

ABSTRACT

This diploma thesis deals with the legacy of Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk. The work aims to reveal whether Masaryk's legacy can be important for today. Specifically, the work deals with the still unresolved issues of Masaryk's life, his cult and selected Masaryk's reflections. The author based his work on secondary literature and especially on Masaryk's texts which he analyzed and compared with today. An integral part of this work are the author's comments which are based on philosophy and other social sciences. The author proved that Masaryk is still draws interest of experts and laymen, that Masaryk's cult still has a place in Czech society and that Masaryk's thoughts about morality, politics and education are more than relevant today. Masaryk's ideas about religion may be inspiring for the present but their implementation would not be easy. On the other hand, a new social order based on abstinence seems to be impossible. The author also raised several questions for further research.