values within this research called as Public Beliefs of Iraqi Turkmens. As well as the practices and applications carried out during the period from birth to death, beliefs regarding to God, angels and human beings have been examined in great detail. In addition, abundance ceremonies organized for various purposes and also believe, practices and applications, which are still alive related to different issues, have been emphasized in details. Although most of public beliefs existing among Iraqi Turkmens have seem to be nurtured by Islamic culture, it has been stated that origin of some ones depend on the old Turkish belief system. However, many beliefs and practices determined have been seen that they resemble or even mostly present uniformness with ones ascertained in various places of Turkish land. Since Turkmens living in Iraqi geography that has a homogeneous structure exist under the same roof together with various Muslim and non-Muslim societies, they exchange their cultures, affect the mentioned societies and have been affected by them as well.</p>		

