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Chapter 1

Why does everybody in Paradise love the Lord? Because He is the only one who permanently forgets offences after one sincere “Forgive me!”, who always remembers each of His children and who loves everyone and believes in each of us.

Our world has a kind of “gravitation”. One can “crawl” on it, bathing in sins and passions, one can “run” on it and even fast, living more morally. However, one can take off into the air in it only when the soul is completely cleared of passions and when life goes according to the beautiful laws of the Creator of this world.

The Lord easily manages all the creatures on earth. If He wants something to happen somewhere - it will inevitably happen.

The ability to keep in mind the bright and happy world of the Lord even though your eyes see the imperfections of the earthly world is an inexhaustible source of joy for every day.

The deeper the morality of society falls, the less durable human families on earth become.

Sometimes when searching for happiness, people try to go through various casual relations. However, the poor will never be able to enrich the poor and superficial relationships will never fill the soul. Real richness in relationships between a man and a woman is hidden in the depth of their high feelings for each other – in love and honesty, in devotion and loyalty, in respect and forgiveness.

Nowadays, it is getting more popular among children to not listen to their parents. However, the Lord – while giving us a speech about signs of end times – mentioned that nearing the end of the world, children will become disobedient to their parents. It turns out that it is not at all the “fashion” we should follow.

One of the best shadows of patriotism is hospitality, cordiality, and friendliness.

Humankind has been becoming blind gradually and for a long time. For some reason, it constantly stretches to something that glitters but at the same time turn its back to something that has real value.

God helps everyone to do good things. All ones who prefer doing bad deeds also have their own prompter.

Chapter 2

In the modern technical and not-too-religious world, it has become much easier for satan to stay unnoticed. In the former simple world, he did not have such opportunities. So where does he like to hide now? Here are some of his favorite “minks”:

The main weapon of the devil is lie, and this is not surprising because he is its father. Therefore, he is trying now to pour it on people from all the sources available to him. It is much easier to lead a person in the wrong direction when one is filled with lie.

Another favorite weapon of the devil is fear. A person who is afraid will give a lot for his own safety. That is why search and exaggeration of any danger or enemies in the world is one of the most preferred activity of the devil. And here for him the main thing is not to stop otherwise the lie regarding many of his former “enemies” can become obvious.

One more hook on which satan successfully holds significant part of mankind is human greed for money and various material benefits. People's desire for wealth is sometimes so great that it often closes in them justice, honesty and respect for others.

The devil succeed significantly in ways of affecting the people's consciousness through various information channels. From which broadcasters that often are not really kind and honest has been zombing people with false notions for a long time already. The sad thing is that many people on earth can perfectly see it. However, it is becoming less popular nowadays to search for truth.

One more dream of the devil is to immerse people into the virtual world, into various computer nets as deep as possible. There people lose a healthy lifestyle and communication that God created for us. At the same time, they find many ideas in this new world that often are quite far from the laws of Creator of real world.

The devil likes to intertwist his methods. Therefore, false ideas and goals, fear and greed, rancor and pride are often in such a tight tangle that it is sometimes very difficult for people to sort it out.

Satan is very interested in people not remembering their history. All the serious conflicts on the earth ended up with peace and signing of various peace agreements. The ones who felt all the horror of wars, tried to protect themselves and their descendants in future in any possible way. The devil tries to make the next generation forget about everything as fast as possible, so they may come to the crazy idea again that it is possible to decide something in a military way in this world.

However, in the end, it is worth saying that it is not the satan who is the master of this world. He is just the main liar here. All his ideas and projects in the long-term period of time on the earth and, of course, beyond, will not have any future. The Creator of this world always look with favor only on kindness, honesty, love and desire for peace, respect for other nationalities and help. And those who live on the earth following this principle will always benefit.

Only the Creator of this world can transcend the laws of this world. Easily and very convincing. As for different ‘chips’ on the field of life, like any gurus, masters of life and so on, they can’t influence on the rules of this ‘game’.

Chapter 3

All false spiritual directions have one common feature. They do not care about our sins, passions, or the purity of our soul.

Some current fashion ‘spiritual’ practices say that we have to learn to love ourselves as we are. So, it means, with all our passions, sins and bad deeds. However, who will be our beacon on this path? The devil, of course. One who lives in sin and loves only himself.

Many ‘spiritual’ directions teach us to seek for ‘silence of the mind’. However, the Lord gave us mind not in order to turn it off, but to figure out with its help what is good and what is bad in this world. Without it, we can ‘keep silent’ until we reach ‘semi-vegetable state’ or spiritual selfishness.

Different trainings focused on developing ‘positive thinking’ are quite popular now. But, if we keep telling ourselves that everything will be okay and keep on living a life of sin, then it resembles us cutting a branch on which we are sitting and saying that we won’t fall.

One more type of nowadays ‘spiritual’ practices is repeating some kind of mantras or something like that. The aim here is to ‘make our mind calm’. However, without critical view on ourselves, all these don’t have any sense. Doing this, we only whisper the lullaby to passions, inside ourselves, from which they starts to slumber. But when it ends, they wakes up again. Passions should not be lulled but expelled according to the principles that God gave us. Then, peacefulness and happiness will come to us for real and forever this time.

One of the reasons why humankind has lost interest to the most interesting thing in their life for two thousand years is a great deal of mistakes made by Christian pseudo-teachers. At times, they distorted a lot the words of the Lord and His teachings. How could people love God and not be afraid of Him when, for instance, pseudo-Christians burned thousands of beautiful innocent women on His behalf? And what about wars for Him? Did they really open the Gospel?

All kinds of horoscopes are the invention of the devil as well. Our day tomorrow is not determined by the position of the stars in the sky or the shape of the coffee ground, but only by our deeds today.

Everything has changed in humankind the past years. Nowadays, it is not parents and school who mostly bring up children, but ‘little glowing screens’.

The older generation that have a kind of moral and ethical anchor, live in real life mostly and are involved in the newfangled computerization to the less extent. The younger generation that does not have the same ‘immunity’, are much more deeply involved in modern computer subculture.

In real life, in order to be a good person or a hero, you have to be a good person or a hero. Usually, a lie is instantly visible here. On social networks, everything is different – here, everyone can create an image of who he would like to be. And on the Internet, it may look quite real. But often it is a lie and a ‘theatre’ with oneself. The only thing that matters is who we are in real life.

On social networks, everyone is looking for compliments – praise of their appearance, photos or something else. Here, the rules are not difficult – if you praise other people, other people praise you. It is just like an old famous fable: ‘the cuckoo praises the rooster because he praises the cuckoo’.

Social network communication may seem really important and modern. And today it is so ‘promoted’ that a person can easily spend all his life there. Throughout this time, he will find some activities to do there. But, there is one question – will he live all these years or will he just play someone else’s game?

Social networks and different computer games are very ‘sticky’, giving rise to strong dependence on them, especially in children. Unfortunately today, almost all parents know this too well. However, even seeing our children are becoming more and more like ‘zombie’ and strangers we mostly say nothing. Who will dare to argue with ‘progress’?

Endless computer games resembles very much a chewing gum – cheekbones are growing but there is no real benefit. Not to mention the benefits for the soul.

People’s communication with their ‘little screens’ has become incredible in terms of duration. And that tendency is growing so much, that the doctors seem will have a new diagnosis - ‘iPad rooted to the arm’.

Principles and morals that are present today in ‘computer subculture’, especially among teenagers, often differ a lot from the laws that the Lord gave us. However, when our earthly life ends, not some other ‘computer god’, but namely He will meet all of us. And God will not be interested in all of our virtual achievements, but just in our observance to His Commandments.

Chapter 4

In the very beginning, it is not easy for a person to see their sinfulness. Passions and not really strict moral standards of modern societies assure a person that one is pretty good. However, if a person finally decides to make several sincere steps in this direction, then another feeling will take over him soon. Mostly, it is horror because of what one starts to see in oneself.

In sinful people, alcohol often removes the last resistance of conscience and then sin starts to move in them without any control.

Sin always runs away from God. Together, they can take turns only in the soul of a person, who at certain moments acts sinfully and in other moments correctly.

Alcoholism is nothing but passion. He goes away from us only after our desire to get rid of it, turning to the Lord for help, and sincere repentance of all our sins.

A person will never get rid of passions unless one learns to listen to criticism from other people attentively.

When a person immerses in a sin deeply, then he doesn't hear the voice of his conscience. And then, only diseases and burdens of life are his only teachers.

Sin, presenting in us, is like a distorted mirror. With it we see ourselves, other people and the whole world in the wrong way.

Films nowadays form people's way of thinking to a significant extent. And in spiritual issues, they, of course, have formed a lot of them as well. But, as a rule, the distortions there range from very strong to just incredible ones. In serious spiritual issues, one

should focus not on the views of film directors, who are sometimes not too religious, but on the Creator of this world and His words.

In order to start to understand everything correctly, one doesn't need many books. One needs the right books.

A person who learned history but didn't read the Gospel is like a car mechanic who can change wipers but have never seen an engine. Reading the Gospel helps us to touch the main history of all humankind.

If a person thought what has one done incorrectly today at least for five minutes before going to sleep (listening to the voice of one's conscience), one would reach a lot.

Chapter 5

Mankind should stop searching for benefits in politics and start to search for truth in it. Then, the benefit will appear by itself for everyone.

Unfortunately, many world politicians don't really worry anymore when they lie. They just get a little upset when they are caught in it.

Nowadays, well-educated humankind that now happily clings to all the new technologies is like a large number of beetles that are crawling on the most distant branches of a huge tree. The paradox is that, for some reason, almost all of them there forget that, actually, the main part of this tree is – Trunk and Root.

It is not that important what we do in our life if we have God in our soul. Such life will always be meaningful and joyful. And, it is not really important what we do in our life if we don't come to God or at least to kindness and love as a result. We remain poor in the end anyway.

Several thousands of saints lived in the world. Wonders were connected with each of them and sometimes there were a great number of them. So, people have tens of thousands of facts about miracles. But we sometimes still look for some evidences and scratching our head, wondering: 'Does God exist or not?'

In addition to the miracles from the Lord, people have a great deal of evidence that Paradise exists beyond this world. A large number of people at the brink of death (usually in reanimation) saw approximately the same things: blindingly bright light, someone even saw the inhabitants of the heavenly world, and all of them felt incredibly good.

It is useful sometimes to walk along the cemetery for a change. Absolutely other thoughts, not like in supermarkets or in shopping centers, come there by themselves. And they are more useful for our soul, because they sober it up and make us think about our inevitable future.

What is a human being in a greater degree – a soul or a body? It is different for everyone. If we live with our passions only according to earthly laws, then we are mostly a body. If we start to follow beautiful and sublime rules of the Lord, then we become a soul to a greater extent.

Our surrounding has great importance. Human tend to soak up the spirit of the place where he is.

The life of a sincere person usually is a long chain of disappointments in many earthly values. And if such people seek the sublime but God does not appear in their lives, they inevitably become cynics, or sceptics, or sad philosophers.

It is bad when a person does not want to understand anything in this life. Even worse, when he does understand everything, but does not do anything.

Chapter 6

There is a perception that beauty will save the world. However, our Earth was beautiful initially but this did not help it a lot. Only the beauty of people's souls that crave for kindness and love can save the world.

All people are God's children according to their birth. But, unfortunately, far from all of them become His children upon love. However, that is the only relation that can be in Paradise.

A kind smile is a good sign that we are in the right spirit. In anger, irritation or condemnation, we won't be able to smile kindly.

Today is a century of universal criticism. We often criticize many people from morning to evening. But, the thing is that the Gospel recommended exactly the opposite to us.

If kindness, joy, and love did not appear in us during our earthly life, then we lived in vain. And, it does not depend on whether we did something else in it.

Our life is like a journey through a huge city with many crossroads in it. If we will turn at all the traffic lights according to the arrows with inscriptions of 'kindness', 'love', 'forgiveness', then we are guaranteed to get to the most beautiful place.

Any quest for understanding God without the desire to become better and kinder is doomed to fail. God can be understood not with the mind, but only with love if it opens in us.

The devil is always seeking those who don't want to do what God said to us, but starts to seek for his own 'right' ways in life. He has many 'ideas' for such people, therefore the shelves of esoteric shops are constantly replenished year by year.

Today, world is congested with different projections-financial, weather, political. However, the main prognosis of life – that we will go to hell, if we don't become good ones – always 'hides' from people somewhere.

The Lord often has to destroy our 'sandcastles' in order for us to think about more serious buildings.

Any spiritual path that doesn't include a critical view on oneself, fight with one's passions and repentance of sins, craving for love and kindness is guaranteed to be mistaken and leads to the wrong way.

Only the Creator of our soul can tell us how it can be really happy. No one else can know this for sure.

A person can start to move right towards the Lord from any point on the Earth. His commandments will always show everyone the correct way.

A person should not justify one's sinfulness by inevitability of living in this, not the most moral times. The Lord helps us to resist everywhere and anytime if we do not forget to ask Him about it.

The devil is trying so hard to not let people keep one very simple and very important thought: in several years, each of us will die and come to a different reality. And, as a result, we particularly don't prepare for it. It is like we are sitting on the shore of an endless ocean but watching only on the water in our cup.

The more complex language a person chooses to use to express spiritual issues, the less, in fact, one often has what to say.

The main knowledge of a person is his ability to hear God who always prompts everything that is necessary in time.

Mockery, sarcasm and causticity - all this can be called, may be, some 'relatives' of smile. But, it is only very distant and quite poisonous.

Saints always tried to remember about death. However, as for worldly people, they try to ignore this question, especially today. And, the further, the more. It is beneficial for the devil if we reflect about it less because such thoughts are great incentive for the searching of the main things in life.

If we allow anger and irritation to demonstrate themselves in our lives, then we approve the presence in ourselves of the *one* who has nothing to do with all the good and kind in relations between people.

Men and women differ greatly in their views on life. If they love each other, these differences give rise to a whole range of pleasant and joyful shades. However, without love, this mostly gives rise only to irritation.

If we are in the light, we see a lot of positive. And, if we are in darkness, then the world for us is just an accumulation of sins and problems.

There are no 'bad' nationalities. Today, there are just a great deal of good people that were tricked into something and a few people who cheat on them professionally.

One should never justify a sin. Otherwise, at first, we start to hear about it as something that is not really bad, then we start to tolerate it in our thoughts, and after that, we may start to sin ourselves.

Our century can for sure be called the 'epoch of the most high-technological lie' and the 'era of successful manipulation of people's consciousness'.

Chapter 7

Some fashion today causes only smile. It seems that many people have become hostages of the designers' game entitled 'I bet, they will put it on as well?'

Everything has changed greatly in our parks in recent years. Grandmothers are already habitually now ‘googling’ something on tablets on the benches. Painted tattoo-youth are walking without taking their eyes off their ‘little screens’. It seems that none of the fiction writers of the past predicted the future authentically.

The reasons for the rise or decline of any nation is always in its moral values. If there is real freedom and honesty, openness and goodwill in the country, then prosperity of the nation will happen inevitably. But, if lie and debauchery, unfriendliness and other sinfulness are present instead, then the end will be exactly the opposite. And, this is inevitable – the Lord is always closer to those who are closer to His commandments.

Sometimes the Lord lets a large-scale evil happen on Earth in order for the disunited humanity to be forced to reconcile and unite for victory over it.

If people that were tricked with false information do or think something incorrectly, that is not their fault. But if they know the commandments of the Lord and still allow their violation in their actions, then the picture is completely different.

Commandments are not just information or reading material. They are beautiful rules for the movement of people on Earth.

The more we rely only on ourselves the less we understand the real structure of this world.

God will give an assessment to everyone not for the world that was around us, but for how we lived in this world.

People often justify their sinful deeds with the words ‘everyone is acting like that now’. However, God gave us a head not only for watching what other people do. Our head has more important function- thinking about how to act correctly.

If goodness steps away for some time, it always does this calmly and with dignity. In contrast, sin frees the road noisily and indignantly.

As practice shows, modern ‘civilized’ world often cannot be really happy about impartial truth and independent criticism. And, the question often appears: is the word ‘civilization’ definitely a good one?

Internet, progress, money, profit, civilization, new technologies and so on. We hear these words every day. But, the phrases that are more important for every person like ‘straggling with passions’ or ‘repentance of sins’ have become a great rarity. And, what can be done, if even recently popular words: honesty, kindness and nobility are heard less and less from year to year.

All the dependences and bad tendencies have the devil in their foundation. We open the door to him every time when we choose something sinful in our life and do not repent afterwards.

A person that wants to try everything in his life is like a mushroom seeker that is going to eat all the mushrooms in the forest.

It seems that humankind has approached that line of computerization after which the number of ‘disadvantages’ and ‘unwanted side effects’ of many new projects is approximately the same as the number of ‘advantages’.

Nationalism - is a dance of people with raised noses in the midst of a multitude of ‘history rakes’.

The demand for the profession of 'the creator of plausible lie' has increased greatly in the world nowadays.

There is such a great number of different sources of information surrounding every person today, that one often has no time to listen to one's heart.

Our world - is a huge mirror, which is reflects and returns all our deeds back to us - both bad and good ones.

We can touch what is most beautiful in the world only with the cleanest thoughts.

The most unpromising "building" on the earth is the construction of different societies on principles that are contrary to the commandments of the Creator of this world.

Only by apologizing for a mistake can one completely restore the connection with the heart of another person.

There is a good notion of freedom and there is another notion – permissiveness. Permissiveness is what freedom turns into when the devil adds lie, sin and passions in it.

The end of the world or life is not terrible for a man. What is terrible indeed - is the end of kindness and honesty in a man.

No matter how much people's life on the earth changes. Not a single letter will change from this in the Commandments of the Lord.

Depression very often turns out to be a weep of our conscience about a soul clogged with sins. And pills won't help us here for real – the soul can't be healed with pills.

The most "creative" occupation of the devil in recent years is the selection of new, more contemporary names and definitions for the old and unchanging sins of humankind.

Any despondency can be simply destroyed with one trustful look upward. There has been and will always be the beautiful, right and high. And, there really waiting for all the good and sincere children. Always and forever.

In the past, people drew the morality and view of life at least from the best films and books of the humankind. Now, they draw morality more and more from endless TV series, advertisements and advices on the Internet.

The devil is all the lies, cunning and vice of humanity over seven thousand years. And for all those who do not avoid sin, he will always find thousands of different ‘interesting’ ideas and suggestions. That will lead people away from the Lord and Paradise, of course.

The world nowadays often goes into shock because of the injustice it sees. However, there has never been much of justice on earth. There was only low people’s awareness. Openness and transparency of today’s world is a God’s great assistance to people.

Honesty, conscience, kindness, decency. If today's man does not hold on to these ropes of the Lord, then he will inevitably be drawn into the whirlpool of sin.

Humanity has always passed on its traditions from one generation to another throughout its existence. But, now, this connection is disrupted and, somewhere, it is even almost cut off. The younger generation is increasingly looking for answers to all the questions in the virtual space, and less and less based on the opinion and experience of parents.

The salvation of any person begins with a critical look at oneself. A cleansing repentance comes after that. 'Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents' - God said to us. And without this most important work, a person has no real chances to change for the better.

Chapter 8

Actually, humankind is an inexhaustible source of paradoxes. For example, year by year the world accumulates more and more knowledge. However, the world forgets Christianity, and that means it's losing even simple common sense and normal logic.

The stubborn unwillingness of people to be interested in the most interesting and important things in their lives is the main paradox of humanity which pushes everything else to second place.

Another paradox is that today's mankind treats its history of many thousands of years almost as a fairy tale. But, various computer "fairy tales" of all sorts and directions are more often perceives as reality.

The next paradox of humanity. The most published book on earth is the Bible (Gospel). However, the number of people reading it is already much closer to the other pole of statistics.

And one more paradox. More than anything, people want to find happiness. However, for some reason, the last thing they want is - to search for it in the only place where it is really located.

Chapter 9

Today, many can already see how quickly humanity is moving from a simple lie to a smart and technological lie, and from it to the super-intelligent and super-technological. The trouble with people is that they always use any progress to their detriment.

Today's generation of children is both a problem and hope at the same time. The problem is that their excessive computerization often cuts them off from their usual roots. And the hope is that along with this they are cut off from various misconceptions in their places of residence. Therefore, many persistent and sincere children can go along more correct way in life, following the facts existing in humanity and simple, healthy logic.

The Lord told us that madness appears in a person after pride. Unfortunately, there are more than enough confirmations of that, in the modern not very modest world.

Some, especially "kind" preachers in our time sometimes even apologize to those whom they have previously denounced for their sinful life. What can be said here? It seems that they are "kinder" than God. Because He wiped out of existence the sinful Sodom and Gomorrah, and still hasn't apologized yet.

The Lord has given us free will and even the opportunity to live sinfully if we choose it. However, He did not give any of the sinners the freedom to lead His other children away from the right path.

Today, as a result of various numerous polls, it becomes obvious that the residents of many capitals and large cities perceive events in the world differently than people in calmer and quieter places. It happens because the sinfulness in the huge megalopolises is less visible. That is why it develops there and after that impacts the views of people.

It is a shame that freedom of speech and the possibility of its easy conveyance to people, in our time, are increasingly turning into the freedom of subtle, high-tech lies, and freedom of manipulation.

Of course, if any person is put into hell for a couple of days and then sent back to earth, he will never approach sin again because he will be afraid of its consequences. But, the Lord wants us to choose kindness, purity, love and honesty following our heart, not fear.

Nowadays, modern technologies allow a human to do many things much faster than before. However, the time that has been freed as a result of this is rarely used by people for the good of their soul. Mostly, they quickly occupy it with new worries and affairs.

Often, people turn to the Lord or saints for help because they got disappointed in the earthy treatments of their disease. And, if a person as a result of this ever approaches God, then he begins to understand that namely the disease became the most important medicine for him.

Some sinners of this world are punished more strictly and others less strictly. Why is it so? Sometimes the answer lies in the way people sin because some do it quietly and others propagandize and spread the sin.

Any person is a whole world consisting of beliefs, dreams, desires, reflections and many other things. Only God can see this world to the fullest extent. And, He is very pleased if everything there is sublime, beautiful and pure.

How to fight corruption? Maybe we should tell the bribers the details of their future more often? Not the details of their day tomorrow, for the sake of which they take the money. But, the details of their day after tomorrow, which did not pass by all those who lived on earth.

If a person does not look critically at himself at times, then he has little chance of seeing everything around in the right way as well.

God is complicated and incomprehensible in everything but feelings. Here, He is simple, understandable and open to everyone.

Instincts are the “programs” of the Lord that helps humanity survive and develop on Earth. But, beyond this world there are other principles that are more sublime. And, God gave them to people through His Son two thousand years ago. Besides, He gave us heart, mind and freedom of choice.

To get love, a person must fight all the manifestations of his or her dislike. To gain kindness, one needs to resist one’s own anger. To acquire honesty, one needs to avoid any lies. We can get something good only by releasing from something bad.

Our world today resembles the kingdom of crooked mirrors very much, from different producers. What good can be said here? Only that there always was and will be the fairest world of the Lord in the distance of stretched hand. There is not a single crooked mirror there. And, this is the next and eternal home for all honest and good people of the earth.

Being blackness himself, the devil is doing his best to blacken everything connected with God: looking for various 'scientific' explanations of wonders, trying to tarnish saints in any way and so on. And these efforts are already thousands of years old. But in a world where the Lord is the master, he never had any chances and will never have them. The truth will keep on winning anyway. Only those who believe in that, who like darkness and sin or those who want to believe very much.

By the extent of growth of external comfort, people on earth are confidently approaching the inhabitants of Paradise. But as for the extent of internal content, they distance themselves from them more and more.

A nation whose only meaning is making money is a meaningless nation for the Lord. What is important to Him - is the growth of the beauty of human souls, their desire for kindness, honesty, forgiveness. What does God need temporary goods on His temporary earth for?

Chapter 10

In general, the struggle with God very much resembles the struggle with the flow of a huge river. Someone is trying to build dams or barrages, but the river quickly steps over them and flows on. Someone is digging backwaters near the coast, and then tries to convince oneself and others that the current does not exist. But the river smiles and keeps on flowing. Sometimes, looking at some of these "backwaters", it smiles very sadly.

A man without God does not have the highest and all-powerful justice in this world. He loses the presence of the loving Father next to him and the most loyal Friend. He loses the fairytale. Of course, it is quite possible to live without God. But, it is pretty boring.

Now is the golden time for those who are looking for the truth. Any right thought can spread nowadays through the world in a couple of days and be translated into all languages. No doubts, today, the Lord will give every person a chance to touch what is the most important.

The number and cunningness of false prophets is very incredible nowadays. But, actually, it is not that difficult to recognize a false prophet. It is enough just to compare his teaching with the Commandments of the Lord. And, if there are mismatches, one needs to immediately look for the closest garbage can.

False prophets don't emerge out of nowhere. A good breeding ground for them is the weakening of people's faith, inattention to the most important facts in the history of mankind, the search for easy "recipes of happiness", and our unwillingness to deal with our problems.

It is difficult to not notice that our world has become more absurd and even strange recently. In places, it more and more resembles the logic of characters from the book 'Alice in Wonderland'. The reason for that is the overabundance of information from the outside and significant weakening of a critical view on oneself. As a result, quoting the words out of the Gospel, we seek the speck in the brother's eyes but fail to notice the beam in our own eye. And, it is just that log that distorts our vision and lead to absurd and often bad deeds.

Nowadays, there are often attempts that emerges to correct the definition of goodness itself. Blackness is struggling to prove that it is in fact very “white” in some places. And, sometimes it goes successfully. But, only for some period of time, of course. It is always pleasant to know that there is a God in Heaven who is keeping an eye on different earthly ‘fairytales’ so they would end in the correct way.

Almost always, ‘life’s dead-end’ is also a door to the best from the Lord. We have to learn to see it and open correctly.

We can try to justify our sin as long as we want. But, a person will never be really happy anyway with it. A sin is incompatible with a soul. However, only the soul gives us the feeling of true happiness in life.

The popularity of social media nowadays and various forums is growing not only because they are a convenient way of communication. The new types of addictions that they produce also makes a significant ‘contribution’.

What is the fundamental difference between Paradise and Earth in our time? Inhabitants of Paradise, of course, have incomparably higher 'technologies' and opportunities than people. But despite this, they always remember God and love Him. The inhabitants of the Earth, for some reasons, forget about Him more and more often with the developing of their technologies and comfort.

The earthly love is given to us as an example of the highest feelings. We can develop it, living by the beautiful rules of the Lord, and can lose it, following the voices of our passions and ego.

In our times, instead of the rational man, the "rational-electronic" man already seems to come. And after that, it seems, just "electronic" man will start to appear.

The quantity of useful and useless time we spend on the computer sometimes differs greatly. However, the first time - is from God, and the second one is everything into what the devil succeeds to involve us.

Trying to comprehend the Lord with your head is just as effective as trying to measure the temperature with a ruler. God is Love, and love can be comprehended only by the heart.

Nationalism is doomed always and everywhere initially. Any pride, superiority of one nation over another, any self-elevation is alien to the creator of the Earth and all the nationalities on it. And there wasn't and will never be any examples of nationalism in human history that 'ended successfully'.

A well-trained dog always thinks that its rug is the softest place in the house. Sometimes the devil succeeds to "teach" some people so well, that the dog on the rug looks even wise against their background.

If a person has high moral standards, money will not be able to harm their soul. But without all these qualities, people are very vulnerable in this matter.

The devil nowadays often uses the word "freedom" as a convenient slogan for him. He tries to present many ancient and generally accepted sins of humankind today as 'freedom of expression of personality'.

Resentment is a virus of the soul that extinguishes the light and joy in it. Resentment is the exact opposite of forgiveness. The more resentment we collect in our life, the more of a serious illness our soul has.

The significance of something always decreases if something more significant emerges in a person's life. Similarly, with earthly values. Their importance for a person becomes much less if he begins to believe in God, Paradise, and remember the temporality of his stay on this earth.

God could have shown Himself and shown His endless power before people long ago. And, all the nations of the world would have obeyed Him dutifully. But does obedience based on the fear cost anything for the Lord? No, it costs absolutely nothing. God does not need power or importance. He needs love, honesty, forgiveness and kindness. Also, He needs children who chooses these qualities always and everywhere, regardless of the circumstances.

We often like to excuse our bad behavior with circumstances. But, this is a self-deception. The Lord arranged this world in such a way that we always had and will have an opportunity to do the right things in it.

Recently, reasonable people are getting more and more surprised with the absurd things happening in some places on Earth now. However, simple and understandable answers can be found here only from the perspective of Christianity. The reasons of what is happening now are mostly hidden in the uncontrolled lie and growing immorality. As it is well-known from ancient times, any immorality produces sin and passions. And, when these passions fill certain people or societies, it always leads them away from logic and common sense, from kindness and calmness.

The ugly and unharmonious after a large number of views or auditions and so on may start to seem ‘normal’ for people little by little and then even ‘beautiful’ and ‘harmonious’. But, in fact, ugly remains the same forever. Here works the ‘effect of habituation’, because it is nature for people to soak up the ideas of those spheres, where ones stays.

What a great quantity of efforts put by God in the creation of the Earth! What a great quantity of efforts put in the bringing up of the billions of people on it. And, all this was made for us to understand someday how important clean, honest and kind souls are, and understand that it is actually the most important value on the Earth.

Human - is not constancy. It is an opportunity in a greater extent. An opportunity to understand life, see the most important and beautiful at the same time in it. And go to it despite all the difficulties. But, on the other hand, it is an opportunity to turn away from everything too.

Humanism that isn't based on Christian values will always lead to a dead-end because only God gives the definition of 'sin' to people. Namely, what is harmful for them regardless of place and time. People can argue what is good and what is bad for them as long as they want. However, only their Creator can know about this unmistakably.

Children are taught to add the sun to their paintings in order for them to look more colorful. We can also decorate every day of our life by remembering the kind and loving God.

Any sinful 'freedoms' are like bad genies that were let out of the bottle. They get out very easily but return back with a scream and noise, making everyone around them work hard about this.

If you bring a magnet to the compass, it will show the wrong direction. The same processes begin to happen with the soul of man when sin is mixed with it. It begins to give out “desires” that are initially alien to the nature of this person, alien to the design of its Creator.

The human soul is like a field. If you don't sow good seeds on it, then weeds will almost inevitably grow on it. Especially, since nowadays, the variety of different ‘weeds’ and speed of their distribution have reached an incredible level.

Every culture or nation has many of its wonderful qualities. And the Lord wants people on Earth to be friends, to exchange their best qualities among themselves, to mutually enrich each other.

God often talks to children through good, moral parents. However, if children don't listen to their parents, the upbringing process continues for them anyway. In this case, God replaces their comfortable and theoretical way of knowing the world, with a practical one from time to time. Well, and not too comfortable, sometimes.

In our times, unusual things happen for people. It turns out that sometimes, even being surrounded by hundreds of good people, is enough for a person to have a small screen to grow up completely different.

The sad thing is not that there are more and more lies on the planet, but the fact that the lie is becoming more and more habitual, and, in some places, almost “decent”.

It may seem to us that the world today has become more chaotic. But in reality, it is just the speed of human life that has increased. As for the laws of the Lord’s world, they remain unchanged as usual. Where evil and lies are sown today, problems will definitely arise later, and where good and honesty grow, peace and prosperity will inevitably come over time.

Why do people invent and read fairy tales? Maybe sometimes they just want to be in a world where kindness and love always win. In the main world of the Father, for whom our planet is a kindergarten for the upbringing of human souls, there is only love and kindness. And this is not a fairy tale but a reality in which each of us, having desires and making certain efforts, can get in and stay forever. But even knowing about all this for a very long time, we often still choose to turn away from reality and continue flipping through fairy tales.

Chapter 11

People come to God for two reasons: out of fear and out of love. However, only love changes a person. Love of kindness, of honesty, of morals; love for the Creator of such beautiful and high rules of life. Fear is of a different nature. Fear only outweighs sin in people due to the possibility of punishment for it.

Inside all of us, there is a dispute between the material and the spiritual. On top of all of the spiritual, there is God. And the basis of the material is money. There's no point in arguing about what's more important. It depends on a person – people can choose both. However, if a person puts the spiritual first, the material part can be present in his life without harm. But if for a person money is first, then the spiritual part goes away. That's because God cannot come second.

People are mostly used to measuring themselves and others by some external criteria: financial and material well-being, professional qualities, physical abilities, and so on. However, only the inner world of man is important to God. It is important for the Lord that His children are kind and honest, not sinful or selfish. The Creator of this world knows far better than anyone, which qualities really matter.

A person's potential for spiritual development is directly related to his ability to accept criticism. If a person can repent, apologize, admit his mistakes, then he moves forward. If a person doesn't want to take criticism, then he won't move forward, whatever he's doing.

The world teaches us to be serious in order to achieve something. However, God tells us from the pages of the Gospel that unless we change and become like little children, we will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Does it sound strange? Actually not – different worlds offer us different ways toward them. It's like humans: they need a car to travel by land, a ship to travel by sea, and a plane to fly through the sky. In the same way, to come to God, people need a child's heart full of trust, a bit of dreamlike faith, shining eyes, frankness, and sincerity.

Without God, people can never be truly free. They will always be led by different passions, desires, plans, which in fact are often not so important. Only God helps people to get rid of unnecessary things, learn the truth and begin to see the world the right way.

Total computerization: is it good or bad for a person? It seems that as long as a person can freely find the words of the Lord in the Gospel, as long as he can turn to Him in his heart at any time, as long as he can understand the importance of keeping His Commandments, everything is not that bad.

The Lord always evaluates a person based on what he knows. The only thing that matters to Him is our actual steps toward kindness, forgiveness, and honesty from the point, when we realized the importance of these things.

Every person, whether he wants it or not, whether he believes in God or not, whether he wants to discuss it or not – every person will face the reality that is beyond the earthly world, and in the not-so-distant future. Based on this, any attempt to avoid a thorough study of this question in advance, relying on all the facts of humanity, looks as pragmatic as the behavior of an ostrich, which at an important moment sticks its head in the sand.

A person, of course, has freedom of choice. However, the result of our daily choices that we've made for decades is either the way to paradise or the way to hell. And it turns out that our main choice is not so wide.

It's strange but true. In the world of God, Who is actually all the knowledge of the world, people who have devoted themselves to science, for some reason often shy away from Him. As if there could be a contradiction between God and science that, by the way, studies Earth and its inhabitants created by Him.

When God was upbringing an ancient humanity that was often very cruel, He repeatedly showed His capabilities in matters of controlling nature and its laws by punishing entire nations for their sins. There were floods and droughts, diseases and volcanic eruptions and many other things. All these events are facts of our history that sane people better not to forget. Because the Creator of the world did not stay somewhere in the distant past. And He still does not accept sin.

"Words teach, but examples attract", this is a good saying from the saints. Therefore, if young people don't see the examples of goodness, honesty, and high morals in the older generation, it will be much more difficult for them to become truly moral.

We can say that God doesn't really punish people – God doesn't know the feeling of anger or resentment. He only cures people from sinfulness and educates them. However, the treatment can rarely be pleasant. The traditional Creator's medicines are diseases, problems, and burdens of life – these are things that people are always sensitive towards. And if they appear in our life, this is only our fault, because we rarely listen to the advice of our Father on how to keep our souls clean and healthy.

The transformation of a selfish and sinful person into a good and moral one is somewhat similar to the process of cutting out a tiny Pinocchio from a huge log by Papa Carlo. This is a labor-intensive task. But in case of success, the joy of the new creation and his Creator exceeds all the effort spent.

Any unrepentant human sinfulness, sooner or later, in this world or beyond it, will always be condemned by the Lord. There's no way to avoid this moment. That's why it's much more prudent to understand during your life that this world has the Creator and Master, Who actually created our planet not for various sinful experiments, but to educate good and highly moral people. And He will always stop any significant departure from this direction.

It's a pity that humanity that almost forgot about God believes that all modern problems and difficulties are caused by different circumstances but not by people's departure from high morals, honesty, kindness, modesty, and their immersion in different shades of sin.

In this world, one may not believe in God, may not listen to God, may even forget God. But no one can cancel God, because God, in reality - is our World.

When it comes to the punishments of God, the only real way to mitigate or stop them is the sincere repentance of people from their sins.

Unfortunately, every year, there is less and less common sense but more and more absurdity and manipulation in our world. Common sense is characterized by logic, facts, evidence, and historical truth. All this allows to draw honest and objective conclusions. But, they become unnecessary when there is manipulation. Here you can already say whatever you want – lies, nonsense. The main secret to success is to talk about it more often and louder.

What does God do when people turn away from Him? At first, for a very, very long time, He does everything to explain, interest, and help them. However, if people stubbornly turn away from Him and His commandments after a long period, despite all the information, God will begin to do something to bring them back to senses. Loving parents cannot afford to take offense at their children and turn away from them.

The more humanity forgets God, the more sad and painful it will be for them to wake up one day and see that God does exist.

Sometimes, it's a little sad to watch good old movies. Not because something is wrong in them - those movies are just fine. They are filled with beautiful and natural human relationships, wonderful actors, funny humor, serious thoughts, deep feelings. The movies of that time show well the spirit of a much healthier era. However, it's sad to watch them now because every time, by the end of it, you clearly feel that our world today has become completely different...

Goodness in people should always be cultivated: gradually, carefully, with skill and great patience. But, sin is like a weed: it grows by itself and wherever we do not prevent it.

Not so long ago, many people on earth fought against lies, sin, immorality, and injustice. This mood is imbued with the culture of past years, the one that has reached us. Nowadays, such moral filth has become habitual, and few people pay attention to it.

The modern world has sunk deep into vice and lies. However, in general, this does not change anything. Beyond the boundaries of our world, the infinite world of God still rules – the world of goodness, love, and generosity. And every man on earth can begin to approach this world at any moment. To do this, he should reject sin, repent of his bad deeds, and begin to live a life of high morals.

For many centuries, there had been balance between material and spiritual things on earth. One way or another, a person had a choice. Nowadays, materiality has essentially filled the whole world, and the remnants of spirituality today are often mixed with sin. Only time will tell what God will do in this situation.

Nowadays, it is usually a person themselves who chooses information channels. However, if a person wants to always have an accurate and objective view of an ongoing event, they should always have the most accurate source of information. At all times, only God was the one who knew all the correct answers to all questions. And He had always found, and is still finding, ways to convey all the necessary information to people who believe in Him sincerely and try to live in the light of His eternal truths.

A person who has not heard of the sea will never want to go to the sea. A person who does not know about Paradise will never want to go there. It's bad that fewer and fewer number of people are left on earth who are able to speak beautifully and correctly about Paradise. This greatly reduces the number of those who strive for it. And without a desire to go to Paradise, there is no use talking about the observance of the Commandments...

It seems that in the modern world, which is rapidly sliding towards sin and absurdity, simply following behaviors that were quite normal for people not so long ago has become a real feat for a person. Earlier, what sounds unusual now, such behaviors used to be taught to children in almost all the schools around the world. These behaviors, including honesty, adherence to normal family values, morality, and goodwill, were at the forefront.

The human being is a strange creature. Created by God for so much and having detailed information on how to achieve everything, for some reason, he chooses very often to be content with only a small part of his capabilities. And this is like trying to adapt a space rocket capable of flying to the stars for economic needs on earth.

Of course, everybody wants the world around us to always be high, kind, honest and moral. But reality on earth, in accordance with the will of God about the freedom of choice of man, is created by people. And, it is not often the way which God would like it to be. Nevertheless, society never determines the fate of a particular person, one does that themselves. The Creator of our world arranged everything in such a way that even in the midst of pitch darkness, anyone who observes His commandments remains in the light. And in the end, he comes to His eternal home.

When the right deeds are always in front of your eyes, you don't need to remember how it looks and how you should act. When right and wrong alternate, it is not very difficult to see right and, if desired, reach out to it. It is much worse when there is not enough of right around. Then, you need to look for it and find it in good books, good films, among moral and honest people. And, of course, remember that the standard of everything that is right on earth was and will be in the words of God and His commandments. If we ever get lost in our lives, we can always find in them the answer to the question of how people should be.

We live in a time when almost everything in the world is on sale. But, is there something on earth that is never sold? Of course, there is: real honesty and love, for examples, are never sold. Loyalty is not sold, and faith is not sold. Many high qualities of the soul, which people call virtues that God taught us to cultivate, are not sold. We often wonder why the main ideologist behind "buy and sell morality" – the devil – always tries to denigrate the commandments of the Lord and Christianity. This is because it contains everything that is not for sale.

Oddly enough, the most serious test for humanity was not natural disasters and not even wars. The complete openness of the information field without control over it, and easy access for all people there turned out to be such a test. All this quickly led to the spread of sin and to the change of a person for the worse.

Chapter 12

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.

Today, humanity is already harvesting the bitter fruits of the absolute freedom of any speech that has appeared on earth, thanks to the Internet and social networks. Complete freedom is completely safe for all those who are free from passions. Until that time, people, and especially young ones, need to be brought up, enlightened and carefully led through life.

We all know very well from the medical field what immunity is. However, immunity can not only be in the physical, but also in the spiritual health of a person. Those people who were brought up on the correct moral and spiritual views and adopted them usually receive such immunity. As they grow older, they become more resistant to sin.

Over time, willy-nilly, mankind will have to admit that a departure from the commandments of God, in fact, is a departure from life itself. This is not because God wants it to be so, but because without the commandments of the Creator on earth, passions and sin will inevitably begin to reign in one form or another over time. This will ultimately lead to divisions, conflicts and other negativities. As the history of the earth has shown, people cannot surely stay on the territory of good for long, without relying on the rules of the Lord. And the consequence of any slip into sin will always be a deterioration in life.

Sin is most developed in those countries where people close churches, lose faith, and forget the commandments of God. This is easily explained since only God teaches us to see in sin a great danger and perniciousness for a person, teaches us how to deal with it, and how to win. Nobody teaches this but Him.

Faith is the light of God in our heart. However, faith alone does not lead to God. The only real movement on this path is our moral, kind life, if we live it in accordance with the commandments of the Creator and with complete trust in Him.

An enormous problem with today's humanity and its rapidly-declining faith is that even the obvious punishments of God are now interpreted as mere troubles. As a result, no conclusions are drawn from the Lord's lessons. And after the completion of a regular difficulty, people again remain in their old and often sinful rut.

You can attract the attention of a person in many ways – for example, high art, deep thoughts. This, of course, requires talent and knowledge from the authors, but this leads to the education of people and their growth. Or you can attract attention in a different way – by changing screaming shots, for example, or by lies, absurdity and vulgarity. Such "creativity" requires almost nothing from the authors, however, it makes no sense at all to talk about some benefit for people in this case.

Sometimes the logic of people definitely works selectively. For example, the idea of investing eighty dollars in some project in order to end up with millions for it will seem brilliant to everyone. But the idea which is not very different in its essence – to live eighty years in accordance with the commandments of God, and receive millions of years of life in Paradise for this – for some reason is already liked by a much smaller number of people.

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