## PHILOLOGY

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## V.P. Astafiev's reasoning on the meaning of life and fate

The prose of V. P. Astafiev, one of the largest Russian writers of the second half of the XX century, is an important object of scientific research. V. Astafiev belongs to those who do not try in our troubled times to act as a full-time prophet and political clairvoyant. His work is interested in the widest circles of readers. Today, of particular interest is both the study of the creative evolution of the writer and the comprehension of the literary, artistic and philosophical context in which V. Astafiev's works were created. It is analyzed the author's book "Sighted Staff", dedicated to V. Astafiev's friend – A. Makarov. In this book, the writer reflects on the meaning of life. Reflections on the connections of the past with the present, on the enduring values of folk morality, the work of V. Astafiev is saturated. The relevance of the work is due to the fact that always works about honor and duty, about honesty and lies are an integral part of modern Russian culture.

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