

## SUMMARY

### The sacred sites of the Dubysa River lower reaches /SEREDŽIUS

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The paper is dedicated to the Balts' pre-Christian sacred sites at the Dubysa River's lower reaches, 11 sacred sites, 8 sacred rivulets and springs among them, have been fixed here. We think that such traditions of sacred sites have originated from the tribal period (the 1st millenium–the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> millenium). Their sources should be sought in the regional Balts' religions variants.

Natural and mythical sacred springs' properties ("to boil", not to freeze, to flow east/south, to flow together from 9 springs, to supply life, vivacity and light) allow to establish the reason due to which these sites have become of special importance. We are of the opinion that it was the projection of "Vital water" mythologemma into the real life surrounding man.