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***MAN'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE "DARK NIGHT"
ON THE BASIS OF ASCENT OF MOUNT CARMEL BY ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
AS AN IMPLEMENTATION OF SELF-EDUCATION PROCESS***

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Correctly implemented educational process aims at self-education as its most mature phase. It is based on the subject's activity reflected in the involvement in the creation of one's self. Man's contact with God is a specific area of the implementation of self-education where man's powers are being prepared to achieve complete deification. The broad perspective of man's involvement in the process of purification based on *Ascent of Mount Carmel* by St. John of the Cross makes it possible to relate mystical experiences to educational theory. In this way, the understanding of self-education becomes deeper and broader in scope.