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# reflections

Sketches, thoughts

## **The factor of God**

It is not a secret that there are so many people who want to know more about tomorrow. And the world today is literally filled with a variety of predictions: economic, political, sociological and all sorts of others. The number of political scientists and economists corresponding to the number of required forecasts is also available in the world in abundance.

Of course, considering the specifics of their states, political scientists, economists and sociologists give slightly different forecasts. However, there is one thing that for sure makes all the analysts similar, especially in our time - the factor of God is almost completely absent in their forecasts. That is, when assessing the events taking place in the world, as well as when making various forecasts for the future, the influence of the Creator of the earth and people is not considered at all. However, given the degree of proof that God exists, this looks like a very curious fact.

In simple words, without considering the factor of God, all analysts are only engaged in the study of certain patterns and previous experiences and draw parallels in the future based on that. Nevertheless, the real motivation for everything that happens in the world is completely different. As before, God only needs good and kind people growing on His earth. And the closer they are in their behavior to His Commandments, the better. All other things are not so important for the Creator.

Therefore, trying to make some predictions in the world without taking into account the factor of God is like trying to predict the behavior of people only inside moving trains. But the routes of these "trains" and all the "views" outside their windows are determined by one God. And the knowledge of His laws is required in order to understand this issue in its entirety.

That is why no "previous experience of mankind" will work if, for instance, people inside "trains" ("countries", "nations", and so on) begin to move towards a sinful life. Then, God will switch the arrows to their paths in the other direction and the final station for those passengers will not be the most pleasant.

That is why you always need to consider the factor of God first, when making any predictions. If you understand the basics, it will be easier for you to understand the smaller details afterwards. However, if you focus more on the details, the main thing can be skipped in the end.

## **About the depth of sinfulness**

Today, it is obvious to all the believers and even many non-believers on earth that the world is rapidly sliding towards sin. And in this regard, the question arises, whether any "bottom" to human sinfulness exists or not?

Well, if it does exist, it looks like it is not close yet. Little by little, the devil has been taking away many important ideas of

people towards immorality for already many years and even decades. The definitions of everything that is correct, honest and moral are consistently blurred, distorted, canceled. The consequence of all this is the increasing departure of many people in the world from the Commandments of God.

Almost every week or even every day, the evidence that somewhere on earth some new sinful views have been declared quite “normal” appears. And many people every time faced with this, think: “Oh, God! Is this really possible?”

Of course, in comparison with the Commandments of God, this seems impossible. However, in comparison with the place to which this or that society has already descended this step does not seem so incredible. The transition from white to black is always a contrast, but the transition from a dark color to a little darker one is often a subtle nuance.

However, small daily changes for the worse are far from harmless. Even if you move away from home every day by just a half-step, nevertheless, one day you will completely lose sight of it. Let alone spirituality. Here, you can lose everything - the meaning of coming to earth, your soul and your future.

Therefore, the question about the possible depth of the sinful fall of some societies and people can probably be answered if desired. However, this answer is unlikely to be important to us. It is much more important for us to understand that the devil will always try to immerse every person who has gone astray into sin as deep as it is possible. Why does he need to do this? The answer here is not difficult - evil simply cannot do anything but evil. In addition, the satan is essentially just an evil, albeit quite smart



animal. It is well known that animals try to expand their territory. Any darkness in the soul of any person always becomes his territory.

## **House of faith**

The forming of faith in people is a bit similar to constructing a large building. Faith also takes shape gradually and slowly as well. And as it is impossible to build a new building in an old place without breaking the previous one, it is the same with faith - in order to impose new views on people, you must first destroy the old ones. Moreover, in order to plunge a believing person into sin, one must first destroy his high morality and morality. The morality, which is maximally represented by Christian commandments on earth.

In general, people come to God for various reasons. They are faith, love, rationality or fear. A believer always shuns sin as the main danger to his soul. The creator of the world and of people themselves clearly told us about this, and all the options of sins are listed in the Gospel. Everything is stated there clearly and unequivocally. It is impossible to try to distort the meaning of the Lord's simple words.

Therefore, the devil, who always tries to draw every person into a sinful life, has only one way to implement his plans – he needs to destroy people's faith in God. To do this, he uses absolutely all means. He casts doubt on or tries to somehow scientifically explain the many thousands of miracles that the

Lord, the prophets and hundreds of saints showed people; he tries to pass off the mistakes of individual church ministers as mistakes of the Christian idea itself; he seeks to distract a person from all the facts related to God and to turn his attention to something else, preferably more sinful. And much more.

However, in a place where faith in God is destroyed, chaos immediately begins. Because when people call into question a thousand-fold proven God, they lose the meaning of keeping all His commandments. In this case, the indisputable spiritual benchmark that has led humanity in the right direction for thousands of years disappears from the earth. Who will convince a person after that of what is good and what is bad? Without God, anyone can consider himself or anyone else a “creator of morality”, an “author of correct rules for life”, an “evaluator of right and wrong,” and so on. And all this is a direct path to chaos, and more, not too long path either.

That is why it is very important for a person himself to understand the facts of history at least a little. It is important to read the words that the Lord said to people and think about them. These are the only words on earth spoken not by people, but by God. Isn't it interesting to know them? In addition, there is nothing complicated about them.

And then, if a person has not yet plunged into sin deeply and with pleasure, if he has retained logic and common sense, then he will certainly find a lot of important and extremely useful information for himself in the words of God. Then will he truly be able to build such a "house" of his faith that is not afraid of any difficulties.

## Communication addiction

It is natural for people to communicate. But in fact, there are many things that are natural for them. For example, they tend to naturally eat or drink alcohol. However, everyone is well aware that excessive food intake causes obesity and excessive consumption of alcohol can cause alcoholism. Therefore, in addition to "naturalness", people also need reason, self-control and moderation.

Without these, something similar may as well happen in the field of communication. Yes, people really can and should communicate for a variety of reasons – for love, for pleasure, for business, and sometimes for other needs. However, if they suddenly begin to communicate for hours about nothing, then this is no longer communication, but dependence on communication. And, like any other addiction, it affects a person negatively.

How exactly? Well, first of all, any dependence is always a violation of human nature, of the true desires of our soul. It can be compared to a disease, but one that we acquired willingly.

Secondly, over-communication is never good for us. There are even such sins in Christianity as idle talk and rant. This happens because the majority of the topics of such conversations are devoted to condemnation, discussion, gossip. And such endless communication distracts from really important thoughts about the meaning of life or about God.

Thirdly, if a person is dependent on communication, they will always lose time, which could have been spent for much greater

benefit. As a result, there can be dozens and even hundreds of missed useful and healthy directions. If our head is always busy with some kind of correspondence or endless conversations, how can it thoughtfully and seriously reflect upon something else?

It is also worth mentioning the harm that endless contacts with mobile technology inflicts on a person. The data from physicians in this regard are already well known to people. However, namely because of such devices, we can communicate constantly.

Today, our civilization offers a lot of various possibilities to every modern person. Undoubtedly, their number will keep increasing from year to year. However, we must choose carefully and attentively for ourselves only what is useful to us, out of all this abundance. The name of our kind - "Homo sapiens" - implies this approach.

## **About common sense**

Of course, it may seem strange, but when looking at today's well-educated and informed humanity in some parts of the world, it often appears that there is feedback between the level of common sense and the level of development and awareness there, on issues related to God.

Judge for yourself: hundreds, even thousands of years ago, our distant and much less-educated ancestors tried to visit some places connected to God, with evidence of His existence on earth, to touch the history of His miracles. They were interested in any



facts, any information about God. All this was happening massively and voluntarily, which means it was important for the people of those years. As a result, people came to understand the necessity of keeping the commandments of God in order to receive eternal life after their not-so-long earthly journey.

Our ancestors were pretty intelligent. After all, what could be more pragmatic than this? Indeed, what can really be more important for a person than gaining eternal life in the most beautiful place? Nothing, of course. And previous generations of people understood this well. That is why they built millions of Christian churches on earth.

And what do we have today? The level of people's awareness now is so high that it allows them to study any of God's presence on earth in detail, even without leaving the house. It gives them the opportunity to get complete information about any miracle of God in great detail and find out about the number of witnesses present, all in several seconds. The Internet allows people to instantly find information about the many hundreds of God's saints and their miracles. And, of course, the level of education of modern people should enable them to draw correct logical conclusions from any information. However...

For some reason, namely this one, the most important part of its life, the modern mankind always forgets to notice. People today manage to get anywhere on the Internet, learn about anything, subscribe to anything, buy anything and chat anywhere. They manage not to miss any little thing. But for some unknown reason, they never have enough time to properly deal with what is of paramount importance to them.

As a result, many educated people on earth today are farther from God than their predecessors a few tens or even hundreds of years ago. Despite the excellent education and all the information and opportunities available to them, our contemporaries often look much less logical compared to their distant and much less-educated ancestors – those who did not even have such opportunities. Need proof? No problem. In our time, people in many countries of the world have closed many Christian churches and began to build a life far from the commandments of God.

What will be the result of all this? It is quite obvious that it cannot be good; forgetting the commandments of God is very stupid. This is because a person who does not do a certain job on his soul and does not live according to the commandments of the Creator of our world will not get the opportunity to live forever after the end of his earthly life. So it was before, and so it is now. God's rules for people do not change over time.

The loss of interest itself in God in many parts of the world, despite the huge amount of obvious evidence of His existence, is not an excuse for people. Even on earth a person's unwillingness to know the laws does not exempt him from responsibility for their violation. Of course, this exists in Heaven. Moreover, the commandments of God are beautiful in themselves. On this Earth, we just have to be moral, kind, honest, forgiving, and so on. And as for everything bad that a person can do in this life, it is contrary to the commandments of the Creator.

Namely because of this reason, this whole situation with the loss of faith in God looks like nothing but a sign of the loss of logic and common sense in some places in humanity. By the way,

in humanity, the most educated and informed, in the entire history of its existence on planet Earth. It's no coincidence that one of the greatest saints of the last centuries, Seraphim of Sarov, once said that people: "*under the pretext of enlightenment, entered such darkness of ignorance ...*".

## **Betrayal**

Many different ugly deeds can be found to be done people, such as lies, anger, greed, slander, for example. However, one of the lowest human transgressions is betrayal. This is because betrayal destroys the harmonious human relations and beautiful connections that exists between people.

After a betrayal, friends cease to be friends. If the betrayer has not deeply repented of his act, and the betrayed has not sincerely forgiven him, then the former warmth of relations will no longer be there. Betrayal, and especially its variety – cheating, can destroy the beautiful union of hearts that exists between a man and a woman. After that, the relationship between the lovers will resemble a cracked vase – it may outwardly seem to be whole, but it doesn't ring. This defect will not disappear until the betrayer, again, does not sincerely repent of his wrongdoing and has not received heart-felt forgiveness. Moreover, even if the betrayed person himself is the first to forgive the culprit, without the deep repentance of the other person, the connection between the two hearts will still not be fully restored.

Betrayal always looks disgusting. More so, the more kind and loving one was towards the one who betrayed him, the more terrible this act looks. It's like with dirt – the cleaner the place where it appears, the more inappropriate and foreign it looks there.

That is why the most terrible betrayal that can be committed is the betrayal of his God by once sincerely believing person. Because in this case, a person betrays all the most beautiful and luminous that can only be. And if a previously-believing person turns away from God and His commandments, then he betrays the One who created him and this land for him. He betrays the One who always loved him, led him in life every minute, brought him up. There can be no betrayal uglier than this.

Can God forgive the one who betrayed Him? Of course, the Creator teaches us to forgive everyone and always. However, in order to grant forgiveness, God must clearly see that such person has sincerely and deeply repented of his departure from Him.

## **Memory about reality**

One of the most important tasks for a person who does not want to stray from the right path in this life is trying not to forget about the real way of this world in the midst of our life, sparkling with all lights and screens. Not to forget that everything that we see around us is temporary and exists with only one purpose,

which is to bring up a person. Earthly blessings, of course, are of considerable importance to people but there are things that are hundreds of times more important in this life.

The fact that we clearly do not see these things in our life does not mean that we will somehow be able to bypass them. None of those who lived on earth could do this, and not thinking about them simply means living in a world of one's own illusions. However, all illusions melt away one day, after which a sober reality comes. And it is very important for us not to turn out to be spiritually bankrupt by the time when this next, eternal and maximally-spiritual reality arrives.

The ability to see the events that are happening now on earth as they are requires our efforts. It requires faith, a calm attitude to material values, memory and attentiveness. The Lord taught us to stay awake, taught us not to get attached to material things. And that means that all this is of great importance. Therefore, any excessive involvement of a person in the material world inevitably reduces his spirituality, whereas any thoughts about God and His world reduce the importance of everything material.

In this sense, people can often be helped by some kind of external images. There are many places on our earth, looking at which, it is much easier for a person to reduce the significance of materiality. For example, looking at a Christian church it is easier to remember the Lord. Or, looking at the stars, mountains or the endless sea, it is always easy to feel the presence of the Creator of our world.

There is another, very effective way by which any person can quickly throw off all thoughts about the importance of the

material world. He just needs to walk through the cemetery a little. The cemetery is the place where any soul gets sober. The ability to see the fate of our predecessors with our own eyes usually quickly dissolves many illusions. At this place, no special imagination is needed to guess: all that we see here is, in fact, our tomorrow. Well, and the fact that two dates on the monument will ultimately remain the only material value of any person is also clearly visible here. Moreover, this result does not depend in any way on what this or that person had during his lifetime.

Yes, such a modest result will be on the path of material accumulation for any person on earth. However, people still have another way, indicated by God – the way of collecting spiritual values. And this result cannot be seen in the cemetery. Was this or that person kind or evil, greedy or generous, honest or deceitful, moral or immoral – two dates on the stone do not show this. However, God knows this information exactly and to the smallest detail. Because only our behavior in life affects His attitude towards us. And in the end, this is what will determine our future destiny.

That is why it is so important for people to have time to open their eyes and wake up spiritually in this life, when there is an opportunity to change something for the better by working in the right direction. It is a million times sadder if a person succeeds in sobering up only after the end of his earthly life. That is, when something is too late to change.



## Foundation and house

Nowadays, in some parts of the world, tendencies towards destruction in some directions are evident. This is not unusual; for example, if the foundation of a house begins to collapse, cracks inevitably appear on the walls, which leads to the destruction of the building itself. On a large part of the earth, for many centuries, God and His commandments were the “foundation” on which people could build beautiful and reliable “buildings” for their society and families. But today, in many countries – especially those which were once very religious, inhabitants are increasingly beginning to forget God and His commandments, and instead are introducing various new-fangled rules and laws of purely human production.

Meanwhile, one thing they forget is that without God, the concepts of good and bad, moral and immoral, honest and deceitful in people will inevitably begin to blur and distort. That, evidently, is human nature. People, by themselves, have always either slipped into egoism, nationalism, sinfulness, or something else. No matter how many times they tried to create their own rules on this earth, they did nothing great in the long term. Therefore, any illusions should not be harbored this time either.

As a result of the "cultural and moral progress" of recent decades, in many countries, the value of the traditional human family has been greatly distorted and dropped to a very low level. Dozens of genders, which people and even God sometimes find difficult to understand, has begun to appear; also all kinds of groups and communities arise that generate discord between men

and women, and so on and so forth. Because of such innovations, the harmony of the existence of sexes on earth and the fundamental laws of human reproduction have been violated. And this is a huge "crack" in the building of all mankind.

All of the aforementioned is mostly an aspect of quantity. However, there is also a quality aspect. If someone thinks that scientists and psychologists call the modern youth the generation of "snowflakes" without any reason, then he is greatly mistaken. Children who were not grown up and brought up in kind, honest and moral, natural families (we again return to the Commandments), but in the vastness of the often very immoral Internet and in schools, where consumers are mainly raised now, are actually colder at heart. If we start to think about another generation, then we must understand that *snowflakes*, if they are not "warmed up" well and in time, can actually only give rise to winter. And this is another big "crack" in the building of humanity living without God.

In fact, there are already quite a few of such cracks in this building - quite enough for destruction in some places to soon manifest. That is why countries, that today look good before the God - are the countries and societies that in our sinful time are trying with all their might to preserve faith, spirituality, healthy traditions on the most important issues for people - morality, ethics, strengthening of families and raising children. These countries fill our tomorrow with meaning and they delight the Creator of the world.

# Evolution

The non-believing part of humanity usually considers political or economic factors as the main reasons for the growth or fall of a society or state in different directions. As for spiritual people, they understand that it is God, who is always behind all significant turns of events on earth. That is why for them, the laws of development and fall in the world are in some ways connected with the most important thing for God – the evolution of human souls. The higher the evolution – which, in turn, is directly related to the proximity of the views of certain people to the Creator's commandments, the stronger the development.

This is precisely the main driving force that generates all sorts of external and often internal circumstances in people's lives. These circumstances can be very different and at first glance have no connection with the above-mentioned root cause. However, if we remove skepticism from the approach to this issue and show calm observation, common sense and logic, then it will become obvious to many people that divine motivation, as a cause-and-effect relationship, has many manifestations in the world that are not so hidden from inquisitive eyes. After all, the Lord does not object if believers, and simply everyone who wants to, see His providence on earth, and so become strengthened in their faith.

The divine reaction in response to the actions of people was especially clearly manifested in previous centuries and millennia. However, taking in account the cruelty and sinfulness of the people of those times, it was mostly negative. For example, the destruction by God of the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah,

that were completely mired in sin and were no longer capable of doing anything good, hardly needs any comments. The fall of all, as a rule, far from the kindness of empires on earth – also does not require great analytical skills to reach correct conclusions. And there are many similar examples in the history of ancient mankind.

Nowadays, it is also not so difficult to see the corrective role of the Creator on Earth. After all, God has remained the same, and His goals have not changed. For this, you just need to remember His commandments and carefully monitor the events in the world, especially in those places wherein these commandments are greatly violated. And if you understand in advance that healthy forces on earth will always be gradually raised by the Creator, while sinful directions will always encounter difficulties, then it is very possible to see this movement. When you know what you are looking for, it is always easier to find it.

So, it is quite easy to notice that all who sow discord in the world receive something similar someday at home. In the end, the lies of various politicians and governments hurt them the most. And the more a person tells lies in their life, the less truth they will receive from others. Success in some areas of science in the world is not always determined by the amount of effort put in, but it often comes according to completely different laws. Departure from traditional family values or their distortion in a particular place often coincides with the influx of people there who value family more genetically. Attempts to manipulate people for their own benefit will inevitably cause problems for the manipulators, and someone's desire to limit the truth over time brings those sly ones the opposite effect. And many, many other things.

Someone may object that in the end, it is not God who implements various deeds and projects on earth but certain people. Yes, that is correct, but the Creator basically acts through people. People in our world are infinitely different in their inner qualities. Varying from very light and close to God, to very dark and far from Him. The Creator usually helps the former by correcting this world, however, for the good of the cause, He may not interfere with the plans of the latter group for some time. And sometimes, He introduces additional external difficulties on earth, either natural or other, that exacerbate or accelerate certain processes, making the flaws that exist in different countries or people more visible.

In fact, we cannot even imagine how many different possibilities and ways the Creator has with the help of which He educates His humankind. Only a small piece of the huge "divine pedagogy" can be revealed to us in life and even then if we really want it and if we are very attentive. And of course, while looking at this, we must always remember that everything that God does is done with love and respect for each person, and only for one's good. In our lost, and often very ugly world, this is invariably great news and real evolution.

## **Models of life**

There is a huge difference between the people of God who believe in God and strive for His eternal home and people who do not believe in Him. The first ones always happy because God exists. They try to live on earth according to the commandments that He gave them - honestly, modestly, morally, with kindness and respect for other people, trying to avoid condemnation, and so on. Non-believers do not believe in God and eternal life. They follow other benchmarks on earth that were given to them at school, in society, and through other various sources of information. There is a lot of everything - achieving success, fame, building a business, making money, buying various values and services with it, which are now abundantly offered everywhere, and the like.

A different vision of the world and benchmarks in it, of course, give rise to different patterns of life among the inhabitants of the earth. People of God strive to end up as a part of a large and friendly Heavenly family of the Creator. They also love to create families on earth as well. After all, in a truly kind and cozy family, happiness is always present for all its members. God, who had absolutely everything, also once created a family for Himself from those close in spirit in Paradise. This means that a family unit is definitely better than a singular person. And now, the Lord leads and educates the earthly world for one single purpose – to replenish the happy Heavenly family with new beautiful and kind inhabitants – those who try to live righteously and do good in the earthly life from the bottom of their hearts.



In the Heavenly family, there are no mechanisms of obedience or coercion, everything there is based on mutual respect and love, on full acceptance of the higher meanings of existence. And, God is the most beloved member of that family. Not because He is omnipotent or the Creator of everything, but because God always loves more than anyone, and does for others a billion times more than anyone else. In the world of grateful hearts, this is infinitely greatly appreciated.

As for non-believers who strive for other earthly benchmarks in life, they have different principles and ways. Which is quite logical – if the commandments of love, honesty, and morality are not at the top of the world outlook then there must be something else, although obviously not so high. For example, in that part of the world there has always been and will be tough competition: the struggle “for a place in the sun” will never stop. Of course, good is done here as well, and there are also good families, but kindness, help, honesty, morality are no longer the main priorities there. In addition, the very attitude towards the family in the unbelieving part of the world has recently become, to put it mildly, very free. Different non-standard human constructions that have emerged in this area in recent decades are beginning to be considered families, more and more often. However, they have nothing to do with God who has said everything long ago and clearly on this topic.

As for the meanings of life and the values in it, in a world without faith, basically, everyone strives to achieve fame, success, wealth, and even better – to get these all at once. These, of course, are also values, but they have no meaning beyond the bounds of the earthly world. And one day, when people inevitably

see that the stories about God were not a fairy tale, many of them will only have to sympathize since they spent their lives not for the right things. In addition, pride, selfishness, lies, immorality and other sins have recently become widespread among the unbelieving part of humanity. And if one of the people accepts them and begins to live according to those principles, then the doors of Heaven will be closed for him.

In general, the road to fame and fame in our time is often the path of conflict, hypocrisy, deception. In order to become famous or be the first, it is often necessary to move someone out of there. And, this is not always done in an honest and beautiful way. Moreover, fame is a pedestal from which anyone will leave sooner or later. The process of making big money in the world is often far from decency as well. The phrase “nothing personal, it is just business” has long become a habit to justify many ugly actions in this area. In fact, these words mean that for someone, money has simply become more expensive than honesty, decency, justice.

Yes, believers, of course, are also often engaged in business, politics, art or something else on this earth. They, too, can make big money, be famous, and have very different levels of wealth. However, the real people of God are always guided correctly by the Creator's commandments in life. They do not envy those who are more successful, they do not take pride in their fame or wealth when they are. God's people always help others and try to avoid doing ugly things.

Such people one day will pass into the family of the Creator - eternal, friendly, unshakable. But the devil will never be able to create anything stable, even with the significant sinfulness of

people on earth. Firstly, God will not allow it. And secondly, a world of sinful people is always a source of inevitable conflicts. The struggle for power, money, fame in a world without love, honesty and kindness is an inevitable and eternal squabble of different sides. Therefore, people who are inherent in selfishness, pride and other passions are doomed to a restless life. And without a radical change in the model of life these difficulties cannot be overcome.

## **Visible - invisible God**

The Lord never makes His presence on earth too apparent or obvious. He told and showed people everything that they needed to know and see a long time ago. Moreover, the Creator does not specifically interfere with any human or "scientific" explanations of miracles associated with Him. Why? Because if the presence of God on earth today became visible, it would immediately reveal His omnipotence to people. But this would generate fear more often and the need to obey, as evident in analogies with the powerful ones of this world.

However, God has no desire to subordinate anyone to Himself. His goal is to educate people so that they want to become kind, honest, and moral at will. And this task is best solved through faith - through a delicate balance of knowledge and sensations in relation to everything visible and invisible. There is also a place for the mind in faith, since it relies on many facts of history that

prove the existence of God, and the heart, with its eternal craving for love, justice, and a fairy tale in life.

In general, human faith is both a complex and a simple thing. It is difficult, probably because too many people in the world manage to not find it, despite all the available facts and evidence. And it is simple because it's not so difficult to read and learn about the divine miracles that happened on earth and how many hundreds of thousands of people in total saw them.

Therefore, the existing level of proof of God on earth is optimal for the conscious choice of people. All who are close in life to the goals and commandments that God brought to people reach out to Him. And the ones who are only interested in the material part of life, who is closer to slogans like “my life are my rules”, as a rule, prefer to deny God or not notice.

These two directions can be further developed. Believers who do not just believe in God, but also try to keep His commandments in their lives, receive help from Him. In a way invisible to other people, divine enlightenment gradually comes to them, through the channels of the soul. Their faith is strengthened and over time becomes deep knowledge and vision. This helps believers to see the real picture of the world more correctly, and the presence of God in many events and situations is obvious to them.

On the other hand, people who walk away from God and His commandments "develop" in a completely different direction. They also get their result there, but it is completely different. In the world of selfishness and total materiality man strongly cuts himself off from the help of God. Various sins are constantly

trying to stick to him - lies, pride, lust, anger, greed and others. If a person does not oppose them, they become part of him over time, and the person, respectively, becomes deceitful, proud, immoral, evil, greedy, and so on. And to such a person, God is the last thing he needs in life.

That is why different people on earth treat God differently, why some feel Him and see God's providence in everything, while others believe that God is fiction and believers are naive fanatics.

Well, in our century, there are a lot of things in the world that are invisible, but quite real - radio waves, the Internet, television signals. People have long and habitually listening to the radios, watching TV, talking on the phone. They constantly use devices that can receive these invisible signals and are not surprised. God is the main transmitting "frequency" of our world. But only kind, honest and pure souls can hear it.

## **Wind of the world**

The will of God always acts at every point and at any time on our planet. It influences the lives of individuals and entire nations, although many people think everything in their own destiny is decided only by themselves. However, in fact, the most serious thing an individual or a huge society can really influence their own destiny with is their behavior.

Freedom of will, which was given to people by the Creator, of course, allows them to do not only good things, but also evil ones. However, no one in Heaven has ever promised sinners a happy ending. In addition, based on the results of human behavior, the very vectors of "success" or "failure" of all directions on earth are always determined only by God. And He constantly adjusts various external and internal factors in accordance with what certain people have understood in life and what they are striving for. More precisely, it depends on whether they are trying to become better or not, whether they want to see their bad deeds, listen to criticism or not really, and so on.

That is why the future on earth is never completely predetermined, both in general and in relation to each individual person. Everyone has a chance and it is always present. And the Creator can be likened to the "wind of the world" blowing in the direction of goodness, honesty, and morality. He always fills the sails of those who move in this direction and invariably obstructs those who go in the direction of sin.

God often allows evil on earth to develop and grow, but only in order for everyone around it to clearly see its ugliness in the end. And, sometimes, in order for the supporters of sin to properly feel all the disadvantages of their choice on themselves.

The methods of God in bringing up people are also very different. For example, if a person has shown rudeness somewhere, he usually meets rudeness towards himself afterwards. Such "response" can be postponed in time, if, for example, the surrounding of rude human should better not see it now. And, if a person is not too susceptible to reciprocal rudeness,



then the "answer" comes to him in another area that is more sensitive to him. This principle applies to all ugly deeds of a person. Of course, good "answers" are also has generated by any kind and beautiful deeds of people.

All of the above is far from new information. The main religions and philosophies of the world have been talking about this for thousands of years - karma, fate, the law of retribution, the law of the "mirror" - all these are just different names for this process. But the really "eternal news" of mankind is that for centuries, it has managed "not to see", "not to understand", forget or miss these most important laws of the Creator.

Well, it seems that the method of the ostrich burying its head in the sand in difficult times is nevertheless closer to most people. But the signs of a living human mind are quite rare in this area. Tell me, which of the scientists on our planet tried observe the causal relationship between good or bad deeds, and their consequences at the scientific level? Unfortunately, the answer is obvious. Although in vain - on this path any scientist would have been awaited for continuous discoveries.

## **Epoch of lie**

If it was needed to choose some common name-definition of the time in which we live now, in order to characterize its main essence and its difference from the time of the previous one as

accurately as possible, then the current epoch could be safely called the epoch of lie.

Not so long ago, humanity appreciated the truth. Even with the never-changing tasks of business, politicians and governments, there used to be many honest journalists on the planet before. We still see their echoes in some places around the world. Many ordinary people of various professions tried to tell the truth some time ago; they appreciated it, fought for it. The culture of past years with many of its beautiful and deep books, with hundreds of talented and high films, with a whole galaxy of bright names of remarkable personalities is a clear and indelible confirmation of this.

However, in our time, attitudes towards truth in many parts of the world have changed dramatically. Now different forces, bring information into the world, using the enormous opportunities of technological progress. And very often, they do not really care about truth, but honesty and broadcast what is beneficial to them. It's strange, but many, once simply incredible thoughts and plots from the famous book by George Orwell "1984" today clearly take on the same features on our land. For example, the ministry of truth, which in fact broadcasts lies, will certainly surprise no one in the world today.

Lies in many countries of the world today have touched almost everything. There are already many places on the planet where they tell lies about God, about history, about nature, about human oneself, about a family, about the meaning of life, about art, about science, and so on and so forth. Lying helps those who tell it make money, gain power, and manipulate people. There is nothing new

here - this direction is one of the most ancient in humankind, although the technologies for its implementation are incomparably higher today. However, the very bad news in this story is that a person who is constantly filled with lies can begin to change. If a lie leads him to sinful behavior, then changes for the worse in a person are inevitable.

Moreover, the stickiness of lies today is incredible. Which is purely technically understandable. After all, behind its broadcasters today, modern technologies for delivering information, a subtle knowledge of the psychology of almost every person, detailed information about the range of his interests are rampant. Plus, in the service of manipulators, artificial intelligence is already working, which helps them effectively and from the right side "climb" into almost any head, and then into almost every wallet. If only those people who do this turned out to be moral and believers! After such "processing" of the brain in the right direction, entire countries would probably race to Paradise. But, this fantasy is perhaps too unrealistic.

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