

“The present century is a century of freedom and the equality of all races. Today, all those who are oppressed and downtrodden, all those who are weighed down by the chains of slavery about their necks, who bear the pitiful and shameful name of “slave”, have summoned up all their strength – both moral and physical – and are seeking an opportunity to break their bonds and cast off the name of “slave”. Everyone wants to live freely and to enjoy the world about him; everyone wants to be a human being. We Bulgarians – we, too, are slaves. Turkish brigands and janissaries infest the land of our fathers. But we, too, are seeking to break our bonds, to drive the Turkish cut-throats from our lands, to raise and build up the Temple of True Freedom, and to give to each his own.”

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