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*FISH PRIMER: “NURTURE OF SOCIAL ANIMALS”*

*I consider Fish Primer (1824) as a project of social initiation, as a strategy for developing a pressing „social contract”. Petar Beron is anxious about the question „how human order is possible” not only in his didactic projects, but in his scientific studies as well. I discuss the Fish Primer in the context of Beron’s doctrine of the soul which he regards as differentiating substance subjected to modeling and nurturing. The individual soul puts with its social impulse a personal stamp on the social contract. The obsession with the consent characteristic of Beron’s pedagogical project reveals a notion of a society preceding the restoration of the Bulgarian state.*

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