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A collection of the author's reflections on various significant issues. Today the world is changing incredibly fast, but what can be changed in it, and what is important to keep unchanged? What makes people successful and what makes them happy? The author attempts to dive into these and other issues from the standpoint of religion, philosophy and history.

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About the meanings

Every action taken by any of the creatures living on our planet, from small and simple ones to large and complex ones, makes, in their opinion, great sense.

For example, a hamster digs a hole in order to safely store seeds in its secure depths.

A kangaroo jumps because no one else can do it so well. Also, it likes it when its ears are fluttering in the wind.

A woman puts her makeup on for a long time in order to bring beauty to this world.

A man spends a lot of time in the gym so that one day he can see pleasant bulges in the mirror instead of unpleasant roundness.

An astronomer looks through a telescope at the starry sky in order to see something he will never find on Earth.

And what about God? Do His actions have meaning? Of course! For example, He created the Earth so that His kind, honest and moral children could live on it. So that they could watch hamsters, smile at kangaroos, look at the stars, be happy and be friends with each other. In fact, there was no other meaning for God to create this Earth.

Babylon

Humanity can at times find very useful information in its past. An example is the story of building the Tower of Babel by arrogant and stubborn people who spoke one language in those ancient times. This is how these people reasoned:

And they said, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name."

And what was God's reaction to this? He said:

"The people is are one, they understand each other and have all one language. But what are they doing? Arrogant and stubborn, they want to reach heaven."

The Lord did not punish those people but confused their language. And then, they began to speak different languages and could not understand each other anymore. They could not finish the construction of the Tower of Babel and had to move to different lands. Where people continued speaking their languages.

This happened to humanity many, many years ago. And it turns out that sometimes, the Lord cures people of arrogance, self-conceit and stubbornness by separating them...

Blindness and tolerance

Can a beast in a forest stop seeing trees? Or, for example, can a fish in the ocean stop noticing the water around it? So, why does a man, a creature of God, who lives in the world created for him by the Lord, almost forget about His presence in his life?

And this happens on the very land where God performed His countless miracles for thousands of years, where many generations of our faithful predecessors lived, where thousands of saints grew up. So, on this Earth, very modern, well-educated, well-groomed and well-informed people suddenly began to gradually forget about God.

Of course, this did not happen all of a sudden and for no reason. Any departure from the right path complicates the movement in the necessary direction or even stops it. And this is what happened to the "main path" from our Creator – the Commandments that He gave us.

Some Christian denominations began to correct and supplement them "in accordance with modern reality", trying to be good for everyone. As a result, the behavior of some people that would be called nothing but sin in the past is now permitted in some churches of the world.

Of course, a true Christian church does not condemn other people. To not condemn people is one of the most important commandments of the Lord. But Christians, through their example, should always bring to the masses the high moral rules given to them by the Creator. Otherwise, what makes them

Christians? "If you love Me, keep My commandments", God told us once and for all.

Therefore, even the slightest deviation from the commandments, not to mention the sinful behavior of the priests, has nothing to do with God. It is not surprising that many believers intuitively began to stay away from places where something like this happens.

Besides, in many countries of the world, various newly created sinful societies and communities have begun to make fun of people who are still trying to remember God and keep His commandments. They consider them old-fashioned, not modern, not free. Nowadays, believers are often put in a difficult situation of choosing between sin and the punishment for not committing it. This is done under the cover of the now-popular slogans about "complete freedom of the individual, the modern evolution of morality, tolerance of any choice of man." And so, day after day and year after year, faith in God is destroyed and the value of His commandments for people is reduced.

A person can get used to many things. While living every day in this world which has long been sliding towards sin, we often do not really notice it. However, if you look at our world today through the eyes of, let's say, people of the 1980s, the contrast would be simply be daunting.

As for God, it seems that from His point of view, the ship of mankind has long been approaching the sea's bottom instead of sailing beautifully on its surface. Of course, now is the time of different freedoms and tolerance. However, especially today is very important to correctly convey to people the words of the

Creator of the Earth and all its inhabitants in a language they understand.

So, one important commandment of the Lord, for example, translated into the modern “language of tolerance” now states something like this: a person who becomes tolerant of sin is no longer tolerant of God. Therefore, God will not be very tolerant of that person during his life, and of course, afterwards. In the world He created, the Lord has the absolute right to do it. And, we should be tolerant of His choice...

God's punishment

Throughout the history of mankind, the Lord has punished people many times. Short human memory, departure from faith, immersion into the sea of hooks and opportunities of our civilization do not change the big picture – God has always carefully looked at and will look after the life of people on His land. He will correct it with different events, if people begin to descend into the depths of sin. It has always been this way and always will be.

God does not really hide the motivations behind His actions. For example, to understand the reasons for many unpleasant events in the world, sometimes all you need to do is to overlay a map with peak problems with the map of deviations from the Lord's commandments. This is often very true for the nations that

were once very Christian. And this is not such a big surprise – those who knew and believed more than others, and who should have kept this faith and knowledge – from those and more responsibility.

God's punishment is never aggressive by its purpose. It is just the treatment of people's souls with the methods by which these souls are healed. Only people on Earth can do evil, deceive and be immoral. Therefore, all the negativity and problems that arise in the world are, in fact, just God's reflection of evil and sins of people.

The best defense against God's punishments is to pay attention to your own behavior and, of course, adjust it in accordance with the high principles of the Lord. It is also very important to repent of your past bad deeds. By doing this, a person at the very least shows respect for the Creator of the world and therefore deserves His spiritual protection.

Actually, we're now living in a unique time when Someone from Above makes it clear that none in Heaven will just stand by and watch us fall into sin.

People on Earth have become deeply immersed in sin and it seems their "candy" has been confiscated. Travel, restaurants, noisy parties, great plans, and much more – has almost stopped in an incredibly short time. Who has the power to do this? Most people were locked in their countries-cities-homes. This is reminiscent of some parents putting a badly behaved child in a corner for a while. So that they may good think about everything.

Tomorrow

The world today faces a problem that we haven't encountered for a very long time. And none living on Earth has ever had to cope with anything like this before, that's for sure. An unknown disease literally fettered all humanity on the planet in a very short period of time, making it impossible for them to live familiar ways of life, messing with all plans. To no surprise, all people on Earth wondered when it will end and what will happen next.

Of course, there are a huge number of viewpoints on this subject – you can find a variety of options there. However, let's work up a little courage and try to look at this situation from God's point of view – He Who created the world we live in and all people.

So, *people*. One day, God created them, then He raised and educated them for thousands of years explaining to them through His prophets and His Son the rules that exist beyond the bounds of Earthly life. He told them what things are the most important in life and what behavior can bring them into His vast and joyful home forever. In addition, God showed people thousands of the most incredible miracles to confirm His words. Sometimes, they were performed by Him, sometimes, He performed them through the prophets, His Son, and thousands of His best followers – the saints. With these miracles, God made people understand that He could easily surpass all Earthly laws because He created the world.

Humanity was very interested in what God had told them through His Son. Over the next two thousand years, a significant part of mankind began to call themselves Christians – that is, those who believe in God and strive to come to His eternal home. Millions of churches were built all over the world in which people were told about God and His commandments were explained.

Yes, many things there were far from ideal: different deviations and excesses. In addition, the church was divided into several branches and denominations. Of course, God did not like many things there. However, until recently, the ideas of Christianity on our planet were actually alive. And we can confidently say that they supported kindness and high moral principles in all of humanity; they restrained sin.

Over the last few decades, this situation on Earth radically changed – people began to forget God. A significant number of churches around the world were closed. In many churches, priests allowed people to do things that are not in accordance with the Lord's commandments. Public morals, rigidly and uncompromisingly were not supported by the church and are beginning to deteriorate. The priests themselves, in some places, performed acts that eventually made people to start avoiding churches. As a result, sin has almost become the norm for so many people on our planet.

Now, let's try to understand the Creator's feelings in this regard. There is not much left of the world that He's nurtured, cherished and raised for so long. However, the world that God sees today – the sinful, completely materialistic, deceitful world

that almost forgot about Lord – is really not that necessary to Him. What should God do?

Though, God already told people what He would do in this case two thousand years ago. So, they know what will happen if they go in the wrong direction, and this should not surprise them. Therefore, today's issues and other similar problems were predicted by God a long time ago, but people have completely forgotten them.

Well, what will happen in our lives tomorrow after today's problem becomes not so urgent, will depend only on ourselves. If we dream of returning to the world that we had yesterday – bright, with all its freedoms but full of sin and lies, where honest and highly moral people almost considered to be endangered dinosaurs - to a world where sin has gained strength, and many already openly laughed at Christians – this option is unlikely to suit God. Then, we better read about a possible future in what He told us before.

However, if humanity is still able to understand its problems and draw conclusions, if people can condemn sin, repent for their mistakes and return to the best of good traditions, then this world will be quite useful to God. And, perhaps, for a long time.

Evidence

The “reasonable man” (Homo sapiens) is a name commonly used to describe our species. That is because human behavior is based on reasoning which enables people to build their lives on Earth with the help of common sense, logic and analysis. Reason always teaches people to rely only on facts and evidence, because they are based on reliable truth and reality. Reliance on some theories or concepts that are not supported by facts is not a choice of the mind, but a choice of human imagination. Only indisputable evidence can turn any theory into a fact acceptable to the mind.

The issue of different beliefs and philosophies in humanity is a territory where reason and human fantasies can be very intertwined. Therefore, they can also become overgrown with a wide variety of traditions, additions, divisions into branches, and lead to some new variations. However, the truth of a particular teaching can always be easily verified by facts.

For example, let's consider a very popular religion on earth, Christianity, and look for the facts and evidence confirming it. Our reason promptly tells us that only indisputable and obvious facts of actions and manifestations of God can prove His existence in the world. For example, some events, which obviously surpass the laws of physics and medicine, if they were performed by God in front of many witnesses, can be considered as facts without any doubts.

So, are there such events in Christianity? Here, they are called miracles and there are a lot of them. Let's briefly recall them.

The large-scale miracles performed by God in the time of ancient Israel are very indicative. An example is, the parting of waters in the Sea which allowed people to cross the seabed back then. Why do Jewish people still strongly believe in God? They do because those miracles were seen by all residents of the state. And, there were about one hundred and fifty thousand people.

In addition, in ancient times, miracles happened to many of the twenty-five prophets sent by God to Earth. There often were a large number of witnesses.

Then, hundreds of miracles were performed by the Son of God – Jesus Christ. There were dozens, hundreds, and sometimes even thousands of witnesses, for example, when the Lord fed four thousand people with five loaves of bread.

After that, miracles were performed by the disciples of the Son of God, His apostles, as they traveled the world. There are hundreds of such miracles in the history of mankind, and they were often performed in front of many witnesses.

Later, miracles happened to the best and most faithful followers of the Lord, saints, of whom there were more than three thousand. Usually, each saint had several miracles as well.

Of course, God continued to perform His miracles at a later time as well. A very good example is several volumes of miracles related to the Russian saint Seraphim of Sarov, who lived two hundred years ago. A perfect, modern example is Greek saint Paisios of Mount Athos. The miracles associated with his name

are described on 700 pages, and numerous witnesses are still alive today.

Thus, the facts show that there were actually thousands of God's miracles in Christianity.

These miracles were diverse: resurrection of the dead, instant healing, ascension, effulgence, walking on water and much more. All these events undoubtedly surpass the natural laws and these could only be accomplished by the Creator of Earth and these very laws.

Therefore, based on the above facts and a great deal of evidence, we can conclude that God exists and He is clearly present in the teaching called Christianity. This means that all Christians are very reasonable people.

In the same way by focusing on facts and evidence, we can easily check for the reason for any other theory and philosophy on our Earth.

Conditions

Conditions are the foundation of many processes on Earth. For example, if you want to grow a plant, you will need a number of conditions and items, such as seeds, soil, water, warm weather. Moreover, many plants will need much more.

The formation of a beautiful personality also requires certain conditions. The process of educating a person of high morality requires the presence of high moral principles in society. Another important condition required is the presence of parents, teachers, and other people bearing these high moral principles. Of course, such should also have the desire to become a good person.

The beauty of a person's identity cannot be seen on the outside but on the inside; what matters are good and kind thoughts, high and right objectives, generosity and honesty. All these together reflect spirituality. The complete list of qualities of a truly spiritual person was set out by the Creator – God, in His commandments two thousand years ago. He explained that the presence or absence of spirituality in a person would be the only criteria by which He would base His decision on the future fate of this person after the end of his Earthly life.

Unfortunately, there is a very little chance to grow a harmonious and spiritual person in today's world full of sinful goals, boundless lies and absolute consumerism. Money, appearance, success and popularity have long been in the first place in terms of importance and it doesn't even matter at what cost a person gets it. The cream of the crop such as romantics, real poets, talented musicians, honest and sincere people are gradually disappearing from the face of the Earth because they are no longer in great demand. Day after day, thousands of nice and kind things that were dear to many people for a long time now slowly disappear.

They are replaced by other values, goals and concepts that usually have nothing to do with spirituality. Words that were once

popular among people such as generosity, conscience, selflessness, high morality and forgiveness are gradually vanishing from human lexicon. Nowadays, people rarely even talk about kindness and sincerity.

Just a few decades ago, our world was quite different. It was not perfect and maybe not very good but it was much kinder and warmer. The world was alive. Back then, many people on Earth had honor and conscience, good views and high morality. There were many beautiful people in that world.

Since then, almost everything has been lost. A simple screen with a set of mental "gum" is often quite enough for modern people. The morals of modern society are no longer formed by high principles of the Lord or at least by the healthy and deep wisdom of humanity, the best experience of it. The morals of modern society are mainly formed today by those on social networks. And you are unlikely to find anything really high there.

If we go back to our analogy with plants, we will see that people have always selected only the best and strongest seeds from the previous crops in order to get good crops in future. This is called "selection" and it makes the crops better from year to year. Universal access to the information field has led to the fact that not only the best seeds are able to grow now, but also the seeds of medium and low quality and, sometimes, they could just be weeds. However, bad seeds can never give good crops. It is more like anti-selection: good gives rise to the best and bad only gives rise to the worst.

So, when they say that everything in humanity will get back on track, the question remains: who would do it and how? After

all, the significant part of the necessary conditions for this have already been lost. There are few people with high moral principles left on Earth. Instead of taking care of them and learning from them, we often laugh at them and do not listen to them at all.

Of course, there are still good old books and films. However, one can hardly speak seriously of the mass education of beautiful individuals without a dense moral environment, without high moral principles of the whole society. It is like trying to get good crops without soil and water in the cold.

False mirrors

Humanity today is in the middle of reaping what it has sown, willingly or unwillingly, over the past few decades. Deviation from the Lord's commandments - undisputed moral compass of people, global deviation from good traditions and honesty, deviation from generally accepted morals. Moreover, the full availability of the information space today, where a professor of psychology and not-the-most-emotionally-stable guy with a fancy haircut can broadcast on equal terms, did its job as well.

Today, the foundation of traditional patterns of family life are being revised, the history of mankind is being rewritten, almost all old views and rules of life of people on Earth are being questioned. In some places, even the commandments of the Lord

are being “corrected”. Sinful freedom does not and cannot have any authority.

However, an incorrect morality or viewpoint is actually just a false information mirror. And, it turns out that the inhabitants of our planet are now looking at numerous false mirrors.

It has never happened on Earth before. Of course, false mirrors have existed at all times but among the number of correct viewpoints there were not as many, and they were less. All the countries and states of the world used to monitor the information space and education of the younger generation much better before. In addition, the people who grew up with healthy morality and viewpoints became the first opponents of any false mirrors.

Today, not many people like that are left in the world. Unfortunately, the generation that grew up with the false mirrors can only produce new false mirrors. Sad experience has shown that the falseness of such mirrors often has no limit.

False mirrors in this world are good for virious shows because they make people laugh at funny reflections. However, false mirrors in matters of worldviews and history, education and morality are not funny at all. This is because it is much easier to bend the mirror of spirituality than to make it straight again.

Love for the past

For some reason, I never enjoyed thinking about my past. I never even made any photo albums. It is not because my past was bad or boring, not at all. I just always sincerely believed that only those who do not have the best days today, and don't have anything interesting planned for the future, like to visit their past. However, if the present day is bright and beautiful, why would I leave it and waste time on something that has already passed?

However, my attitude towards the past began to change a few years ago. No, I have not lost my natural optimism and it still manifests itself if there is any reason for it. But, it suddenly faced the harsh reality. That is to say that against the background of certain events and tendencies taking place now almost all over the world, I would have to become either illogical, unreasonable or blind to remain an optimist.

Our world today is not healthy, that is for sure. It is particularly notable if you watch wonderful films that were made thirty to forty years ago. You can feel the spirit of the era in which these films were made. And that era looks much healthier in every way. There were beautiful and natural human relationships, romanticism, high thoughts and deep feelings in those days. The humor of those years had talent and was not vulgar. The people of those years had a strong belief in justice, kindness and honesty. The words "conscience" and "generosity" in those days could be understood by the majority of people. Back then, the world stood on its feet, not on its head.

While watching those films, the most unpleasant moment is when they end. At this moment, you almost organically feel like you are losing touch with something very important, close and dear. With something that has great meaning and sense. With something that, unfortunately, is hard to find now. And so, by looking at the present, I gradually fell in love with the past.

Twenty-year-old gurus

Young people always had a tendency to be rebellious. However, in our age which is completely open to all broadcasters, this rebelliousness and youthful vigor are often transformed into some illustrative examples. Nowadays, the Internet is literally full of numerous young "stars", rich young people and even gurus who have managed to achieve something in their twenties or even earlier.

The younger generation likes that their peers, who have followed “their own paths” in life, achieved a visible result. This also has practical meaning for them – after all, the search for easy ways in life has not been canceled.

What can be said about this? Probably, something trivial like: "People should work hard to achieve something in this world". As it was on Earth thousands years ago, so it is now, and so it will be. A big house made of cardboard can be built very quickly. However, it will only hold until the first blow of a strong wind.

In reality, young "stars" replace each other so quickly now, that it looks more like a starfall. Modern rich teenagers often resemble ordinary little boasters who want to show all their wealth to everyone. As for the various young "gurus", this question should be discussed in a little more detail.

Of course, a young person can be very capable, talented, smart, and so on. He can be hard-working and persistent. However, a young person cannot be experienced. So, how can we call a person "guru", if he is not experienced?

To gain experience, a person must go through a lot in their life. For example: take responsibility for loved ones or children for a long period of time. This makes the human soul grow and become wiser.

To gain experience, a person should dive into the world of our talented predecessors through their books. They store so many useful things for every soul. In terms of wisdom, one should never be placed on the same shelf with people who have read hundreds of books and those who have read only one or two books (or sometimes even none of them). They can be similar on the outside but the depth of a person is determined only by the content.

Besides, before talking about wisdom a person should get to know the wisdom of their great predecessors. Thinking that you are smarter and more sagacious than them is childish naivety and a guaranteed way to fall.

Therefore, when in our not-so-reasonable time, various twenty-year-old "gurus" suddenly appear in the wide-open information space and call on other young people to "follow their

path", we can only sympathize with them. Because everything in this world inevitably gets back to normal and everything that is really worthy will regain its imprescriptible value. The Creator of our world always looks after this, and He will never support broadcasters who significantly deviate from the essence of His commandments and create false paths for many people on Earth.

The newest meanings of life

Everyone always had, have and will have a meaning in life. In humanity, the most traditional meanings were to achieve material well-being, find happiness and create a family. Higher meanings were, for example, to help people, like doctors, or protect the fatherland, like the military. For some people, the meaning of life was connected to research and this generated various directions: from studying human psychology to exploring the laws of nature and making geographical discoveries. In addition, there were dozens of creative branches.

All of the above meanings of life have existed for a very long time - for many hundreds or even thousands of years. However, in recent years, people, especially the young ones, have developed another kind of meaning of life that is completely new. If we try to formulate it, then it will sound something like this: creating some kind of a photo report about one's life in order to get as many likes as possible for it, that is, get virtual approval from other people.

And all that would be funny if it was not so widespread. As a result, instead of moving towards the good old meanings of life, a person begins to make significant efforts only to get virtual approval from other people. In simple terms, he is looking for fame at his own level and sometimes spends too much time on it. By the way, it is absolutely contrary to the Lord's commandments.

According to dry statistics, today, a large number of people, especially the young ones, spend almost all their free time doing this. It turns out that these people do not live a normal Earthly life according to Earthly laws but in fact they are present elsewhere and create some kind of virtual history of their life in virtual space.

It is noteworthy that those who create virtual stories of their lives are usually only interested in their own story. However, if all such creators are interested only in their own story, where should they get likes from then? To get them, poor fellows have to watch and support other peoples' "stories" in order to get something in return. As it was before, one had to first congratulate a hundred people on their birthday in order to receive a hundred congratulations on one's own birthday. Of course, this looks more like a circus but all this is too serious for fame seekers to try to look at this process from the outside.

And it is how our civilized humanity, which is becoming more and more intelligent, comes to new interesting meanings of life.

Human

Who is a human? Since childhood we have been accustomed to consider ourselves reasonable men with intelligence and taste, masters of nature, and so on. The entire animal world of our planet seems, by default, much more primitive to us and the plant world we need only for beauty, growing food and producing oxygen.

However, our perception of the human's role on Earth can be incomplete. The opinion of the One who created the man is much more important here. So, let's think about what the word "human" means for the Creator?

If we consider the main thing to be our mind and intelligence that can solve various problems, create new technologies, then the answer is "no". Any creature on this planet, even the smallest one, is much more complex than anything the human has ever created. For example, living matter with a set of reflexes, the mechanism of cell division, photosynthesis and thousands of other most incredible "technologies" from God. This is something that Earth scientists can look at with admiration, but cannot reproduce.

In other words, we cannot reach the level of our Creator's knowledge because now we are talking about the creation of life itself. The creation of life is solely God's territory. All other technologies are incomparably simpler.

That is why all the advances in science are, in fact, just small "discoveries" of schoolchildren against the background of an incredible real knowledge system of God. And which, by the way, people often use for harm.

It appears that the thought processes that a human uses to search for new knowledge and technologies are actually not his main destiny. But what is his main destiny then? What can he do that no one else on Earth is capable of?

Well, there is something. For example, a human can love. It is a completely irrational feeling from the pragmatic point of view that man can have. When people are in love, they are capable of many good things.

Also, a human can be generous. He can have high and beautiful feelings, as well as doing good things like helping others, showing compassion and dedication, and sometimes, even self-sacrifice.

The human that God wanted to create always needs the truth. Truth is the foundation of human spirituality.

In addition, a man can dream. Through his thoughts he can break away from reality and find himself in a fantasy world. Also, people also often create beautiful fantasy worlds for their children – they are called fairy tales. Goodness, love and justice always win in such fairy tales.

A human can be romantic. He feeling good when he sees myriad stars in the sky, listens to the sound of the waves, smells the forest.

Besides all this, there are hundreds of nice and good things that only people can do on Earth. All this is important to the Lord. That is why He created a Man one day. With great hopes for him...

Light and darkness

There is a popular belief on Earth that Light and darkness are always at a war of some kind. Many different movies and books on this topic only convince many viewers and readers of this point of view. However, is it true?

In fact, for war, both sides must have at least comparable power. However, light has always been able (and can do it easily) to destroy any darkness on Earth in a very short time. Darkness is simply burns from the divine light, like wood in a fire. That is why a real "war" between God and the followers of darkness is out of the question. The essence of the confrontation, which is sometimes visible to people, is quite different.

A person who has not chosen good amid evil and sin that tempt him, is not yet a real supporter of Light. It is easy to be good among the good ones but is it worth much? Only a real and personal confrontation of man with darkness and sin can answer it. Therefore, darkness on Earth is necessary to strengthen the souls reaching for the light. It is like weights in an exercise machine, which are necessary for athletes to strengthen their muscles.

Each person receives from God precisely the amount of temptation power to commit sin which one is quite able to resist. Moreover, everyone on Earth has been taught since childhood what is good and what is bad. Besides, any person always has repentance in reserve. That is, the opportunity to admit your

mistake and sincerely apologize for it. Then, the Lord forgets about this mistake.

More and more people on Earth today choose sin; that is a sad fact. However, at the very beginning, God gave people freedom of choice and He is not going to revoke it. Because only a free soul that always chooses light in the midst of any darkness is of great value to Him.

Of course, it might seem today that not so many people really strive for Light on Earth. However, God has His own "accounting". Today, there are more than seven billion people on our planet. Therefore, even a small percentage of people among them who resist sin is a huge addition to the joyful, friendly and eternal family of Light. These are the ones who have proven to be intolerant to darkness and sin. The ones whom the Lord can trust.

Selfishness

We are accustomed to consider selfishness as a human trait. But as for the animal world, can selfishness be there? Since selfishness is inherently just a concern of somebody solely about oneself without caring about others. Well, the fact that somebody can hold a spoon and a fork in a beautiful manner or wear jeans, does not influence their approach to life itself on this issue.

Therefore, let us compare a little the desires of egoists and the representatives of the wild animal world in order to understand the situation. After all, everything is understood in comparison.

So, a completely selfish person, as it is known, thinks only about themselves all the time. An animal thinks only about itself as well. The only exception is the period when the animal cares for their offspring. However, it is not their personal desire but a strong instinct. That is a program from God which an animal is forced to follow and is unable to resist.

Selfish people love attention, they like to be leaders. Animals as well, usually seek to become the leaders in their packs or the masters of their territory.

A pure egoist has no moral brakes almost at all. That is why it is not easy to stop them in pursuit of their own interests. Animals are also ready to do anything that is possible in order to protect their territory, food or the female.

Egoists care only about themselves, and so, all other people including the closest ones are only a part of their world. Wild animals have the same approach to life.

Convinced egoists usually have nothing to do with such qualities as kindness, love, self-giving, generosity, responsibility and other high human feelings. There are no such terms in the animal world at all.

That is, in general, the whole comparison. And as a result, it turns out that a large number of wild animal world's representatives can be considered as egoists, according to these

indications. But then, it is quite logical that the opposite is also true.

Well, the fact that people have a much higher level of development does not really matter here. Selfishness is like a road with a certain direction of movement. It is equally possible to ride along it in the smartest supercar, on a simple bicycle or to run fun on four legs.

Criticism

Sometimes it is quite difficult to understand to what extent we are actually spiritually healthy or not (well, if we look at this issue from the highest and brightest point of view). Are we evolving in this life or are we standing still, or even falling? Or, for example, the attitude of God towards us. Does He like our life or not very much?

Can somebody or something give us a convincing answer to all these questions? Moreover, our life itself has become completely different nowadays and the concepts of "good" and "bad" are changing very quickly now, almost every day, in different parts of the world. In fact, on Earth, there are several good old ways with the help of which a person can approximately estimate his spiritual health.

One of these is one's attitude to criticism. If a person takes any criticism negatively or even rejects it, then that person is definitely not spiritually healthy. Only our passions such as pride,

selfishness and willfulness can turn us away from a critical look at ourselves. If we do it, means listening mostly to the dark side.

A person who rejects criticism is blocked from correct and harmonious spiritual development, from real evolution. A person believes that he protects himself by avoiding criticism. However, in fact, it is his passions, that are attached to that person's soul, strongly protect themselves from removal.

God always claps His hands when we listen to criticism. This is because He often tells us about many of our problems through the criticism from other people. Problems that are more harmful to ourselves and after solving them, we will be the ones who will become happier and more cheerful.

In modern terms, we can figuratively call criticism from other people an excellent "antivirus" for our soul. If a person perceives it carefully and corrects his shortcomings, then he protects his soul from any dark parasites. However, if he does not listen to criticism, then over time his soul will inevitably be filled with various mental "viruses" - passions and sins, and then it will "freeze"...

A rational man

These days, many political technologists and various manipulators dream of nurturing a new generation of obedient people on Earth. That is, people who behave obediently and act predictably after being informatically processed and after

receiving a certain set of benefits and prospects. Such people think and vote the way they are directed to and spend money on the things recommended to them.

Needless to say, this task is now being accomplished on the planet quite successfully thanks to modern technologies and general immersion in the Internet. At the same time, the new generation of people grow up being much more pragmatic, rational and often more selfish. And these qualities are usually treated positively by today's people. But one question remains – is this pragmatism suitable for the Creator of people – God?

Of course not. Not a single act of the Lord towards people or a single commandment given by Him to the people is pragmatic or rational. What was rational about the Lord's coming to Earth and dying for people? What kind of pragmatism can we find in the commandments that teach us to always help other people, observe high moral principles and forgive our abusers? There is love, kindness, high feelings and thoughts, and concern for the people. But there is no pragmatism at all.

However, it appears, absolute non-pragmatism conceals the greatest divine "rationality" of the world. A person who keeps the Lord's commandments, that is, lives neither pragmatically nor selfishly, as a result, gets not only several decades of happy Earthly life, but also an eternal life in Heaven afterwards.

That is why modern political technologists and manipulators do not like God. Without God, they can narrow people's minds as much as they want and change their views and ideas as they want. This is how they gradually transform the creatures of God into some "serving" and predictable people. That's why they usually begin their work with the destruction of faith in a person, with the devaluation of the commandments.

If a person believes in God and keeps His commandments, then it must be quickly replaced with some newfangled sticky and sinful worldview. If a person cherishes traditional family values, then these views should be called as absolutely outdated. If a person values high moral principles, then this should be described as a lack of personal freedom and blind conservatism. If a person tries to forgive people, then he should be taught to defend his right whenever and wherever. And so on.

A person who agrees with these ideas inevitably departs from God and His commandments. The consciousness of that person gradually narrows depending on the number of sins he has committed so he cannot see the real world anymore, cannot see its main meaning. And now, our serving and predictable person is almost ready.

To finish the work, it is better to plunge him even deeper into materiality, consumerism and always maintain the corresponding worldview in his mind. To do this, one needs to remove from person's life all information about God, about the great philosophers and about the real history of mankind. Short summaries from the bloggers on all the possible issues will be enough.

That is it. After that, a person is finally cut off from his roots and plunged into a different reality – the reality created by various modern manipulators. Such a person can be easily directed towards the 'right' side and convinced of anything. He has almost no intuition, that is, there is no connection with God and he is easily suggestible.

And so, sometimes very nice on the outside, considering himself completely free, but in fact, an easily controlled, rational-service person, is ready.

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