

ABOUT THE WORK "TUNYUQUQ"

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Abstract: Among the monuments, the inscription "Tunyuquq" has a special place. "Tunyuquq" is the name of a person. He was the advisor and commander of Eltarish Khanate, who founded the second Turkish Khanate. Tonyuquq was written by himself during his lifetime. It was carved on stone between 712-116 AD.

In the document, his name is mentioned as Tonyuquq. The word bilga added to his name is his title and means "knowledgeable, learned". He earned such a title because he was a great sage and adviser to the Khagan. The date of writing of the document is not clear. Some scholars believe that it was written in 712-716 years, some believe that it was written in 720 years, and others in 725-726 years. Analyzing the events in the text, U. Sertkaya came to the conclusion that the inscription was written approximately between 732-734 years. According to him, Tonyukuk was 85 years old at this time.

The following text is prepared based on the photo of the inscription in the book of Orkun. (Orhun 47-56).

The events in Bitiktash are narrated by Tonyuquq himself. Sarkarda Tonyuquq narrates that he was brought up in Tabgach, that he became a slave to Tabgach because the Turkish people abandoned his khan, and that after 50 years of slavery, he gathered 700 soldiers together with Eltarish Khagan in the mountains and stones, and he was happy with these soldiers. They stood in Chugai and Karakum, conquered Tabgach in the south, Kitan in the east, and Oghuz in the north.

A spy came from Oguz, Oguz, Kitan, and Tabgach united and wanted to destroy the Turkish people. Then they defeated the Oguz in Otukan, and the rest fled. He takes Otukan and lives there.

Now Tabgach, Khitan and Kyrgyz will be their enemies. After defeating them, Kogman returns to Yish.

After the Kyrgyz, he wants to destroy the Turks by attacking the Turgash people with Tabgach and Khitan. However, after crossing the Ertish River with Tonyuquq's soldiers, he defeated them in Altun Yish and surrendered them.

Tonyuquq ends the text with these words: Eltarish fought 17 times against Tabgach, 7 times against Kitan, and 5 times against Kyrgyz because Eltarish Khagan had his assistant.

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