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There are illusions in this world and there is reality. An illusion is a distorted perception of reality and it can only appear in people's heads. It is a thought that remains just a thought. But reality is something completely different - it is something that definitely exists in the world regardless of whether people understand or accept it, or not.

God, of course, does not mind if people are dream a little. Fairy tales, fantasies - all it right from this area. However, He wants people to be as realistic as possible in serious and important matters. He wants them to use logic, common sense, so that they carefully study history and especially the evidence of the manifestation of the divine on Earth, in order to gain faith and understanding of the true meaning of life. As a result of this approach, people begin to strive for the main thing - the truthful, good and moral reality from the Creator, which is above the world and which never ends.

Reality is good because if it is once correctly understood by the head, then it will definitely meet in life. But with illusions, everything is much worse. You can continuously give birth to illusory thoughts in your head but they will not find a real embodiment in life. And this means that for a person they are useless and even harmful if they leading to negative consequences. The big problem of our time is that the population in many countries is now more and more detached from reality, and more and more live in illusions.

Thus, for example, humanity plunges itself into the greatest of all possible illusions by forgetting or deliberately "canceling" God. After death, every person will see reality and see that God exists. Therefore, the god-fighters as well as other creators and followers of various illusions on this most important topic, will have nothing to rejoice at. Great problems await them all, and they will receive nothing but responsibility before God for their sins.

And as for people who were realists in life, a completely different fate awaits them. If a person cultivated faith, led the right way of life - on the basis of many facts of history, the commandments of the Creator, logic and common sense - then great joy awaits him at the end of his Earthly journey. Because the next reality for him according to the words of the Lord, will be eternal life in the most beautiful place with the most beautiful surroundings.

One more illusion on Earth is oblivion of those important qualities that God commanded people to cultivate. And again, lovers of truth, kindness and morality will end up to be smart realists here. But different varieties of liars, manipulators, supporters of immorality and other sinful paths of life, are waiting for a period of very painful disappointment in their negative, illusory choice.

It so happens that people in the end, always appreciate only what exists in reality. But any illusions one day, will inevitably break against reality.

# Truth

Truth is correspondence to validity and God always stands behind any verity, truth. Furthermore, there is untruth in the world, in other words – a lie. Devil - the father of lies stands behind untruths, lies and deceit. God told people about the “parents” of truth and lies many hundreds of years ago. So it is no news for humanity here - you can have doubts in many things but not in the words of God.

A person always knows when he is telling a lie - he becomes ashamed should one's soul be pure. He also definitely feels when he is moving away from the truth, if his soul is not yet heavily soiled with lies and sin (by the way, lies often serve as a cover for sin). Remorse, inner discomfort, loss of ease and other signals coming from God in this case, tell a person that he is doing something wrong. However, if someone deliberately tells a lie, if the use of untruth is a conscious choice for a person then over time he is losing the ability to hear the truth and God.

The loss of truth and the ability to hear the voice of God in the soul is the greatest loss possible for a person. Deceitful people are like expensive compasses with broken arrows - they can no longer feel the right direction in life and their value to the Creator falls with each new deception. Whatever excuses a person has to justify his lies, they are definitely not worth the losses that he receives as a result. The voluntary departure of man from the human qualities is not a trifle.

Falsehood can only exist in a cunning head. But the truth and God always live in the heart of man. The feeling of happiness is not given to people by their head but only by the heart, in other words soul. This is the law and therefore, deceitful people are never truly happy. What is more, the Creator does not await for such people in His eternal home after the end of their Earthly life.

A lie is only washed away from a person's soul if he repents of it deeply and sincerely. In this case, if it is still possible, the person, somehow, will also try to correct the harm caused by his lie. Repentance is the only "solvent" that can wash away lies from our soul and make it bright again.

Unfortunately, now we live in a time when the truth in the world is less valued and people fight for it less and less. And it is far from coincidence that this happens simultaneously with the fall of faith on Earth. Which is not surprising - should one have no God in the world, then no Commandments are there for him. Then, anyone can declare the truth whatever he desires.

However, there is a God and for reasonable people His existence definitively proven by thousands of miracles on this Earth. Therefore, His commandments exist and the truth is important in the world. Furthermore, the souls of all people come from Him and those purified leave for His house forever. And if a person follows the path of truth in his life then one will never regret it afterwards since God is always with him.

## **Lies as an ideology**

Nowadays, it is very unusual to see how the most educated humanity of all time, despite its growing “civility”, more often begins to resort to the distortion of the truth, cleansing of the information field from dissent, manipulation and the likes, in the areas of internal management, business, international affairs. Unfortunately, in many countries of the "civilized" world today we can meet a really honest, independent and objective journalist, perhaps, as often as a living dinosaur. Lie has obviously become an important weapon of our day, in many places. George Orwell, the author of the novel “1984”, written more than seventy years ago, in which he described in detail much of what we really see today, was indeed a great visionary.

Orwell wrote about a Ministry of Truth that spreads lies, a Ministry of Love that spreads fear, and so on. And it is simply amazing to see how in today's age of supposedly universal democracy and freedom of speech in many "civilized" countries, dissent and truth are actually oppressed. Slogans about the freedom of the identity and choice can easily coexist with real discrimination and nationalism. Parents in these countries are less and less involved in the choices of their children. They canceled the good old dads and moms, there are no more ordinary men and women, cute traditions or true history. Even Orwell in his book, did not reach the same level of absurdity that some "modern" societies have reached today.

Needless to say, all of this usually happens in the countries that have forgotten God and abandoned faith. Well, where the

beautiful commandments of the Creator are canceled, they are always replaced by less beautiful and often ugly rules and ideas of sinful people. Nothing has changed in this matter for thousands of years on earth.

From God's point of view, this is indeed a sad spectacle. To give power to lies in the country means to give power to the devil for Him. However, many "civilized" countries on Earth have to a large extent and voluntarily done so. Yes, at the first stage, lies were usually promoted by cunning politicians, various minorities, manipulators, businessmen (money, as we know, do not like commandments) and mass media services controlled by them. But the peoples of those countries themselves came to be in this situation without accident. Passivity and indifference, the choice of benefit, instead of the truth and morality - these are the reasons that would lead any nation away from God. If we passively agree a thousand times that black is white, then, in the end, black will become white for us too.

Well, what is the value of such a "civilized" world for its Creator? Fortunately, our world is very heterogeneous. In many places on Earth money and sin have not yet changed the worldview of people as much, have not filled them with lies. In many countries of the planet, truth and justice are still valuable, and in some places faith is still alive. Perhaps that is why God is leading this, not very healthy world further. As long as there are good and honest people on Earth, as long as those who believe in Him still read the commandments and strive to get into His eternal home, it seems until then, the world will have value for God.

## God-fighters

Many of the “progressive and modern” things that have appeared in the way of life for people in recent decades and especially in the most “civilized” part of it, could well be called a fight against God. Closing down churches, abolishing traditional family values, promoting an absurd “hundred-gender” theory alien to people, involving children in self-destructive thoughts about their own gender - all of this is completely opposed to what God teaches us.

Opponents of the commandments of God today are gaining power in many places of the world, learning to manipulate human consciousness. They are trying to eradicate the memory of God from people, the main meaning of life, the true history of people. They largely lost the concept of honesty and objectivity. All they are interested in is money, power, maximum control over the population. These people are ready to say anything, hide behind any nice words and slogans, lie and scare, cunning and betray in order to achieve their goal. That is, ready to do everything that God condemns.

The plans of the god-fighters are essentially the plans of the devil and demons. They always try to fight God as well, but, at all the time, they are more like a flock of unreasonable flies trying to ram a concrete wall. The tenacity and fanaticism of some people in opposition against God looks more than strange. Yet, they are not ready to see it. As a result, all that the theomachists really manage to achieve in their lives is to climb higher, for a more painful fall.

The struggle of people against God (the one who actually created them) is extremely unwise. Not only that one day each such god-fighter will be brought by the ear to answer before the Creator, but also in their Earthly life they will have many problems. And at the same time, it does not even really matter whether such a person is fighting specifically against God, or whether he is just struggling with honesty, kindness, morality, or the foundations of a normal family - he is still in this case, a theomachist, as he violates the commandments of God on Earth. The only difference is that the ones who violate these commandments consciously, are punished more, and who do it unconsciously - less.

In our age of inflated freedoms, the commandments of God cause a clear protest among many sinful people, since they supposedly limit their "freedoms". On these claims, they can only be advised to create their own planet with any rules they like. But if they fail to do this, then they should respect the rules of the Creator on the planet on where they live.

In their rationalism, god-fighters are somewhat reminiscent of people who, not wanting to admit the fact that winter is approaching, stubbornly continue to wear summer clothes. But winter comes sometimes, and one day God will call upon each of us for an answer. Common sense, logic, reason are important qualities that God gave to people and He is pleased should we use them. God also gave every human a heart so that he would not lose his way. However, He did not give people pride, conceit, deceit, worship of money, sin, and the like. These have been humanity's own "discoveries" that always lead it to bad things including the fight against God.

# Life

God is Love, God is Light - these phrases are very well known to people. However, God is also Life. Because any life in all its manifestations on Earth was created by God only. It may appear to people that in family relationships they can give life to children themselves. But in reality, it is just part of a much larger, God given process. No one, except the Creator, controls life.

It is significant that only the highest light, love and kindness, the maximum height of all feelings and thoughts - that is, God - can create life. By the way, the Lord gave these most important qualities to people as guidelines in His commandments. Therefore, it is quite logical that the more accurately people follow them, the closer they come to the source of life. And the departure of people from the commandments of the Lord inevitably furthers them from the foundations of life.

Furthermore, it happens on two levels. People close to the commandments acquire the fullness and joy of life on this Earth, and after it ends, they have received eternal life in the House of their Creator. As for sinners, everything is sad here - the search for happiness on the dark side definitely does not lead to it, and all this does not have a good continuation.

This is a law of life, it is pointless to argue with it. About as useless as arguing with any physical law, for example. It is impossible to cancel universal gravitation, it is impossible to stop the change of day and night. In the same way, life cannot be created without God. People, of course, will attempt to do this since science does not strongly believe in the divine origin and development of the world and therefore it has its own, purely

technological view on the subject. However, precisely because of it, one should not expect real success here.

Is it all good? Of course it's good. People always like it when the best and the deserving to get an award. Well, the fact that only the Source and Basis of everything good, beautiful and lofty can create life on Earth - is the greatest justice. Life created by Love and Light often results in the emergence of new love and light in many people, should it be under His care and upbringing. And this is the development of Life and its most important fruits.

## **Paths**

In our world, everything concerning God is so clear and proven, obvious and simple, that it is often even difficult not to repeat, talking about this topic. Whereas ornate and intricate lies can be talked about to no end and differently every time. But only the truth is unchanging and always the same.

However, the topic of God is important and there is nothing more important. Someday we shall understand it all and shall certainly see it. Therefore, it is necessary to return to this topic again and again, trying to talk about this subject with different angles and using different examples. Heaving firm hope that it will help someone to see and realize the most important thing in life.

All the people on Earth tend to choose their own path in life. This applies to work, personal life, hobby preferences and much, much more. They make plans, take appropriate steps and devote their time in order to achieve their goals. The choice for such paths is usually made by people on the basis of information from a variety of sources, some of their own knowledge; they use logic, take into account their likes and inclinations, and sometimes they simply follow their intuition.

All people are truly free in their choice. The Creator of the world and people - God - initially gave each person complete freedom of will in choosing his own life path. However, we should not forget that He also gave people the commandments. The commandments of God are the rules for human behavior, recommended by Him. We can also say that this is a kind of hint, a sort of map for life with the correct route indicated on it, well, or a plan of a fairway on the water. All this was done by the Creator with great love for men. Because if the commandments be observed, any of us is sure to become happier already on this Earth, and at the end of earthly life receives a great prize from God - eternal life in Paradise.

Yes, each of us really has freedom of choice, and this freedom is complete. However, the result of any of our choices already depends on whether we checked in our lives with the right direction on the map given by God, that is, whether we followed the commandments. Any experienced tourist knows it is very

easy to get lost on a difficult route without a map. Well, the life of a person on Earth is the most difficult route there is.

Let's develop this thought a bit. So, if we choose some paths in our life, and do not violate the moral principles of God during their passage, then as a result we always go to a wonderful place. The terrestrial counterpart is to the ocean, for example, or to the slope of a beautiful mountain. Well, if, while following our route, we deviate from the commandments towards immorality, lies, anger or other sins, then the end point of our exit is guaranteed to change. After that, no matter where we were headed before, our path will inevitably end in either wild jungle, or in the desert, or in the swamp.

The world of God, who created our Earth, is always kind, honest, beautiful and moral. Any sin and darkness are alien to Him. So it was from the beginning, so it will always be. Therefore, the freedom of our will, leading to good and decent behavior on Earth, brings us to this beautiful world. But free will leading to sin inevitably ends in another, very bad place.

It is always wise to make our path on Earth without forgetting that this vast world has the Creator who is immeasurably bigger than us, smarter than us, kinder than us. He created us, loves us, and takes care of us. He cares a lot about where we are going. However, God also understands very well that only the person who, of all the options for behavior, always chooses kindness, honesty and morality by himself, will cherish them in the future. God can trust such a person and therefore, gladly takes him into His eternal world.

## **Family and God**

God arranged our world in such a way that the vast majority of new people are born into normal traditional families. Although today, it would probably be more correct to say “were born”, since in recent decades we have been hearing about many possible formats of “families” and forms of raising children in the world. But all these innovations have nothing to do with God - after all, it is no coincidence that the presence of faith in people automatically implies that they have ordinary, healthy and traditional families.

Why is that? Why was the institution of family originally given to us by the Lord and remains of great value to Him? In fact, everything here is not very difficult. All the people want to be happy on this Earth. However, happiness is impossible in the human family should the commandments of the Lord are not followed there to some extent. A family in which there is no love and fidelity between a man and a woman, no kindness and honesty, no forgiveness and understanding, becomes not a very cozy place to live.

In families, and especially in large families, people undergo important moral education through their own experience. Moreover, learning in different capacities: at first, in their role as children whom parents love and care about, but also ought to follow their elders and learn from them. And then as parents who patiently raise and teach their children, bearing full responsibility for them.

The human soul is made in such a way that it cannot be truly happy, should it not grow in divine, eternal truths; that is, if it does not learn to forgive and apologize, to be faithful and loving, to care for and appreciate the care of others. A person can find thousands of different ways to get pleasure, including sinful ones. But no pleasure can compare with happiness. That is why the soul given to us by God always drawn solely for honesty and justice, nobility and purity. And it inevitably losing its light and joy, if lies and sin settle inside.

The divine soul always wants to believe other people, and it strives not to let them down itself. Of course, experience and life make their own adjustments to human behavior over the years, depriving him of some illusions about the real world. However, faith in God and understanding of the educational meaning of people's lives on Earth helps the soul to keep the light under any conditions.

Moreover, the family is the place where people can and should go through an important school of growing up and strengthening their souls. In it, they can attempt to build their own little paradise on Earth. Bound by kinship and love ties on the one hand and often repulsed by the difference in character, views, likes, etc., on the other hand, here they practically learn patience, understanding and forgiveness. In the correct overcoming of daily family difficulties and contradictions, many qualities valuable to God and to us are born, which are called virtues on Earth.

Love and fidelity, responsibility and care, honesty and the desire to admit one's mistakes - all these, in fact, are the only values that a person can acquire on this Earth, and which will

remain with him forever. Someday, it will become obvious to everyone. Only thanks to these qualities, according to the word of God, people after death receive eternal life in heaven - and in no other way. A person with many virtues becomes one of his own among the inhabitants of the Heavenly world which people call Paradise.

Living outside a normal family (unless, of course, this is a monastic path to God), it is much more harder for a person to acquire all those high qualities, even if he is not particularly predisposed to sin. Loneliness does not usually imply a daily concern for others, benevolent patience of different characters, views and preferences around you. And on this path, there is a real danger of cultivating some shade of egoism inside oneself. However, this is a quality that no longer leads to God, but away from Him.

As for various sinful forms of personal life, it makes no sense to talk much about. God clearly and understandably told people what is good and right in this area and what is bad and sinful. He also spoke with great detail about the results of a person's righteous or sinful life. And then, choice is up to us.

## **Acceleration**

It is not easy to reflect about God's plans regarding our world. The providence of God is so multifaceted, comprehensive and

deep; it is so filled with love for people, knowledge of their capabilities, patience that it is difficult for a person to imagine it even remotely. However, a believer is still able (and this is always desirable) to see some general touches of a huge divine pedagogy. And one of the obvious "strokes" of the last three years which we could observe, is a clear acceleration of many new processes on Earth. The way the world has changed as a result of this, is impressive.

It can probably be argued that before that, there had been relatively calm on earth for seven decades. Yes, even then there were some separate wars and conflicts, other problems in the world, but in general, humanity lived with enough comfort. Possibly, the most comfortably in its history.

What this relatively calm period of time brought to mankind is not so difficult to see. In terms of the development of technology and convenience of life on earth, there has obviously been a strong increase. However, in the spiritual sphere, in many countries of the world (surprisingly, the most developed and formerly Christian), there was a catastrophic spiritual decline. God and Lord's commandments are very much forgotten in them today, and sin have reached such shapes and sizes that even a simple description of all their shades requires considerable time.

The saddest thing about it is that sins in those countries have become completely legal, and even "moral". It is not easy to find something like this in the entire history of humankind. The only known examples of the two sinful cities of ancient Israel (and their subsequent punishment by God) come to mind. Since then, there have been almost no examples of such a universal and

legalized fall into sin on Earth. However, now sin have surpassed those ancient examples in some places.

Could everything that is happening in the world in recent years be called an accident? Yes, for many it really looks like an accident or just an unfortunate set of circumstances. But for believers, it was an accident that God still did not respond to the deepest decline in morality in many, former Christian countries and to the triumph of sin and lies there. And perhaps in Heaven today they are tired of just observing such a vector of human development. Someday, we will definitely find out the answer to this question. Well, now the reality is, that not much is left from the tranquility of the former world in just three years. The wind of change is clearly blowing strong and without pause.

Let's recall the events that took place during these three years - at first, a certain disease quickly divided all of humanity, almost ceasing the movement of people around the world. At the same time and later, internal and external conflicts and contradictions in some countries intensified greatly. There were many other important events. And it is obvious that the world, as a result of all this, began to change and divide rapidly.

However, if you look closely the world today is not dividing by chance but very often according to certain moral principles. It is not difficult to see that at the base of many of these "dividing lines" on different sides are: good and evil, truth and lies, respect for people and manipulation of them, morality and sinfulness, materiality and spirituality. Trying to summarize all this, we will see that these sides are often - God and sin.

Therefore, if it is really the Creator who took up the matter in recent years, then the result will definitely be - God always achieves His goals. What result? Perhaps the one that will return the right guidelines in life to the people of the Earth (they are described in detail in commandments of the Lord). Maybe it will be something else. We will certainly find out the answer to this question, and judging by the speed of this changes, possibly in the not so distant future.

Yes, different events happen on our Earth from time to time. However, no matter what happens in the world, whenever it happens, it is important for every person to remember that our personal destiny does not depend on where the different “dividing lines” between good and evil pass. Our destiny depends only on which side of these lines we are on. The simple and understandable commandments of the Lord will always help us to deal with this accurately.

## **Mind**

God can control His world in many ways. Humanity already knows from history a little about some of them, about the others it can guess somewhere, and does not even suspect about the rest. The Lord gave people free will, but He is careful to ensure that the free will of some people does not close the free will of His other children for a long time. And of course, God always makes sure that in His "school" of people's lives called Earth, important

spiritual values and correct guidelines are necessarily preserved. Because without them, the project "Human" is meaningless. Therefore, God will always inevitably bring people back to the importance of the issues of morality, kindness, honesty.

Yes, God has a huge “toolkit” for effecting the world. Of course, He always wants people to go in the right direction by their correct choice and decent life by themselves, since then the Creator would not have to interfere much. However, this does not happen that often on Earth, unfortunately. That is why, there is always a lot of work to be done in Heaven. In addition, for the purpose of the correct development of man, God created him in such a way that it benefits him itself to move in the right direction and harmful in the sinful direction.

Let’s explain this. It has long been known in Christianity that "when God wants to punish a person, He deprives him of his mind." However, that punishment can have not only the maximum value, but partial degrees as well. Therefore, when a person moves away from kindness, honesty and morality in life (in fact, from the commandments of God), then by these actions he begins to shut his channel of communication with The Creator. Thus, the greater the withdrawal, the less shall the voice of God be heard. And this is very bad, since this voice alone can tell a person the right steps to take in life on an intuition level and point out his mistakes through conscience.

This process essentially looks like disconnecting a person from the main "divine Internet" (in Christianity called the Holy Spirit). In clear examples, it can be compared to disabling ship’s navigation or removing a driver’s navigator. As long as people

live morally, they hear the main Voice of life, often without even realizing that and their actions are largely reasonable and logical. Therefore, God leads each such person to very important eternal values.

However, if a person begin to plunge into sin during his life - anger, lies, immorality, and so on - then by these actions, as it were, he damages his own "antennas" of communication with God. After that, he can only be guided in life by his own ideas, well, or by the advice of other, often sinful people. New ideas may seem reasonable and important to these people, but in most realities this is no longer the case. That is why their actions, for the sane part of humanity, often look not so smart, and sometimes even absurd.

Unfortunately, in our time, this tendency is getting further development in some places. God and His commandments in many countries of the world have been forgotten more and more in recent years, and people there are moving closer towards sin. With all the ensuing consequences.

## **Morality**

Can a person acquire moral principles without faith in God in our time? If this question seems excessive to anyone, then we can ask it in a slightly different form - on the basis of what centers and institutions of education that actually exist, in our time can a

person grow morality? The sad answer we will come to in the end will be the following - with rare exceptions, only the main religions of the world today are still concerned about the preservation of morality in humans. Therefore, those countries that maintain their spiritual traditions are certain islands of morality in the world.

Before, there were many more such centers on Earth. The broadest centuries-old philosophy of mankind, various thematic civil societies, thousands of wonderful books and later wonderful films really participated in the formation of beautiful, decent personalities on Earth. But where is all of it today? How many of the younger generation these days really take an interest in this, read this? Very, very few to be honest.

Just a few decades ago, the concepts of good and evil, honesty and lies, morality and immorality in all corners of the Earth were quite close. In addition, there was a similar in many aspects attitudes to families on the Earth, to raising children, and other similar things. Today, we can state with sadness that in a significant part of the planet most of these basic moral foundations of a person have already been distorted, changed and in some places even abolished.

Today, in these countries it is already very difficult for a normal young person to figure out what is good and what is bad, what is moral and what is not. From what is available, perhaps, only the commandments of the Lord can help him doubt that the information conveyed from many sources to him about modern "morality" is correct. That is why God is being actively canceled

in those countries today. Which is quite logical from the point of view of the supporters of sin.

Indeed, in our time it is almost impossible to accurately understand the issues of morality without the commandments of the Lord. The clear and uncompromising words of God have been explaining to people what is good and what is bad for many centuries. The commandments of the Creator of the world are beyond doubt or influence of time. There were no other, more accurate words on this topic on Earth.

Yes, nowadays times have changed drastically. The concept of morality in many places on the planet is becoming more, more sinful, even superfluous in some places. The consumer “culture” that came to replace it actively helps people to forget about this topic. And it also helps to forget history, lose faith and not to think about the meaning of life. Previously, times were very different - before, even some atheistic parties on the planet (for example, the communists) promoted ideas close to the commandments of God. But today, individual Christian movements are already beginning to approve of sin in some places.

Therefore, a person who remains today in a traditional faith (or at least with a real interest in God) is able to understand the indisputable and timeless truths of humanity. This is extremely useful for maintaining sanity, for the reality of perception, for understanding the main meanings of life. Moreover, nothing in the world can compare with the possibility of a human gaining eternal life. And one can learn about this path only through the words of God, which form the basis of all morality.

## **Reverse process**

Nowadays, there is an extremely unusual and even somewhat unique time on Earth. Before, for many centuries, people on Earth watched what happens to people and countries that embark on the Christian path of development. Yes, there were many different deviations, excessiveness and even violations in those processes. However, there is no doubt that the general vector of the movement of the Christian world towards kindness and justice, honesty and morality was nevertheless obvious.

All this is because the basis of any Christianity, if it has not completely gone somewhere to the side, is always the Commandments of the Creator of our world. These Commandments set out the main principles of the correct life of people - kindness, honesty, morality and so on. The commandments of the Creator are simple and clear, they cannot be misinterpreted in any way. And God had no other rules for people and never will.

Now in humanity, for the first time in a thousand-year history, in many places we can observe a massive reverse process - the voluntary rejection of Christianity by many people. In recent years, a significant part of formerly believing people and sometimes even entire countries, have begun to renounce their faith. Never before in the history of mankind has such a huge number of churches been closed, never have Christian views, traditions and values been forgotten so quickly. Never before have the commandments of the Lord been violated so massively, in formerly Christian nations.

This is the first time in the long history of humans that such a process has taken place, but we can already assess its first

consequences. And soon, perhaps, we will be able to evaluate the rest. All this is because, unlike the process of the birth of faith, which sometimes took centuries in some countries, the process of the destruction of Christianity occurs faster - in years, maximum in a few decades. After all, it is well known – it is much easier to break than to build, especially if modern information technologies contribute to this. And therefore, the outcome of this process, it seems, will not be much delayed in time.

Changes in the behavior of former Christians, their beliefs, a change in attitude towards those human qualities that the Lord called virtues - all this is now available for observation, analysis and conclusions. All this can also be compared with what God previously spoke about such times.

In fact, what is happening today is so clear and revealing that in our age of open information, it does not even require any additional comments. Only the point of view of the observer matters here. If he is in the positions of the Lord and His commandments, then the feelings that he experiences from what he sees around range from surprise to shock and sadness. And if a person has already departed from Christianity, then he is hardly able to see the real picture at all. Otherwise, he would never have left it.

Well, what will happen to the world and people next is a big question, the exact answer to which is known by only God. We, of course, will definitely find out as well. But only in due time.

## **Happiness and pleasures**

A person can experience happiness or he can experience pleasure - both are available to him on Earth. However, all this did not appear by itself - it was God who created human this way and gave him this opportunity.

The difference in quality between happiness and pleasure can be enormous. Without a soul, the human body created by God is essentially just a kind of biorobot, which is based on different programs - reflexes, instincts and so on. It can experience pleasure, for example, while eating, smelling flowers, possessing something and so on. All this is embedded in us, like programs in a computer. If God had not put these properties in us, then we would not have experienced any pleasure from such actions.

Of course, we enjoy various pleasures. But a person, in addition to the body, also has a soul, and the soul has a different sphere of aspirations. The soul is a piece of God within us, an element from another, much sublime world. Soul in relation to instincts looks the same as an expensive diamond in relation to a cheap metal frame. Only the soul of a person (unless we "block it out" with sins) seeks meaning in life, comprehends the criteria of good and right, finds real values. To put it simply, each soul is essentially just looking for a way to its home. Therefore, the soul is capable of giving us feelings and sensations much higher than pleasures.

People have the knowledge of how this can be achieved in practice. God, during His coming to Earth, gave us a list of correct

actions and thoughts, the result of which is the growth and revelation of the possibilities of our soul. All of them are called the Commandments of God and these are written in the most detailed way, in the 'Sermon on the Mount' in the Gospel. The result of a person's efforts in this direction is not only finding happiness in his life, but also another result, the significance of which is difficult to overestimate - a person receiving eternal life after completing his earthly journey.

The happiness that a person finds in the soul as a result of following the Commandments of the Creator is usually not very noticeable to other people. After all, happiness is not something that you can touch with your hands (although some can feel the light, lightness and joy emanating from happy people). However, beyond the bounds of the earthly world, the state of our soul is visible to everyone. And purity, the beauty of the human soul is most valued in that heavenly world, which people call Paradise. Therefore, it is very important for a person to use his time on Earth to make his soul like this.

It is often difficult for a person to imagine in his head what an eternal life is in relation to an earthly life. Nevertheless, one must force oneself to think about this topic more often - this is a very useful exercise. One day we will have to come to this anyway, and it is better to think about it in advance. If some external images are useful to us to understand the scale of that difference, then for example, we can look at a mosquito and an airplane - the difference in their sizes will give rise to correct thoughts in us. And by the way, the difference between the happiness of the soul and the feeling of pleasure is also considerable.

# Artificial intelligence

Humanity has paid a lot of attention to artificial intelligence in recent years. A lot of people believe that artificial intelligence will greatly help people in solving a considerable number of issues. However, this conclusion is not as unambiguous as it might seem at first glance. Of course, the advantages of AI are obvious when it comes to the exact sciences, information and other technologies. But as for the sphere of organizing people's lives, various social aspects, there are some nuances.

It is well known that intelligence is the ability to know and make decisions, which are based on reason, sensations, memory, a formed worldview and so on. Let's consider not artificial, but ordinary, human intelligence for a broader understanding of this issue. Here we will quickly come to the realization of the fact that for many groups of people on earth it is different, as it is based on their different worldviews, upbringing, memory (or their history) and so on. That is why it sometimes also has different goals.

For example, believers have one type of intellect and it is based on their faith in God, on observance of His rules. Non-believers have a different type of intellect, and it is focused on earthly laws. Which, in turn, are different in many parts of the world. In their main priorities, one can find either pragmatism, or humanism, or capitalism, or communism, or socialism, or already feminism and many other new “isms”.

Therefore, the question to all the creators of artificial intelligence in the field of human relations and the social structure

of life immediately arises - which groups of people or views will be given priorities? After all, artificial intelligence does not exactly create itself - it is always created by specific people, with a very specific worldview, following very specific tasks. And what priorities they choose for the algorithm when making AI decisions on social, economic and moral issues - humanity or pragmatism, morality or sinfulness, honesty or manipulation, making a profit or improving the well-being of citizens - will depend only on them.

If someone thinks that everything stated above is just some kind of theoretical construction for the future, - it is not. All this is beginning to be present in our lives today. Various messengers are increasingly “correcting” our proposals, online translators are already translating texts into other languages, taking into account the tips from new intellects, and so on, and so forth. By the way, the word “sin”, for some reason, suddenly began to disappear in one of the translators that we sometimes use. It seems that their AI creators do not agree with the fact that people have sins. Without taking into account God's opinion on this matter, of course. And there will be many similar situations.

Yes, there are many different views and worldviews on our planet. Therefore, there is a real chance that created by different groups of people artificial intelligences, as a result, will sometimes differ significantly from each other in terms of their qualities and characteristics.

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