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The Black Swan

The term "black swan", which means an unexpected event that triggered a crisis, is well known among politicians and financiers. There are many various crises in the world now – economic, political, financial, religious, ideological, and so on. Many analysts are sure that it was the last common human problem that fettered the whole world a couple of years ago that became the "black swan" for these processes.

Perhaps this version is suitable for non-believers. Christians, however, have never considered such "black swans" in the history of mankind to be unexpected events. On the contrary, "black swans" always and guaranteed flew to where people departed from the commandments of God and fell into sin. So maybe it makes sense to carefully consider the new "swan" from this foreshortening?

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So, Christianity. Hundreds of years of existence of this faith on earth have shown that true Christians are very tolerant of other religions and philosophies in humanity and, of course, atheism. True Christianity, which the Lord taught us, is always peaceful and unobtrusive. It can calmly exist on earth alongside other views and does not force anyone to follow it.

Yes, Christians see many imperfections in our world and understand the true meaning of human existence. On a simple level, they always try to help people, bring God's commandments such as honesty, morality, kindness to the world. That is why Christianity has long enjoyed a well-deserved prestige in humanity. Also, many good laws have appeared in the legislations of several countries around the world, thanks to Christianity. However, the position of Christianity on earth has greatly weakened in recent decades.

Of course, the church itself is largely to blame for this. Its mistakes of past years such as the Inquisition, and its later mistakes played a big role here. For example, the facts about many crimes of recent decades among church ministers are shocking. A church that does not fight for the purity of its ranks inevitably loses its authority. This is what, in fact, has happened. And although those ministers had not the slightest relation to the very teachings of the Lord, nevertheless, many people perceive the problems of individual churches precisely as the problem of all Christianity.

However, mistakes of the church were not the only, and not even the main reason for the loss of interest in Christianity in the world. The information field of the earth, which is open to any user, turned out to be much more destructive for the church. As a result, all teachers immediately found themselves on a par with their students. A whole waterfall of various low-grade and frankly sinful ideas that poured from the Internet on people, and especially on children, eclipsed faith in many people, their desire for high ideals in life and sometimes even just common sense.

The things that began to appear on Earth in place of previous morality and spirituality reflect the concepts of materiality and consumerism, with its own goals, incentives, rules, meanings and, of course, freedoms. Often with sinful rules and freedoms, from the point of view of Christianity. As it is known, material things are incapable of causing harm to a spiritual person. However, if a person begins his life with an interest only in the material, then, as a rule, he does not need the spiritual later at all.

Such changes in worldviews led to the fact that in many countries of the world significant, and in some places the overwhelming majority of churches were closed. Various bloggers, Internet philosophers and just all those who were not too lazy to write something on social networks immediately rushed to fill the spiritual vacuum in people. Of course, the newly created morality is mainly replete with slogans about complete freedom of the individual and the freedom of choice wherever possible.

Unfortunately, slogans such as “my life are my rules”, of course, had a negative effect. As it is known from the history of humankind, sin very quickly fills the places, from which God was removed. At first, it was not so obvious, but then, it began to manifest itself more and more. As a result, chaos and disharmony are clearly felt in many places on the planet today. All this served as one of the main reasons for the onset and development of many crises in the world. And the last "black swan" just pushed a little with its wing something that should have fallen anyway.

However, that is not all. As you know, the opinion of the majority gives rise to politicians who subsequently adopt laws

that protect the position of their voters. Therefore, as a result of the spread of new views, in some countries of the world, laws have already appeared that directly or indirectly condemn people who try to accurately follow the commandments of God. And, if we consider the fact that there are still many people in the world who keep faith and cherish the commandments of the Lord, then a very serious confrontation clearly emerges in humanity. All this is really serious, because sin, unlike Christianity, will never tolerate righteousness alien to it.

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What can be said about this? It is stupid to wonder about who will win in the end in this confrontation. Anyone who believes that one can fight with God somehow is naive. Although the intermediate stages of this confrontation in different countries can take place in different ways, kind, believing people should never lose heart. The Creator of our world has a lot of ways to return justice to this earth. And graceful black swans, by the way, also sometimes help this goal.

The principles of life

People have different approaches to life. For example, in our world today—which is becoming more selfish and filled with the most inconceivable personal freedoms, the slogan “my life, my

rules” is gaining great popularity. As for Christianity, the attitude of believers to life is determined by the words from the prayer God gave to people: "Your will be done". To say that these are different statements is to say nothing. They are as dissimilar as, for instance, mirage and reality.

The first slogan means that his adherent completely trusts only in himself and his own understanding of life. There is usually no question of trusting God here (otherwise, such thoughts simply do not appear), and the acceptance of society's some rules of by these people occurs only if they coincide with their personal views. Otherwise, those rules turn out to be unpleasant restrictions that such people do not transgress just for fear of punishment.

There is even no point in talking about the seriousness of such approaches to life. After all, how objective can the opinion of one person be, for whom there are no authorities? Obviously, these are just solitary views. Moreover, they are very different from each other, as they are formed by a specific education, upbringing, place of birth, sphere of interests, difficulties and aspirations of each individual. Since these parameters are different for everyone, it means that their views on life will also be different.

The approach to life, formulated by the phrase “Your will be done, Lord” is simply incomparable with the first slogan, since, on the contrary, it relies on the most important experience of mankind; it relies on the words of the Creator of the world. These words are often perceived by ignorant people as a symbol of submission to God in Christianity. As is the case in the army or

at work, for example, where the junior in position or rank is obliged to obey the senior. However, it is not like that.

In fact, this phrase also contains absolute Trust in the Creator of our world. True Christians are always happy to fully trust in the One who knows life a million times deeper, loves a million times more, has a million times more experience in all matters. This means that the scenario that He brings into the life of every person on earth is much better and more useful than the one that they could choose for themselves.

Furthermore, everyone who trusts God learns from the same undisputed Teacher. This forms the basis for their similar views, aspirations, lifestyle, and therefore a reliable foundation for their unification and mutual sympathy. In contrast the sonorous, but empty slogan "my life - my rules", leads to nothing but division, selfishness and pride. Egoists, as you know, love only themselves, so it is difficult for them to love someone else, and unite with someone seriously and for a long time.

In general, people who respect the knowledge and experience of previous generations, relying on thousands of years of human wisdom, kind of continue to build in their lives a new floor in the huge and beautiful skyscraper of mankind. And those who do not listen to anyone, but consider themselves smarter than everyone else are like stupid builders who firstly demolish all the beautiful tall buildings built before them, then build their motley sheds in its place.

Intuition

Intuition is perhaps one of the few unexplained phenomena that a significant part of humankind, in varying degree, recognizes and considers. Despite the fact that the nature of intuition has not been described by science at all, many people still have faced its manifestations in their lives. Well, taking into the account the fact that intuition is recognized by many people but science cannot tell us anything definite in this regard, let's try to look at this issue from the point of view of the divine structure of the world.

Talking about intuition in understandable terms, it can be figuratively compared to a kind of "divine Internet" to which people are able to connect. Of course, using intuition is beneficial, since it is the shortest path to get the right answer, bypassing a complex thought process. Who did not sometimes like to immediately peek at the answer instead of a long solution to a task in childhood? Here, too, something similar. That's because intuition is based on infinite divine knowledge, in which human's science occupies a modest corner in one of the rooms on one of the floors.

Nevertheless, there is one fundamental difference between intuition and the earthly internet. The Internet is an electrical or wave signal that is transmitted from one device to another. Whereas, intuition is alive, because it is a form of communication between the Creator and the human soul.

In general, the Lord thus gives people a lot of information on a variety of issues. However, speaking figuratively, different people have different quality of "antenna" with which they can hear these messages in their souls. And this affects its accuracy greatly. Most of all, the quality of these "antennas" depends on how dynamic and how much in the right direction a particular person moves in his life. It depends on his evolution— evolution from the point of view of God.

Evolution underlies the existence of our world. But evolution from the point of view of people and from the point of view of God are basically very different things. Most often, people want to improve their quality of life, increase the number of different entertainments and pleasures, and the like. However, evolution from the point of view of God is a change in human aspirations from base, selfish and sinful to high, kind and noble – to those according to which the inhabitants of Heaven live, outside the earthly world.

God knows perfectly well that, as a result of coming to the right life, a person has the opportunity to receive eternal life in the most beautiful place as a reward. Therefore, intuition, in its maximum version, leads, of course, precisely to this. At every stage of a person's life, intuition helps him take the next step in the right direction, teaches new and useful things. For example, it makes it clear that there is something much more than the visible material world, allows to touch the principles and laws that are not cognized by science, explains the value of morality, and of course, tries to engender the foundations of faith in a person.

In addition, if a person shows interest in intuition, and at the same time does not move towards sin, then God will allow him to use this medium to resolve many everyday issues. However, if a person stops for a long time in his spiritual and moral development, begins to sin or is excessively involved in the worldly cycle, then he ceases to really evolve and his ability to hear prompts from God decreases.

The fall

If a person is not taught something in this life then he most likely will not know this: the ability for self-knowledge and knowledge of the world, in comparison with the knowledge and experience of all mankind, in an individual is negligible. That is why there have always been systems of education and upbringing of children in all countries and at all times.

We teach children (or more precisely – taught) what we would like to see in them. At that, parents lay in children only one facet of upbringing, based on the values of their family. The government lays another facet of knowledge and views onto them with the aim of cultivating responsible citizens in the country. Well, and God, as far as possible, lays the third, most important facet of the worldview which helps them become good and moral people and receive eternal life after the end of the earthly one, as a result.

A huge problem of humanity is that the old approach to teaching and raising children today has undergone a serious failure or even a destruction. The reason for this state of affairs lies in the simultaneous imposition of several factors at once.

Firstly is the rapid development of the Internet and social networks, as a result of which, everyone who just wanted - millions of incompetent, unprepared, and often simply immoral people - have joined the learning process of the younger generation. Humanity will have to feel the negative effect of this for a long time.

The second reason lies in providing young people with the most unthinkable personal freedoms, which often go beyond the millennial concept of humanity about good and evil, right and wrong, moral and sinful. On earth, traditional values were the foundation on which all societies could live and develop harmoniously for many centuries. Their abolition is harmful. If, for example, the rules of the road are abolished and complete freedom of driving is introduced, then we will get chaos on the roads. Something similar can happen with the introduction of freedoms that are canceling the time-tested values of humanity.

The loss of interest in Christianity, in all other religions and basic philosophies of the world among people, and especially among youth, is also a consequence of the lack of competent education and lack of control over the quality of information coming to them. It is difficult to overestimate the damage from this since the consequence of this will be translated into the dismantling of the most reliable "railings" on a very slippery path of human spirituality.

Various films, TV series, and television shows began to play the greater-than-ever educational role in the world instead of time-tested spirituality. However, only a very little number of works accomplish this task satisfactorily, especially in our time. It is obvious to everyone that cruelty, immorality and absurdity on the screens are quite popular today. In addition, the endless parallel reality in films with various superheroes and monsters has filled too large a part of the information space. It is obviously excessive as it already closes the view of our children on real life, leading them to nowhere.

To be honest, it would even be strange if, as a consequence of such a long and dense information processing, the younger generation had not become different. And today, we can only sympathize with it. After all, this generation will have to live in a world cut off from God, from proven traditions and rules. However, the life of people according to the new rules is already going on, and so far, no one knows for sure how it will develop. Although some sad assumptions, on the basis of the first incoming facts, of course, already exist.

Almost all spheres of human life are changing today. The things that mankind valued and was proud of for many hundreds of years, is now beginning to be considered outdated, wrong, immoral in many countries. Modern new values that are introduced now in some countries to replace the old ones would simply shock and horrify previous generations. And this is the reality in which we live today and to which we are getting used to more and more as a kind of normality.

But it is not normality. And it's great that there is God in the world (despite the desire of many people to ignore Him). It is wonderful that His divine standards and rules exist, which have always and will remain above human ideas. As history has sadly shown, people often stop seeing where is black and where is white, where is good and where is evil, where is moral and where is sinful without these rules. So, in relation to these indisputable, unshakable and eternal standards, humanity today has clearly undergone a huge spiritual fall. And now, all of us can only guess how God will react to this and what will happen to the world next. Some events in the world already suggest some thoughts.

The value of talents

What is talent and who are talented people? Is what they left us of great value to humankind or not? This is not an idle question, especially nowadays, since there have been a lot of extremely talented people on earth throughout the entire history of the existence of mankind.

Talents in the field of creativity have enriched the world with wonderful books, paintings, sculptures, music. Sages and philosophers explained the nature of many things, gave birth to deep thoughts on a variety of issues. Many creations of the world's talented people have passed through centuries. All the countries of the world have their own libraries, museums, art galleries, where the best cultural treasures are collected. People

become better by touching them since a person is able to be filled with the sublime, beautiful, spiritual.

Why, then, does the question of the value of the geniuses and talents of the earth suddenly arise today? Unfortunately, it is easy to explain. Humanity has recently begun to consistently forget its history, and in some places even rethink the culture of past years. This means that it largely begins to forget or rethink the contribution of great talents to the culture of people. Moreover, more and more often in general, everything that was previously always considered wise, high, noble, beautiful is beginning to be called into question. And, of course, there is an ongoing attack on the religions and philosophies of the world.

It sounds absurd, but the reality in the world today sounds like that: very small groups of people who have an alternative opinion about themselves, culture, family values and morality, entered the information space a couple of decades ago. Oddly enough, many political forces in different countries, guided by their own goals, use and support the ideas of these groups from time to time.

As a result of such political games, this issue has received considerable development. And after only a few years, the same insignificant part of people has already begun to take the liberty of changing, evaluating and reevaluating the millennial culture and worldview of all mankind. Works of art, literature, thousand-year history, religion have become the object of unexpected attacks and criticism. People have begun to be imposed on new mandatory criteria - tolerance to any thoughts and behavior, political correctness in everything, unlimited freedom of the individual, complete freedom of any speech, and so on instead of

the old, traditional views on eternal human values and culture. However, the freedom of some people is good as long as it does not begin to cause unfreedom to others. And, it is strange that all this is happening under the auspices of, allegedly, democracy.

What kind of democracy can we talk about when, in order not to offend a very small percentage of new people-experimenters in the field of self-identification, constructing possible life models, family formats and so on, the rest of the inhabitants of the earth must revise their favorite culture, views, and in some places even change their usual vocabulary? The overwhelming majority is getting damaged here. And if the overwhelming majority begins to fulfill the desires of a modest minority to their own detriment, it is no longer democracy at all, but anti-democracy.

Well, as for the many great talents of the earth, this is indeed a tremendous value for all humankind. Real talent always comes from above. Their oblivion will mean that people on earth have become very poor. But, it is still not worth getting too worried about this. God still runs the world and this fact cannot be canceled, no matter who and how they try to do it. And this means that all the healthy forces of the earth, including the creativity of talents of all eras, will certainly come up over time. Well, and the least healthy, artificially created and frankly sinful currents - sooner or later, are guaranteed to come to a dead end. Because, first of all, our world is a very important school of God for the cultivation of beautiful human souls, and not something else.

How God is canceled

The desire of a significant part of humanity to question the fact of the existence of God for is as old as Christianity. In the world, there were always and everywhere people who did not believe in miracles performed by God. At the same time, they were not worried at all about the many thousands of witnesses who saw these miracles. They did not try to study, on the basis of the facts of history, the huge number of miracles that God performed on earth through the Son, the prophets and many saints. The logic of non-believers (well, or rather its absence) always goes something like this: *this cannot be, because I do not believe in it, which means it cannot be.*

It can't be helped – skeptics always and everywhere find a place for their special opinion, which is often completely divorced from reality and facts. At the same time, this, of course, does not mean that people without faith in God are somehow bad – no, there are many wonderful, kind personalities among them. It's just that this part of humanity is not moving on the most interesting and joyful road in life, as their plans are always limited by the framework of earthly life. However, this is how the balance of faith and unbelief has developed in this world. And it has existed in this form for hundreds of years.

However, in recent decades, unbelief (not without the devil's tips, of course) clearly decided to go on the offensive against Christianity. Using the information space, which is completely open for everyone, it began to fill it with false, ugly or simply sinful information. Ideas about the endless freedom of any person,

about boundless tolerance to everything, about gender infinity, and so on came in handy. Now we can see the consequences of all this in many countries around the world. Regardless, God always looks at the tricks of satan rather calmly, because He can turn any situation on earth for good. However, for the devil, this is a matter of life and death, and therefore, he cannot stop battling against God.

One of the latest inventions of the devil is an attempt to instill in Christians a feeling of guilt towards other people and nations for the fact that they demonstrate a way of life that is not close to them. This sounds like not the most successful anecdote, but the reality today is just that. Actually, the people of the earth have always previously exchanged their cultures, traditions, beliefs and became mutually enriched by this. However, only in today's very sinful, illogical world was the ingenious idea of the devil about the inappropriateness of open faith able to grow, and it even got a real embodiment in some places.

Indeed, nowadays, believing Christians in some countries are now hiding, or stopped using altogether, the symbols of Christian holidays and traditions. In these places, biblical stories are already removed from visible places, Christmas trees are not set up, temples are not visited, and so on. As a result, many children there today receive little or no information about God. And so, for the sake of any sinful ideas, some Christians change their habitual, somewhere millennial way of life. The devil can only rejoice that Christianity, which is the only path on earth that leads to eternal life, has suffered another harm. As a consequence, the most beautiful rules of life for people on earth - the commandments - will be heard even less often in the world.

And this is a sad reality of our days. Humanity, once created by God, is now actively moving towards godlessness in many countries. Moreover, most often this occurs precisely in those places where people believed in God for many centuries. This is really the apotheosis of human blindness, stupidity and sinfulness.

However, in this case, one huge and very logical question arises on earth: why then does the Lord need nations who once believed in Him, but now deliberately expel Him from their lives? For what purpose does the Lord need people who do not have the slightest chance to begin to follow His commandments, which means they can never come to His eternal home? Or do we really think that God is a naive farmer who is willing to sow seeds, knowing that they will never come up? It is advisable to try to answer this important question from time to time for people who still retain logic and common sense.

Time of opportunities

No matter who and what they say right now, today is a fertile time in some directions. It is fertile for the Creator of our world and people since in matters of spiritual enlightenment of mankind today, God has the maximum of opportunities. There has never been such opportunities on earth before.

The general information space of the world has now become so open and easily accessible that almost any inhabitant of the planet can now instantly receive any kind of information about God and about all events related to Christianity. Moreover, one can get it in one's native language. Today everyone can form their own opinion on this matter on the basis of all the facts of history, various evidence and testimonies.

Before, everything was different on earth. In ancient times, people almost always became followers of philosophies, religions or beliefs that were accepted in the places of their birth and upbringing. Few people could begin to think otherwise, because in the world of those years, there was almost no way to transmit and distribute alternative information at a distance, let alone translate it into other languages. In addition, the rulers of different countries were not very fond of letting new teachings into their territory. Why would they change something that people were long accustomed to and around which entire cultures were formed?

Therefore, when the Son of God came to earth two thousand years ago and showed people the way to gain eternal life, this information at first began to spread rather slowly across the planet. First, through the apostles, and then through their followers, the words about the coming of the Lord to earth, about His resurrection, about the possibility of a person entering Paradise, in those years were literally passed from mouth to mouth around the world. It sometimes took dozens and even hundreds of years for the inhabitants of even neighboring countries to learn the details about Christianity.

In those years, many people of more distant places on the planet simply physically could not get acquainted with the true history of Christian events, the facts of God's miracles, and a huge number of their witnesses. And, they definitely did not know about the many miracles that occurred among the followers of the Lord. If things had turned out differently in those years, who knows what the world would look like now from the point of view of religions.

Now, the picture of the world has changed fundamentally. Today, God can reach out a hand separately to each of His children on this earth and tell them what He really wants to say since the open information space of the planet allows this. The Creator of the world can easily explain to everyone the meaning and purpose of one's life, the reasons for human happiness and unhappiness, and much more, through the words of His Son. God can always tell any person the most important thing for him. And He really wants to give each of His children the opportunity and show the way, after passing which, one will be able to find oneself after earthly life in the best place that only exists - in His Heavenly home forever.

Many people today complain that young people in recent years have strongly moved away from their roots, from the old traditions, philosophies and beliefs of their peoples. However, this obvious fact also has a certain positive side. If there were any mistakes and misconceptions in those traditions and beliefs, then the youth moved away from them as well. And therefore namely today, many young people have a real chance, practically from scratch, to independently evaluate the entire spirituality of the

world, for the extent of its credibility in humanity, and choose the most convincing one for themselves.

Every child of God today can find out any information about Him, can look at the number of miracles He performed on earth, read about the huge number of witnesses who saw these miracles. And if, as a result, someone finds these evidences convincing, then they can try to live according to the commandments that God left us. After all, what is wrong with living honestly and morally, with kindness, respect and forgiveness for all people? This does not require any special conditions or environment. It can be done anywhere, and it is not even necessary to tell someone about it. For a child's attempt to trust his Heavenly Father is always personal.

Well, what happens after this will convince any sincere spiritual traveler of the correctness of the path he has chosen. That joy and grace, which will begin to come into the heart of that person through invisible channels, will strengthen him in faith in any place on earth. After all, God is everywhere and nothing is impossible for Him. Namely this connection and joy will become the most real proof of the existence of God, and it can be felt by any person on this earth. The connection of a person with God is invisible to others, but it is always obvious to the person himself.

That is why today is a fertile time on earth: finally, God can directly contact each of his children on earth. We are unlikely to know now how many of His children will respond – real faith is usually hidden inwards, and sometimes, only God and man himself know about it. Hopefully, there will be a lot of them.

In any case, whatever the decision of each man, it in our time will no doubt be the result of informed and free choice. Whether someone will believe in God and try to follow the path of keeping His commandments, or not – it will be based on the own desire of one who knows enough about this. And the Lord at this time of opportunity will definitely leave no one in the dark – every inhabitant of the earth in some way will definitely get his chance to learn about priceless wealth that he can acquire on this earth.

Games

People tend to play. All the children of the earth play something. And even at a more mature age, people do not stop playing – the existence of all sorts of sports, entertainment and other games prove that. We like to watch some of them as fans, and in some of them, sometimes, we participate ourselves.

It is not surprising that with the development of computer technology and high-quality graphics, a lot of virtual games have appeared in the world. At first, these were simple options, but now, entire virtual worlds are being created where people with all seriousness begin to buy virtual apartments, islands, cars or yachts for real money.

The rationally-sane part of humanity (well, as it likes to think of itself) condescendingly laughs at such gamers. . They say: “Oh, if the computer or the Internet is turned off, then your whole

illusory world wherein you invested real money will disappear. In this case, only the creators of those games will benefit”. Well, perhaps this reasoning would not be devoid of logic if those who say so did more reasonable things in their lives.

Let's explain this idea. If we switch to a language understandable to all lovers of computer games, then it should be understood that God once created a Great game on earth called “Become the inhabitant of Heaven and receive Eternal Life”. Here, unlike the earthly creators of games, the Author does not receive any profit; on the contrary, He only spends His time and energy on maintaining this game. And all that He can get in the end will be His new friends who will come to His eternal home in case they complete the game successfully.

Therefore, everything that ensures a person is victorious in this main and most important Game in the world is reasonable, and everything that distracts them from victory or leads them aside is erroneous. People think that the most valuable resource on earth is money. However, this is not so; in the main game created by God, the most important value is time. That time, which in the form of several tens of years of life, is given initially to each person. Therefore, it is very important what one spends it on.

If one spends his time on understanding the rules of the Main game (a complete list of them is given in the text called “The Commandments of God”), on making efforts on himself in order to improve, on resisting sin, on helping, kindness and love towards other people, then one uses the available resources in the maximally reasonable way. In this case, a person will definitely

win this game and get everything that was promised to him by the Creator.

However, if a person spends his time and efforts only on obtaining material wealth, gaining a high position in society, fame and glory, then in this case he do not spend precious time in the best way. All this will have no value, at the conclusion of the Main game of the world. So why then is such a person more pragmatic than those gamers who buy virtual goods for real money on a computer screen?

(First translation)

Business and spirituality

Business and spirituality are two aspects of life that greatly influence the fate of every person. And they relate to each other are not so easy. The relationship between business and spirituality is essentially the correlation between money and God. At the time of Lord's coming to earth He said very clearly that a person on earth cannot serve both at the same time. He will still choose one thing as the main in his life.

A person who chooses God as the main one can also engage in any profession, including running some kind of business. However, in this case, spirituality will always affect the quality of his activities. This person's business will be honest, useful to people, without dirty competition and other ugly things. And of course, any business will not own the soul of this person.

Whereas if a person chooses business or money as the main thing in life, then he has much less need for spiritual growth. Business goals and objectives tend to be cold and pragmatic. Without a connection with morality, they are more like the "laws of the forest of prey". Business always requires profit growth, expansion of the sphere of influence, superiority over competitors, and the like. Anything that interferes with this is contrary to the very spirit of business. Well, God's commandments about love and kindness, about honesty and disinterested help to people, clearly contradict this.

Of course, the full priority of spirituality in a person, as well as the full priority of business, are the end points. A lot of people are somewhere between them in their views. And many of them may seem to relate to God by external manifestation. However, the closer a person is on this line to the pole of business, the more God is perceived by him simply as a symbol or force, with which it is desirable to get along. All his spirituality in this case is often limited to donations in the church.

The donations that businessmen make in this case are strongly reminiscent of an attempt to "appease God", to pay Him some "tax". Well, these are businessmen, they often think so. However, all this is very naive. The observance of His commandments by people will always be of the top priority for God. All the rest is much less important for Him.

At the moment of a person's departure from life, his entire earthly business history becomes no longer necessary for him. As for God - this was not very important to Him even during the life of a person. Billionaires and beggars, screen stars and unknown

people, successful and unsuccessful - all this in one second remains somewhere in the useless past. And a person receives his present and future, the quality of which is determined only by his kindness, honesty and morality in a past life. That is, the observance of those very commandments of the Creator.

If one followed them, then a person is waiting for eternity in such joy, in comparison with which the happiness of millionaires and earthly stars is nothing. And if one did not, then it is worth opening the Gospel in order to learn about the fate of sinners directly from God.

(First translation)

Truth

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

A person always knows when he is telling a lie - he becomes ashamed if one's soul is pure. He also necessarily 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 lightness 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 of a person then over time he loses the ability to hear the truth and God.

The loss of truth and the voice of God in the soul is the greatest possible loss 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 decreases with each new deception. Whatever excuses a person has to explain 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, or soul in other words. This is the law, and therefore deceitful people are never truly happy. What is more, the Creator does not wait 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 this is still possible, the person will also try to correct the harm caused by his lie somehow. 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 with less efforts. And it is far from accidental that this happens simultaneously with the fall of faith on earth. Which is not surprising - if there is no God

in the world for someone then there are no His commandments for him. Then anyone can declare the truth whatever he wants.

However, there is a God, and for reasonable people He is definitely proven by thousands of miracles on this earth. Therefore, His commandments exists and the truth is important in the world. Moreover, the souls of all people come from Him and go to His house forever in case of gaining purity. And if a person follows the truth in his life then one will never regret it afterwards since God is always with him.

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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 misrepresentation of the truth, cleansing of the information field from dissent, manipulate, and the like 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, who wrote the novel “1984” 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 suppressed. Slogans about the freedom of the identity and choice easily coexist with real discrimination and nationalism. Parents in these countries are less and less involved in the choice of their children. They canceled the good old dads and moms, there are no more ordinary men and women, cute traditions and true history. Even Orwell in his book did not reach the level of absurdity that some "modern" societies have reached.

Needless to say that all this usually happens in those 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 turned out to be in this situation not accidentally. Passivity and indifference, the choice of benefit instead of truth and morality - these are the reasons that 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 so 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 too 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, the world will have value for God.

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God-fighters

Many of "progressive and modern" things that has appeared in the way of life of people in recent decades, and especially in the most "civilized" part of it, can well be called fight against God. Closing 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 this is completely contrary 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 real 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 beautiful words and slogans, lie and scare, cunning and betray in order to achieve their goal. That is, they are ready to do everything that God condemns.

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

The struggle of people with God (with the one who actually created them) is an extremely stupid thing. Not only that one day each such God-fighter will be brought by the ear for an answer to the Creator, but also in earthly life they will have a lot of problems. And at the same time, it doesn't even really matter whether such a person is fighting specifically with God, or whether he is more struggling with honesty, kindness, morality, or the foundations of a normal family - he is still in this case, in fact, a God-fighter, as he violates the commandments of God on earth . The only difference is that the ones who violates these commandments consciously is punished more, and who does 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 and establish any rules on it. But if they fail to do this, then they should respect the rules of the Creator of the planet on which 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 each of us to answer. Common sense, logic, reason are important qualities that God gave to people, and He is glad if we use them. God also gave every human a heart so that he would not go astray. But He did not give people pride, conceit, deceit, worship of money, sin, and the like. These are already humanity's own "finds" that always lead it to bad things including the fight against God.

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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 seem 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-ordained process. No one, except the Creator, controls life.

It is very indicative 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 removes them from the foundations of life.

What is more, 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 receive 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 the law of life, it is pointless to argue with it. 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 try 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 of this issue. But precisely because of this, one should not expect real success here.

Is this all good? Of course good. People always like it when the best and deserving 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, if it is under His care and upbringing. And this is the development of Life and its most important fruits.

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Ways

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 lie can be ranted endlessly about, and each time in a new way. But only the truth is unchanging and it is always the same.

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

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All 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 concrete steps, devote time in order to achieve their goals. The choice of such ways 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 tastes and inclinations, and sometimes they simply listen to intuition.

All people on earth 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 of human behavior recommended by Him. We can also say that this is a kind of hint, a sort of map of life with the correct route indicated on it, well, or a plan of the fairway on the water. All this was done by the Creator with great love for man. Because if the commandments are observed, any of us is guaranteed 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. But the result of any of our choices already depends on whether we checked in our lives with the right direction on the map from God, that is, whether we kept the commandments. Any experienced tourist knows that 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 possible.

Let's develop this thought a bit. So, if we choose some paths in our life, and do not violate the decent and moral principles of God during their passage, then as a result we always go to a wonderful place - 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 went before, our path will inevitably end either in the 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 moral behavior on earth, brings us to this beautiful world. And free will, leading to sin, inevitably leads to another, very bad place.

It is always wise to make our way on earth, not forgetting that this vast world has a 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're going. However, God also understands very well that only the person who, among all the options for behavior, always chooses kindness, honesty and morality himself, will cherish them in the future. God can trust such a person, and therefore gladly takes him into His eternal world.

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Family and God

God arranged our world in such a way that the vast majority of new people in it are born in normal traditional families. Although today, it would probably be more correct to say “were born”, since in recent decades we can hear 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 it so? Why was the institution of the family been initially given to us by Lord and remain of great value to Him? In fact, everything here is not very difficult. All people want to be happy on this earth. However, happiness is impossible in the human family if the commandments of the Lord are not kept here 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 comfortable 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 the role of children whom parents love and care about, but who must obey their elders and learn from them. And then as parents who patiently raise and teach their children, and bear full responsibility for them.

The human soul is constituted in such a way that it cannot be truly happy if it does 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 strives only for honesty and justice, nobility and purity. And it inevitably loses its light and joy if lies and sin settle in it.

The divine soul always wants to believe other people, and it tries not to let them down itself. Of course, experience and life make their own adjustments to human behavior over the years, deprive 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 in any conditions.

And 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 try 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 characters, views, tastes, etc., on the other hand, here they practically learn patience, understanding, 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 this, in fact, are the only values that a person can acquire on this earth, and which 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 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 difficult for a person to acquire all those high qualities, even if he is not particularly disposed to sin. Loneliness usually does not imply daily concern

for others, benevolent patience of different characters, views and tastes around you. And on this path, there is a real danger of cultivating some shade of egoism in oneself. But this is the quality that no longer leads to God, but from Him.

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

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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 grasp it even in the first approximation. 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 relative 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 quite comfortably. 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 the convenience of life on earth, there has obviously been a strong increase. But 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 His commandments are very much forgotten in them today, and sin has reached such shapes and sizes that even a simple description of all its shades requires considerable time.

The saddest thing about this is that sin in those countries has become completely legal, and even "moral". It is not easy to find something like this in the entire history of humankind. 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 sinful fall on earth. But now sin has surpassed those ancient examples in some places.

Can 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, formerly Christian countries and to the triumph of sin and lies there. And perhaps in Heaven they are tired of just looking at such a vector of human development. Someday we will definitely find out the answer to

this question. Well, today, the reality is, that there is not much left from the tranquility of the former world in just three years. The wind of change is clearly blowing strongly and without pause.

Recall the events that took place over these three years - at first, a certain disease quickly divided all of humanity, practically stopping the movement of people around the world. At the same time and after, 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.

But if you look closely, the world is dividing today not just like that, but very often according to certain moral principles. It is not difficult to see that at the basis 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 generalize 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 His commandments). Or maybe it will be something else. We will certainly find out the answer to this question, and judging by the speed of change, possible in the not so distant future.

Yes, different events happen on our earth from time to time. But no matter what and whenever happens in the world, 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 fate depends only on which side of these lines we are on. The simple and understandable commandments of God will always help us to deal with this accurately.

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