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Pavel Bakunin on the contradiction between the role of a person and his fate (to the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Russian philosopher)

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P.A. Bakunin's existence is a continuous and unceasing struggle between the destiny of man and his destiny. By virtue of his purpose, a person is what he thinks of himself or remembers himself from his bright and clear past. It has already happened and passed; it is impossible to remake and alter him, and the fate that befalls him is dark and unknown. Fear and fears of the elements of the coming future turn into bright hopes when the light from the past penetrates and illuminates the impenetrable darkness of its vaguely disturbing fogs of everything coming with a ray of its thought and its knowledge. As a living being, a person, like Prometheus, is chained "to the unshakable rock of necessity", and his own thoughts about freedom every day in the form of "a kite torment his insides with unbearable sorrow, torment and suffering." If a person renounces his purpose, from the search for the meaning of life, from his faith in freedom and recognizes only one necessity, that is, crosses out one of the terms of contradiction, stops this contradiction itself and the torment arising from it, then he will immediately turn into an animal ... But by doing so, he will eliminate reality itself, which seemed completely impossible to P.A. Bakunin, who was convinced that living in a real way means turning this impossibility not only into a possibility, but also into a complete reality. In order to adequately fulfill his purpose, a person needs to close the entire infinity and immensity of the contradiction of purpose and fate into a complete, living and real unity.

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