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We live in extraordinary times. Externally human life is changing tens and even hundreds of times faster than it did before. Only the souls of men and the reason for their happiness or unhappiness remain unchanged. It is sad that in the bustle of our modern lives we often forget this.

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*How to find God? You simply need
to look for the One who is closer to you
than anyone else in the whole world.*



*Constantly striving to improve our life
every day we have reached the point where
we have forgotten its single real meaning.*



When a plane shakes violently the passengers immediately become believers. How many out of them remember the Lord after their flight?

The Saints have said: “A single thought about God in times of prosperity is worth thousands of thoughts about Him in misery”.



Today God's existence is undeniable. It is simply impossible as people possess too much evidence of His presence. However these days he is well concealed by the hustle and bustle of our lives. If we choose to live without Him then the reasons become unimportant. There are no reasonable excuses for forgetting our Father and our Creator and replacing Him with something "really important".



Time. We have both of lot of time and very little of it. We have very little time to just live life not thinking about anything too much – this time will run out anyway. We have great amount of time to find that which is most important in life and strive towards it. To strive to where time never ends.



*During our lifetime we are all searching to find
“still waters”. In actual fact an experienced
sailor is not afraid of any seas. We must learn
to be able to stand fast in turbulent waters
holding on to God like the mast of a ship.*



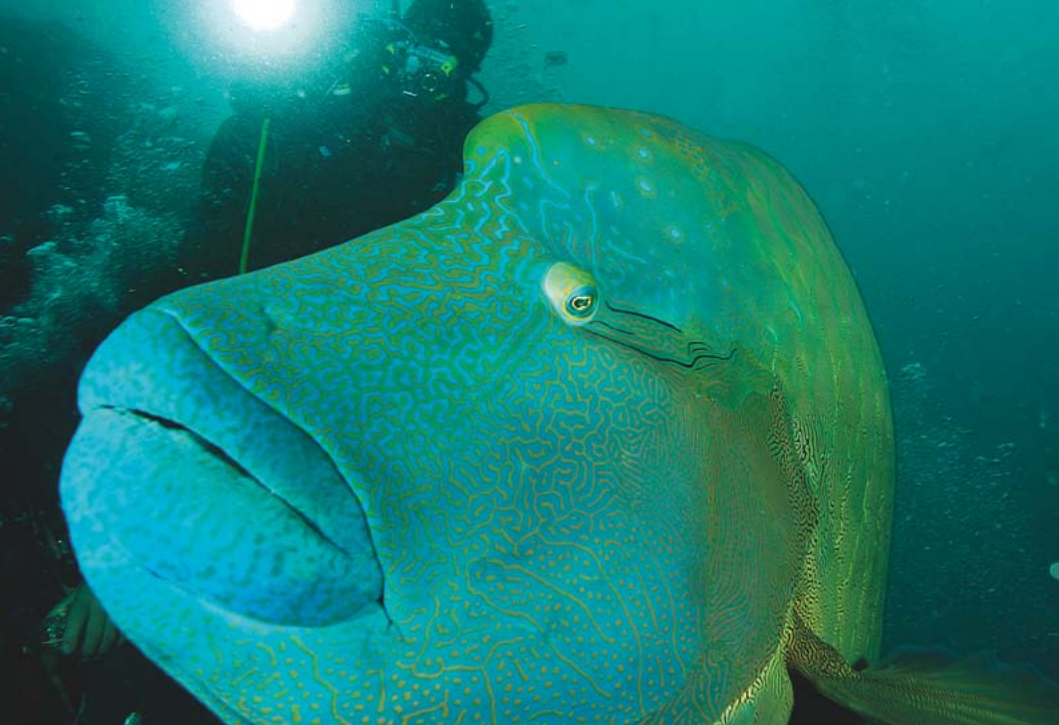
Modern evolution has provided mankind many comforts on this earth, but very few for attaining joy and happiness of the soul. However without that, what is the point of everything?



*If the soul is empty, no other person
can ever fill it. They will just be
a temporary distraction.*



Nowadays everyone has their eyes locked on to screens. Is that good or bad? It depends on what it is that we see on those screens –light or darkness, good or evil. All the modern information devices can be likened to pathways to our soul which can be filled either with useful things or with all sorts of garbage.



Pride – is a most foolish thing. For the very reasons we are attracted to people who are easy going, considerate and carefree we are repulsed by those who are arrogant, conceited and overinflated with self importance.



*Nature always helps us to purify ourselves
and to start seeing the meaning of life clearer.
However, even after a long vacation in the country
if a man does not commence working on his
soul, he will soon revert to his old ways.*



Nowadays it is fashionable to seek stillness of the mind using a multitude of techniques. But this is not the way. A turtle on the sand can be absolutely peaceful and still. Only love spiritualizes a person.



It is strange that despite being extremely intelligent and logical mankind is often eager to believe in tens or even hundreds of different “spiritual” theories none of which are validated by a single miracle from God. It is surprising how modern people who are usually so cautious and not very gullible show such astonishing carelessness when considering such an important question.



Love is a flag that was given to us by God which
in the past two thousand years mankind should
have raised to great heights, rallied behind and
happily marched forward with throughout their lives.

Unfortunately, the world today is dazzled by flags
the names of which I am not too eager to pronounce.

Yet so many people chose to follow them...



Who creates the more and more credible computer generated virtual reality? The answer is not complicated. It is enough to look around and see what we sacrifice for it – nature, walks, beautiful real personal relationships, reflections on the meaning of life and acknowledgement of the Divine in this world. A long time ago God created the most incredible reality to which there is no possible comparison.



*A person's soul can only be healed
by loving others. If the soul has no need
for love, it means that it has become
completely empty and has withered.*



The world today is blinded by its cleverness and advanced technology. All this “state-of-the-art” is but a tiny drop from the world of the Father. We often blindly chase after some temporary and realistically not really necessary things and in doing so lose something priceless and eternal. It is unfortunate that sometimes we are completely impractical



Some of the people on earth choose to look
at the light. Others choose darkness.
Eventually each of them become filled
with that which they are looking at.



Social networks today are real nets that have already caught a significant part of mankind. Undeniably, it is a convenient means of communication but these nets often take up a big proportion of our lives and they replace the reality that God created for us.



No one likes to think about their own death.

All our life we deceive ourselves by trying to “stretch” the pitiful seventy or so years of earthly life out to eternity. To tell the truth, it is a silly idea!

Eternity is reached by a different path. Thinking about death is useful as it helps us to touch reality and look for true Eternity. These thoughts gradually “turn” our achievements into temporarily amusing toys and help us find the right path.



*Only God joins the hearts of people.
Simpler connections people are
able to find themselves.*



Right now is a good time to begin spiritual work. Even though the number of passions and temptations are so huge and diverse these days, a person having decided to resist them can with the help of God, achieve quite a lot.



Observing modern politics one can be surprised at how quickly mankind forgets the bitter lessons of the past and all the effort required to be made afterwards to make peaceful agreements. It keeps repeating the same mistakes by being hostile, combatant and uncompromising.



People are always searching for a “golden egg” which they believe is the key to happiness. They look everywhere leaving no stone unturned in their pursuit of this illusive magic key. However it never occurs to them to look inside themselves and battle with their own inadequacies, passions and sins.



*Love like water, can be of different depths.
It can be quite shallow, a drying out
puddle or it can be a boundless ocean.*



*Those breaking earthly laws do not look very
sensible in the eyes of law abiding people.
So to in the eyes of the inhabitants of Heaven
we don't look too clever when we break
the kind and beautiful laws of the Creator.*



One saint of recent years has said that today we have lost our Home and even the way to It. Now we are even trying to convince ourselves and others that the world of lies, hostility and cold pragmatism that we are building today is the best home in the whole world.



How much time is left for this world? The exact answer is known only to God! However a lot depends on us also.

Our Father gave us a free will and He acts according to the circumstances which are created by how we lead our lives on earth. Nothing is fully predetermined – people play a big part in determining their future depending on whether during their lifetime they live by God's rules or by those created by their passions. It is the amount of love and kindness in this world that will determine its longevity.

The Lord once
asked people,
if He would
find faith
on earth when
He descended
for the second
time. These
days it would
be difficult
to give Him
an answer
to this
question.

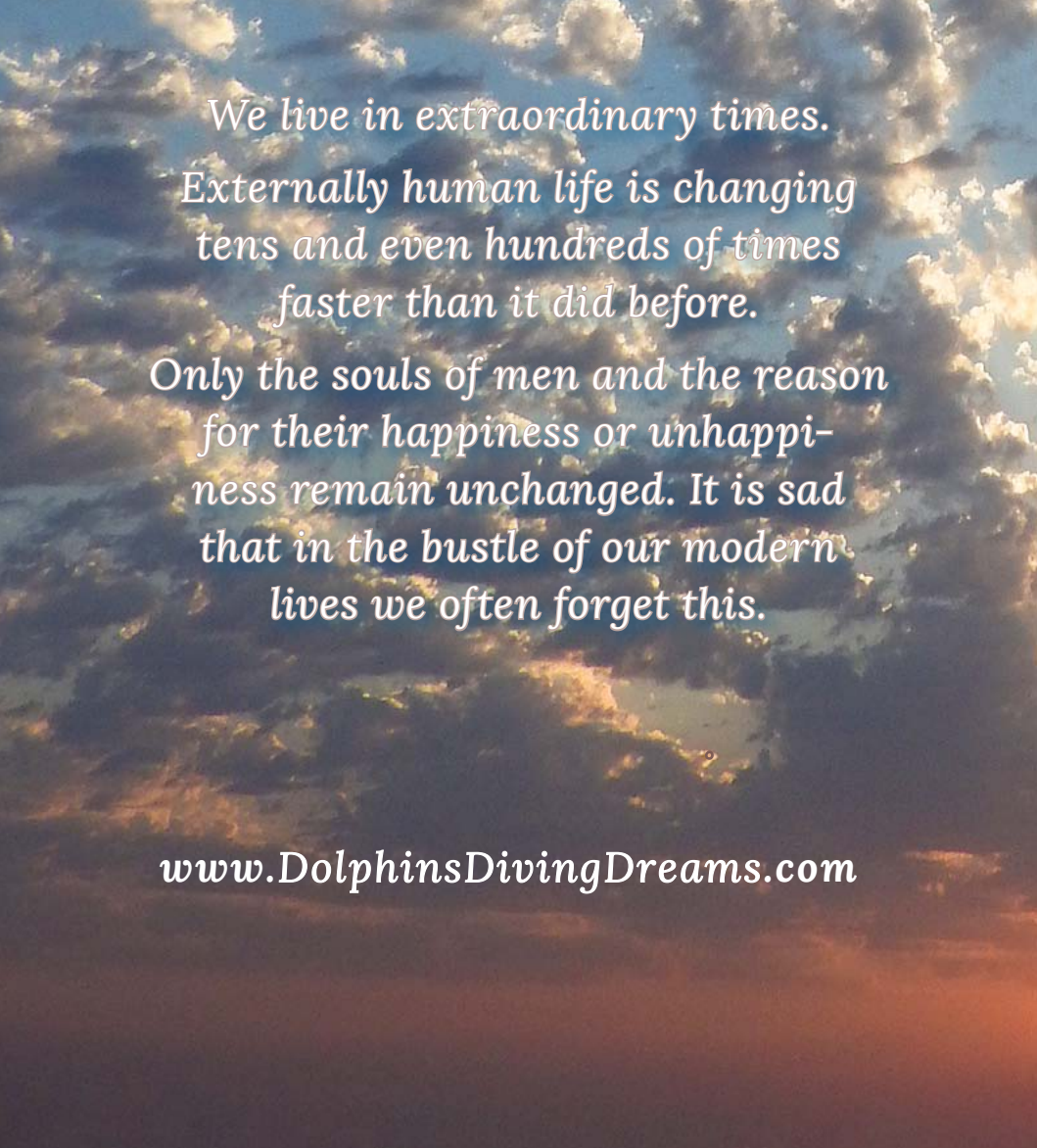


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