

A photograph of a colony of penguins, likely King penguins, on a snowy and rocky beach. The penguins are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others in the background. The ground is covered in snow and dark rocks. The penguins have white bodies with black wings and heads, and some have a white patch on their heads. They are standing on their orange feet.

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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 seem will soon have a new diagnosis - 'smartphone rooted to the arm'.



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?'



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



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



If you bring a magnet to a 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.



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 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 in these "backwaters", it smiles very sadly.



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 hours and be translated into all languages. No doubts, today, the Lord will give every person a chance to touch what is most important.



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



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



The world of today is flooded more and more with pragmatics, while the poets and romanticists leave it. Human souls that are becoming shallower, require less the sublime in recent time.



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



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



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



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 an assessment to everyone not for the world that was around us, but for how we walked through this world.



*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 return back with a scream and noise, making everyone around them work hard about this.



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.



The world nowadays is trying to fight depression with pills or various entertainments. But this won't work – the soul can't be healed with pills. However, if people start to fight their sins and passions, if they begin to repent of their lies, condemnations, hatreds and betrayals, then they will have progress. And then depression will disappear by itself.



*A person, who wants to try everything in this life,
is like a mushroom picker who is going to eat all
the mushrooms in the forest.*



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.



Humanism without reliance on Christian values will always come to a dead-end. This is because only God gives people the definition of “sin”. Definition of what is harmful to them, regardless of place and time. People can argue as much as they want about what is good and what is bad for them. However, only their Creator can know about this for sure.