

**RIGAS FERRAIOS AND ASTRONOMY IN HIS
“ANTHOLOGY OF PHYSICS”
(For 250th years from its birthday)**

Rigas Velestinlis (Velestino 1757 – Belgrade 1798) was a herald and martyr of freedom, but also one of the forerunners of the modern Greek enlightenment movement. With his restless intellectual researches, his books and publications, and his revolutionary ideas, he managed to participate in the intellectual awakening of his enslaved nation, channelling through his works the novel ideas of the European enlightenment together with the messages of French revolution. His vision was a great revolution, uprising of enslaved nations against Otoman repression, which will result in the creation of a democratic community of nations of Balkany and neighbouring areas. Due to this, and his tragic death in Belgrade, he is important and for Serbian history. For the history of astronomy, interesting is his *Antology of Physics*, where astronomical contents are present. In this article, his life and work are presented and analyzed, with a particular attention to the astronomical aspects of the mentioned work.