

A photograph of a colony of penguins, likely King penguins, standing on a snowy and rocky shore. The penguins have white bodies, black heads and backs, and distinctive white patches on their heads. They are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others in the background. The ground is covered in a layer of snow with dark rocks visible underneath.

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*Thoughts can be in head, on paper, or  
sometimes in pictures.*

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*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.*



*People's communication with their 'little screens' has become incredible in terms of duration. And that tendency is growing so much, that doctors, it seems, will soon have a new diagnosis - 'smartphone rooted to the arm'.*





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





*Our  
surroundings  
are of great  
importance.  
Humans tend  
to soak up the  
spirit of the  
place where  
they are.*





*There is an opinion that beauty will save the world.  
However, our Earth was initially beautiful but this did not  
help much. Only the beauty of people's souls that crave  
kindness and love can save the world.*



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





*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.*



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





*The life of a sincere person is usually 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.*





*In general, the struggle against God very much resembles the struggle against the current of a huge river. Some try to build dams and barriers, but the river quickly steps over them and flows on. Others dig backwaters near the shore, and then try to convince themselves and others that the current does not exist. But the River smiles and flows on. Sometimes, looking at those in "backwaters", it smiles with sadness.*





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



*The devil is always seeking those who don't want to do what God told us, those who are looking for their own 'right' paths in life. He has many 'ideas' for such people, therefore the shelves of esoteric shops are constantly replenished year by year.*





*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.*



*Sometimes, in search of happiness, people try make 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, instead of the rational man, the  
"rational-electronic" man seems to come.  
And soon, the simply "electronic" man may  
just start to appear.*



*The world of today is increasingly flooded with pragmatists, while the poets and romantics are leaving it. Human souls that become more shallow, require less of the sublime in recent times.*





*Denouncing  
others is the  
easiest way  
to exalt  
oneself  
without  
doing  
anything  
else.*



*The end of  
the world or  
life is not  
terrifying for  
a man. What  
is terrifying  
indeed - is the  
end of  
kindness in a  
man*





*God helps everyone to do good things. The ones who prefer to do bad deeds also have their own advisor.*





*In our times, unusual things happen to 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.*





*God will give everyone an assessment not for the world that was around us, but for how we walked through it.*





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





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





*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.*





*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 it correctly.*



*Dreaming of water in the middle of a big desert seems much more realistic than thinking of Paradise amidst a sinful life.*





*A person who studied history but didn't read the Gospel is like a car mechanic who can change wipers but have never seen an engine.*



*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 cleared of passions and when life goes according to the beautiful laws of the Creator of this world.*





*The ability to remember 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.*