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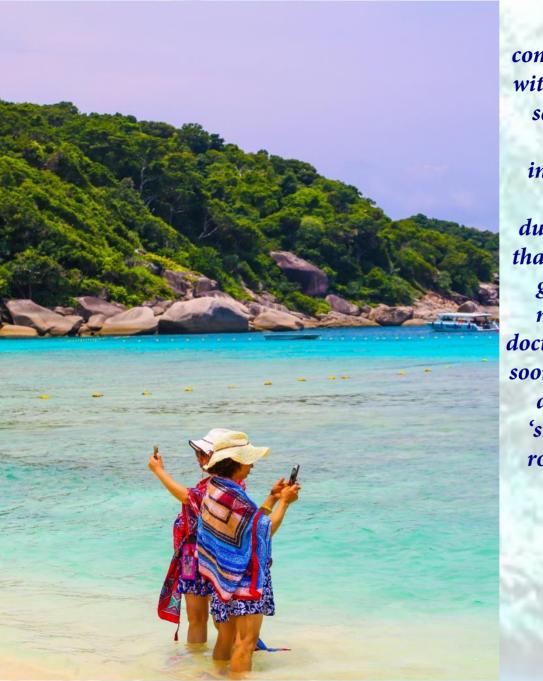
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Our life is like a journey through a huge city with many crossroads in it. If we will turn at all the traffic lights according to the arrows with inscriptions of 'kindness', 'love', 'forgiveness', then we are guaranteed to get to the most beautiful place.



People's communication with their 'little screens' has become incredible in terms of duration. And that tendency is growing so much, that doctors seem will soon have a new diagnosis -'smartphone rooted to the arm'.



Some fashion today causes only smile. It seems that many people have become hostages of the designers' game entitled 'I bet, they will put it on as well?'



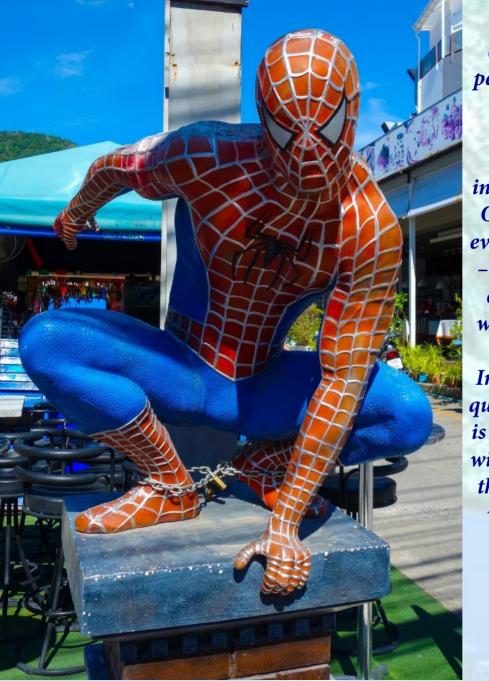
Our surrounding is of great importance. Human tend to soak up the spirit of the place where he is.



There is a perception that beauty will save the world. However, our Earth was beautiful initially but this did not help a lot. Only the beauty of people's souls that crave for kindness and love can save the world.



If you bring a magnet to a compass, it will show the wrong direction. The same processes begin to happen with the soul of man when sin is mixed with it. It begins to give out "desires" that are initially alien to the nature of this person, alien to the design of its Creator.



In real life, in order to be a good person or a hero, you have to be a good person or a hero. Usually, a lie is instantly visible here. On social networks, everything is different - here, everyone can create an image of who he would like to be. And on the Internet, it may look quite real. But often it is a lie and a 'theatre' with oneself. The only thing that matters is who we are in real life.



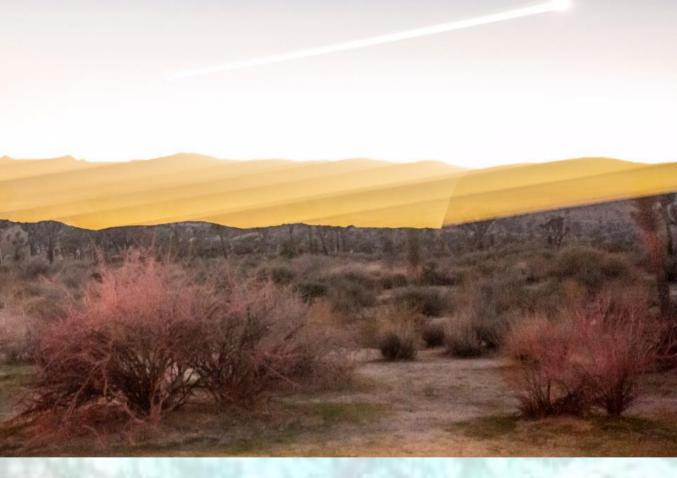
The Lord often has to destroy our 'sandcastles' in order for us to think about more serious buildings.



The life of a sincere person is usually a long chain of disappointments in many earthly values. And if such people seek the sublime but God does not appear in their lives, they inevitably become cynics, or sceptics, or sad philosophers.



In general, the struggle with God very much resembles the struggle with the flow of a huge river. Someone is trying to build dams or barrages, but the river quickly steps over them and flows on. Someone is digging backwaters near the coast, and then tries to convince oneself and others that the current does not exist. But the River smiles and keeps on flowing. Sometimes, looking at some in these "backwaters", it smiles very sadly.



Now is the golden time for those who are looking for the truth. Any right thought can spread nowadays through the world in a couple of hours and be translated into all languages. No doubts, today, the Lord will give every person a chance to touch what is most important.



The devil is always seeking those who don't want to do what God told us, but starts to seek for his own 'right' ways in life. He has many 'ideas' for such people, therefore the shelves of esoteric shops are constantly replenished year by year.



There is such a great number of different sources of information surrounding every person today, that one often has no time to listen to one's heart.



Sometimes when searching for happiness, people try to go through various casual relations. However, the poor will never be able to enrich the poor, and superficial relationships will never fill the soul. Real richness in relationships between a man and a woman is hidden in the depth of their high feelings for each other – in love and honesty, in devotion and loyalty, in respect and forgiveness.



Nowadays, instead of the rational man, the "rational-electronic" man seems to come. And after that, it seems, just "electronic" man will start to appear.



The world of today is flooded more and more with pragmatics, while the poets and romanticists leave it. Human souls that are becoming shallower, require less the sublime in recent time.



Denouncing others is the easiest way to exalt oneself without doing anything else.



The end of the world or life is not terrible for a man. What is terrible indeed - is the end of kindness in a man.



God helps everyone to do good things. All ones who prefer to do bad deeds also have their own prompter.



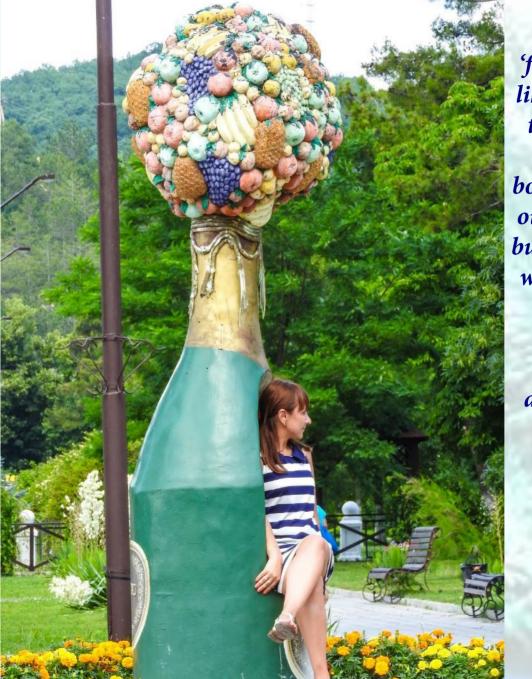
In our times, unusual things happen to people. It turns out that sometimes, even being surrounded by hundreds of good people, is enough for a person to have a small screen to grow up completely different.



God will give an assessment to everyone not for the world that was around us, but for how we walked through this world.



In order to start to understand everything correctly, one doesn't need many books. One needs the correct books.



Any sinful 'freedoms' are like bad genies that were let out of the bottle. They get out very easily but return back with a scream and noise, making everyone around them work hard about this.



Men and women differ greatly in their views on life. If they love each other, these differences give rise to a whole range of pleasant and joyful shades. However, without love, this mostly gives rise only to irritation.



Almost always, 'life's dead-end' is also a door to the best from the Lord. We have to learn to see it and open it correctly.



Dreaming of water in the middle of a big desert seems much more realistic than thinking of Paradise amidst a sinful life.



A person who learned history but didn't read the Gospel is like a car mechanic who can change wipers but have never seen an engine.



Our world has a kind of "gravitation". One can "crawl" on it, bathing in sins and passions, one can "run" on it and even fast, living more morally. However, one can take off into the air in it only when the soul is cleared of passions and when life goes according to the beautiful laws of the Creator of this world.



The ability to keep in mind the bright and happy world of the Lord, even though your eyes see the imperfections of the earthly world, is an inexhaustible source of joy for every day.