

*I have always been of opinion that one is born rather than becomes a philosopher. Having passed all stages necessary to become a scholarly philosopher in Armenia, i.e. the Department of Philosophy of the Yerevan State University (1989 – 94), the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (1995 – 97, postgraduate student), I have never worked as a philosopher. Nevertheless, I have always considered myself, moreover, **felt** a philosopher, and I am going to make public here the philosophical thoughts that have accompanied and I am sure will accompany me throughout my conscious life.*

*I have never doubted that a true philosopher should not repeat or analyze, or at least **only** repeat or analyze, the views of another philosopher, even a great or greatest one, but must rather try to create his own philosophy, of course, being **well familiar** with great philosophers' theories. That is what I am trying to do here, and it is up to the reader to judge how far I succeed in doing that.*

The reader will find almost no references or citations in my works, because another belief of mine is, although it may look like some “challenge” to the modern academic community and therefore I offer my apologies to it in advance, that the very essence of Philosophy rules out the traditional scientific approaches for those engaged in it.

*As to the other, “non-philosophical” part of my activity, I have exercised and I am exercising it in my country's media, in particular, the **Azg** newspaper (1994 – 95), the **Noyan Tapan** news agency (1998 – 2006), US-funded **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty** (from 2006 up to date), where I am trying to be of the biggest benefit to my country it can expect from me, i.e. to promote democratic values and human rights in Armenia.*