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A large, reflective sphere on a pedestal, reflecting a sunset over the ocean and a tropical beach scene. The sphere is the central focus, showing a distorted but clear reflection of the sky, clouds, and the ocean. The background shows the actual sunset over the ocean, with a concrete railing in the foreground.

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A collection of the author's reflections on various significant issues. Today the world is changing incredibly fast, but what can be changed in it, and what is important to keep unchanged? What makes people successful and what makes them happy? The author attempts to dive into these and other issues from the standpoint of religion, philosophy and history.

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About paradoxes

Modern humanity may seem very reasonable to us. The number of educational institutions, the abundance of all kinds of electronics and different information channels on our planet clearly support this argument. However, it's easy to see that in recent years, humanity began to do, to put it mildly, illogical or even strange things. Why is this happening?

Of course, there are many reasons for this, but there is no doubt that such paradoxes are somehow related to the abundance of different screens and dense information space around people. It's no secret today that the constant presence of a person in virtual space, in an endless stream of news, changes his world view. Fifty years ago, a man read just a couple of news a day but now one reads a few dozen and, sometimes, even hundreds of news a day. As a result, people's heads today are overloaded with information of all kinds, and besides, information that is not always true.

This overload has negative consequences. The modern man can hardly find the time to cope with all his current issues and problems. Very often, he skips over other important things such as the history of mankind, its real wisdom, philosophy and faith. All these concepts are often considered today as not too useful in the matters of making money and getting different benefits. Therefore, they are not given enough attention.

However, this is a big mistake. When people erase history from their lives, they erasing their future. After all, it's the history of mankind that stores all the important answers related to the

meaning of life on Earth, the right attitude to everything, finding happiness in this reality and after that. There are a lot of facts from the past, a sea of evidence; there are many indisputable conclusions.

As a result of such a superficial approach of mankind to the understanding of various important things, we deal with a lot of illogical situations and paradoxes. Today, many people on the planet think of, for example, the thousand-year history of humanity, as if it was just a fairy tale. Whereas they begin to perceive today's "fairy tales" from screens of all sorts and kinds as an existing reality.

The persistent unwillingness of modern people to be interested in God, Heaven, their life after death, which in fact is the most important thing, is the main paradox of mankind. This is despite the sea of evidence that people have on this subject! Indeed, it's time to think about preserving common sense on Earth.

And one more paradox. As in the past, people want to find happiness on this planet most of all. However, for some reason, the last thing they want to do - is look for happiness in the only place where it exist.

Manipulation.

The greatest struggle unfolding in our time is the struggle to take a hold of people's consciousness, for the ability to influence

it. A lot of marketing experts, psychologists, political technologists are doing their best to make people buy something, join something or vote for someone. As a rule, they don't care at all whether a person needs it or not. Usually, they just want to satisfy their own desires and implement their projects. Other people for them, act only as a necessary tool.

But, the Lord gives people complete freedom of choice. Of course, He invites everyone to Paradise but this place is really perfect and incomparably better than any other alternative. In addition, God created us, loves us and doesn't need anything from us. He sincerely wishes all people only the best.

Can we say that those who are fighting for people's minds, in various ways, love them? This question can only evoke a smile... Rarely, if ever. Are they honest with them? Not always, but very often such people do not offer us the best. Lying is actually a common companion of different manipulators and usually those people are most interested in the result. They fight, as a rule, not for the heart of a person, but for his voice or his pocket.

They study how many times they have to repeat the name of something, in advertising, to make a person buy it. They analyze information channels to find the ones that can help them show their ad as many times as possible. They determine how many times they should tell people that they are being cheated and used, and that their freedoms are being violated to make them vote the way they want, and so on.

Those who want to influence people study a person as a complex, little-studied mechanism. They look for different "buttons" that they can push to regularly get the necessary

behavior, and determine how to control a person even more effectively. If it seems useful to them, they enthusiastically awaken different passions in a person such as fear, lust, pride, and others. The main thing is to get the desired result. And, to be honest, they succeed in many ways.

We've all heard about hypnosis. There are even special shows where hypnotized people can do anything on stage and don't remember it afterwards. Manipulation is a modern form of hypnosis. This is because, in this case, one makes a person buy something that he did not want to buy before and do something that he didn't plan to.

Paradoxically, the One who created this world, created people, can easily influence the behavior of any person, but He doesn't do it. Whereas those who don't have any moral right to do it, try to get such opportunity by any means. Naive. If everything in the world of God was so simple...

Pride

Madness follows pride. This is not the opinion of some psychologists (although, some statistics on this topic should already be collected). This is a sequence of God's words from the Gospel about the fall of man.

Today on Earth – which turned out to be very fruitful for the cultivation of pride – we already have enough evidence of it. After

all, madness has many forms and manifestations. But, in fact, it's just the inability of a person to adequately perceive reality. The key word here is "inability".

The modern world with the abundance of different screens and networks greatly helps people to cultivate pride. A vivid example of this is the most common activity of posting pictures and texts on the Internet and collecting "likes" for them. Is it anything but the search for recognition and glory? If all this becomes too important for a person, there it is: fertile ground for pride's growth. There are a lot of similar examples in people's lives today.

The whole past real history of humanity, not to mention the norms of Christianity, have always taught people to be modest. Nowadays, unfortunately, people (and especially the youth) more admire not the best characters, who are silver tongued and often not too moral. They like to criticize everything and don't like to build. Thanks to the Internet, such leaders are now a dime a dozen. As a rule, they do not know the authorities from history and don't want to listen to their parents and elders.

This brings to mind other words of God when He spoke about the Last times of humanity. One of the signs of the last days is when children "become disobedient to their parents".

People full of pride always lose adequate perception of reality. They begin to see the whole world only in conjunction with themselves. Often, these people break different norms of decency and morality much more often. They do not like even the minimal restriction by society on their "sacred freedoms".

It would be just right to remind them of how God treats people who have lost all moral principles. For example, recall the history of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. However, pride always makes a person blind. And when one is blind, he becomes difficult to perceive reality correctly, let alone delve into history lessons.

Due to almost complete lack of attention to this issue, pride today is quietly spreading on the planet almost without any resistance and gradually distorts the correct world view of people. Destroying at the same time modesty, good traditions, honesty, tolerance, love, goodwill, morality and mutual understanding. Destroying the commandments of the Creator of this world in people's minds and hearts. And the visible result of these destruction won't be long to come.

Yes, until recently, humanity merrily laughed at the fairy tale "Alice in Wonderland" as a maximum of various absurdities. However today, if you briefly tell the plot of this fairy tale to someone who is unfamiliar with this work, he may think that you're just retelling some of the world news.

Obscene words.

A literary or obscene word is just a different set of phonetic sounds that are used to designate a particular action or object. Given that there are thousands of languages in the world, any

action or object can be described in three thousand ways of different literary phonetic combinations. Quite enough for everyone.

So, why do people use obscene words instead? After all, it's just the three thousand-first phonetic combination that describes the same thing. Obviously, there isn't much logic in it.

However, there is a lot of psychology here. An obscene word is forbidden and its usage draws a protest in a civilized and cultural society. But it also quickly draws attention to those who use it. Mostly negative attention, but does it matter to those who seek fame in any way possible?

For example, if a person of average abilities began to write poetry today, he would become invisible in the world of geniuses such as *Lord Byron, Robert Lee Frost or Alexander Pushkin*. In order to gain just a little fame, he would have to work very, very hard.

But there's a much shorter way: you can fill your poems with obscene words. That's all – attention will be drawn immediately. However, the price of such "success", even on Earth, is not too big. What about in Heaven? Here, that person will get in a lot of trouble that is directly proportional to the number of fans of his workaround creativity.

There's a reason for that. The author of such works consciously inserts obscene words in his texts. However, his fans begin to repeat these words unconsciously. Well then, it's a matter of habit – people start to use them automatically through the author's fault. And this happens in the world of wonderful history and amazing

culture, in the world of beautiful thoughts and deep feelings. In the world, that God tries to bring to us in the highest form.

In addition, obscene words are the language of hell. This is not a metaphor, just look at serious medical statistics for this case. The point of it is that many people who aren't very moral and lose the ability to think straight and speak due to their age or any other reason, often begin to shout different obscene words. As if that a person is no longer the master of own speech. And this comparison is not too far from the truth.

To achieve something in this world – in business, sports or art – a person always has to work hard. However, the success obtained in a roundabout way never brings happiness for a long time in the world of a just and omnipresent God. This is fair: the One Who created the world and people can establish the rules of life, that's for sure. And it's great that these rules have always been and will only be beautiful and high.

Parents and children.

Recently, another dividing line has appeared in humanity, which didn't exist before. This line lies between the younger generation and the old one.

Actually, there's absolutely nothing unusual in the avant-garde of youth. Young people have always considered themselves to be more modern than their parents. However, the link between

generations has always been kept, as well as continuity. Sooner or later, young people began to read the same books, to study the same professions, to bear the same burden of responsibility as their parents.

In our time everything has changed. Nowadays, the youth often draws their views, opinions and judgments from very different sources in contrast to their predecessors. Unfortunately in practice, these sources don't usually come from God and it isn't the best centuries-old experience of mankind. As a rule, these are created by ordinary people who are often young and now have wide and free access to the information space.

As a result, modern young people sometimes get a completely different worldview, and thus, often distance themselves from their parents. Sometimes, the situation evolves: some young people allow themselves to criticize everything, change basic values and even educate the older generation. They often do this with the storm of applause from their peers.

What can be said about this? At any stage of its development, our world has always been and always will be, the world of the Lord where the only indisputable truth is His commandments. A long time ago, the Lord said these clear words on the correct attitude of youth towards the older generation: "*Honor your father and mother, so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the Earth*", and also: "*Whoever curses his father or mother shall be put to death.*" Since then, nothing has changed in these rules of the Creator of the world, by a bit.

As we know from history, God expelled Adam from Heaven for disobedience and Noah expelled his son Ham for mocking his father. For many centuries, the people on Earth have unanimously condemned Adam and Ham. No one could even consider condemning God or Noah for mistreating their children.

Judging your parents is bad from the point of view of trivial justice. Parents devote many years of their lives to their children and children do almost nothing until a certain time. How can we try to put their opinions next to one another? If a person took care for his parents for twenty years or so, then perhaps, we could listen to him. But, until then...

In general, the attitude of children towards their parents and older generation always clearly represents the health of a society. If this attitude is full of respect and reverence, then that society is healthy. Otherwise, it's sick.

When the Lord had listed the signs of the future Last days of humanity, He mentioned that children "*will be disobedient to their parents*" in these days. This is a very important statement to understand and it is difficult to misinterpret.

Times of lies.

There's a short joke:

"Little Johnny, what is two times two?"

"Sorry, are we buying or selling?"

It's very sad, but such philosophy and morality are becoming more and more popular and widespread on our planet. Until a few decades ago, the profession of a journalist had a very positive reputation around the world, almost like the profession of a doctor. For people, a journalist was the one who tried to bring the truth to his readers by any means. Unfortunately, these days have passed, and the "truth" is now increasingly determined by money.

Today, the number of fake news in the world has reached such a high level that now almost no intelligent reader and listener believes all that is written or said. But this is not the saddest thing. The saddest thing is that almost no one on Earth is no surprised anymore that there are so many lies in this world. Lies on Earth have become almost normal and even necessary for some professions.

And, everyone is already getting used to it, but not God, who always gets in the way of lies. (Yes, the good old God, Whom a significant part of humanity persistently tries to conceal somewhere). That's why a lying person immediately becomes bad in the eyes of God; the Lord has told people about it many times.

Therefore, those who deliberately begin to deceive other people – whether they are politicians, journalists, bloggers or others – go up against God because of their actions. Because in this case, they begin to destroy people's faith in honesty which the Lord is trying to put in the people.

Moreover, fighting against God is not the smartest and harmless thing to do on Earth. If someone ever thought about

studying the history of different liars of our planet, he would make some interesting revelations. He would see that their life's circumstances were not so good. Whereas all honest politicians, journalists and ordinary people on Earth are always supported by God.

Well, of course someone can fight against the rules of the Lord on Earth. However, this project cannot be called at least a little promising. Rather, it's like a swimming against the flow of a huge river. One day, any swimmer will run out of strength here, and the River would inevitably carry him away.

A couple of sketches

Yes, people's lives are changing rapidly nowadays...

It seems that it's only a matter of time before people at the weddings would hear not the traditional: "and now, young marrieds, exchange your rings", but something like: "and now, dear young marrieds, give each other access to your personal data in the mobile application and then protect the new data using your retina."

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Here is another story. In a long traffic jam drivers turn their heads, use the horn and are confused as to where they should go next. Pedestrians look closely at street name signs and struggle to

decide which way to go. Crowds of social media fans are walking down the streets in low spirit and sometimes are swayed from despair and lack of likes. An apocalyptic scenario, you say? No, just a case of Internet shut down in a possible near future.

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Actually, writing about the future, as experience shows, is quite a thankless job. After all, back in the 80s, if some sci-fi writer decided to describe aspirations and values of our today's world, then half of his readers would have died laughing and the other half would have blamed the author for his excessive fantasy. However...

Conscience

It's safe to say that every person on Earth knows the feeling: when it seems like you've done everything right and convinced yourself that there was no other way, but in the end, you suddenly hear the voice inside of you: "No, my dear, you've done it wrong."

What is that voice? Who is that someone inside who allows himself to refute our rational conclusions?

However, there's Someone who has every right to do this. Usually people call this voice a *conscience*, but in fact, these thoughts inside of us come from the One who created us and wants to see us as people with the highest sense. This is the voice

of our Creator. And, like in some training program, when we do something bad, this voice often tells us: "Your decision was wrong."

Not everyone likes to hear this voice. A person often likes to feel that he's always right and sometimes he reacts too sensitive to criticism. Therefore, the voice of conscience is a hindrance for many people. The Creator is not insistent in this regard: if a person wants to remove this voice, he can do it with some effort. To do this, a man should always do everything his own way and never listen to his conscience. As a result, this voice will become lower and lower, and then, it will completely disappear.

However, that won't make a person happy. This is because, acting against the voice of conscience, he acts against truth, love, and nobility. It's as if he cuts the umbilical cord that connects him to the source of all humanity, to the goodness of the whole world. Eventually, that person will be left alone with his pride and ego.

Needless to say, even on Earth, it is an absolute dead end. Outside of Earthly life, such a person doesn't have a chance at all.

Why? Because our conscience always tells us to forgive, to regret, to worry about others; it encourages us to protect and preserve our faith and correct views, to keep a kind attitude in life. Conscience constantly returns us to honesty, openness and high morals.

If we get rid of conscience in our life, then we begin to deal with various opinions and slogans like: "the end justifies the means", "morality is a relic of the past", "lying is acceptable and sometimes even useful for achieving the goals", "human history

is not so important anymore", "my life, my rules", "family - flexible concept" and many more.

Well, every person in our times has free access to any information, therefore, he makes deliberate choices in life. And it is very good that this awareness allows all people to find detailed information in advance about the final results of our steps on this or other path.

Changes

People's lives have been changing very quickly in recent years. Day after day, we're gradually getting so used to the new things that show up that we often don't even notice these changes. However, things are really changing and they're changing at an amazing speed. You can clearly see these changes, if you examine the past few decades.

Just twenty years ago, our computers were enormous and the programs were very simple. Then, year after year, computers began to reduce in size and programs were getting more and more complex. And now, life without a smartphone seems almost unreal to an average person.

The speed of change does not decrease. Nowadays, some people are already placing chips under their skin to make payments or use 'pass' systems. Cameras on the streets are

beginning to recognize faces with precision. Our voice, fingerprints, and retina are used for various purposes. Perhaps, only our cats and dogs don't yet demand our personal data today. One can only speculate what happens next.

Advertising has recently become so sticky that it has long surpassed any gum on the sidewalk. Nowadays, it is enough for a person to just touch some information on the Internet to make this topic show up again and again on every screen in front of him for a long time.

Serious changes are also taking place in the moral sphere of human life. We have almost forgotten that two or three decades ago people were outraged by any lie and deception in this world. They believed in justice and in decent journalists who were always ready to fight for the truth. Today, those times seem almost childish and a bit of naive idealism in many ways.

Due to the absolute freedom of self-expression, everyone now has the opportunity to express their opinion and convey it to all citizens of the world. As a result, our information field is filled with a whole bunch of "broadcasters" who would never have been trusted with writing a small note for the school newspaper twenty years ago. That's why the general information level is now much shallower than it used to be.

The meaning of the modern youth's life is to collect abstract 'likes' as much as possible, for their appearance or lifestyle and seeking money. And romantics, altruists, idealists, poets (who don't use crude language) in today's world look like endangered dinosaurs at their last stage.

It's hard to say where all these changes lead to. Of course, there's a chance that one day people will realize that they've lost something very important in their lives. Something that was granted to us by God. Something that made people's eyes light up and their hearts beat joyfully for many years.

The Mirror of the World

Many thinkers and philosophers of different times often compared our world to a huge mirror when they were describing the processes that took place on Earth. They said that all the evil and all the good things done on Earth would one day return to their authors.

Of course, we can treat this differently. If we don't really believe in this concept, our view of everything that happens in this world will always be directed outside. We will do our best to fight different troubles, diseases, adverse natural phenomena, crises, cataclysms and so on. Materialistic people have always done it and will continue to do so.

To be fair, it's worth noting that, even though the people of Earth today have much more opportunities compared to their predecessors a few centuries ago, their progress in this direction is not very impressive. There are still as many troubles on Earth as before, and perhaps, there are even more of them right now.

However, materialistic people have no choice: they have to fight for the comfort of their life by all the means they understand.

However, if people assume that our world is, in fact, a huge mirror, their views of life begin to change. With this approach, a person isn't looking for an answer to all his problems outside. Instead, he is trying to find the answer within himself and in his own life. These people try to understand which of their actions led to this or that undesirable reflection of reality.

And, this approach is progressive because it doesn't consider the selective and often selfish worldview of people. Such a worldview gives one a chance to find the principles and morality of a higher level: the principles of the Creator of our world, of the Higher power or God, whatever you call it. After all, God created the mirror of the world and people should make just a tiny effort to find His simple commandments and try to follow them. Well, and good reflections in the mirror of life will always prove that they have chosen the right path.

In general, materialism is not that bad. Do you know who the greatest materialist in the world is? It's God! There is an entire planet with seven billion of His children at His disposal. Every day, He has to take care of them, fulfill their needs and educate them while explaining the most important moral values to them. The Creator of the world never shies away from His responsibilities. However, despite all these worries, God always remains Love, Kindness, Honesty, Morality, Care, and Forgiveness.

Do we remember the importance of all these qualities in our pursuit of materialistic things? Do we try to keep these within

ourselves? If yes, it's very reasonable because this is how we ensure having good reflections in our mirror of life.

Well, if materialism is all we have, it's bad. Because materialism without morality is insatiable. It will eventually try to lead us away from honesty and kindness. It will try to drown out the voice of our conscience and make us overlook sins. It will pull us away from high morals principles. And if we give in to it, then we can be sure not to see a good reflection in our mirror of life.

The mirror of the world reflects the life of individuals and the life of entire nations living by certain rules in the same way. There are many vivid examples of it in the history of mankind, especially in ancient times. Unfortunately, back then people were much more aggressive, cruel and often sinful, therefore, the reflections in their mirror of life weren't so pretty.

The events of those times are described in detail in the books that tell us about the education of ancient people by God. As it is well known, in those years, there were severe floods and droughts, massive epidemics and volcanic eruptions, and much more. God usually explained to people which of their bad behavior made Him punish them. Those events are historical facts, and they had a high number of witnesses.

Therefore, the theory of the mirror of the world is not an abstract philosophy. No, it is based on very serious data. Today, the question is whether we want to see and understand all of this for our benefit or not. Because if the mirror of the world existed before, then, of course, it still exists now. And the principles of the reflection there definitely haven't changed.

Homo sapience

Scientists call the genus of people on Earth Homo sapiens, that is, a Reasonable man. Namely, the mind and intelligence once elevated man above the animal world and made him the master of the planet. However, speaking of the human mind, let's think a little about what this mind is?

Our world has progressed greatly in technical terms. With the help of different computers, modern programs and technologies, people can now do much more than they ever could. But is this the mind that gave the name to our genus? In fact, this question is not as unambiguous as it may seem at first glance.

A man who can achieve something using different technical tools and a man who is reasonable can sometimes be very different. It's like when we talk about a strong man and a technically capable man. For example, a strong man can lift something heavy. However, a weak person sitting behind the crane levers can lift a hundred or a thousand times more than him. So what is the criteria of strength – the physical condition of a person or the result achieved by him? In humanity always had the first.

Of course, a strong person can operate the crane, as well. But a weak person can do the same – the result won't change. You cannot see the size of the operator's muscles until you look into the cabin. And no doubt, if a crane operator wants to become stronger, he must get out of the cabin and go to the gym as often as possible.

The same is true for the human mind. The mind is the most important part of a person which is responsible for logic, intelligence, common sense, abstract thinking, analysis and much more. In a way, we can compare it to a certain muscle, because like a muscle the mind can also grow stronger and develop or it can become weak and even atrophy when it hasn't been trained.

A person who solves complex problems using computer programs or achieves something using cutting-edge technology may actually be a very intelligent person or may not. There is a need for certain skills rather than intelligence to control some device, even when it's very complex. But the number of areas of modern life that really require our thinking is gradually decreasing from year to year.

For example, a few years ago, a car driver had to think dozens or even hundreds of times more to get from one place in the town to another. He had to choose a route, follow the map, take traffic into account and so on. Today, the only thing a driver has to do is to say the destination to his navigator, and that's it – his mental activity is no longer required. This is certainly very convenient. However, this deprives our mind of the necessary exercises. Given the abundance of similar services in our daily life, we can say for sure that the number of useful thoughts of an ordinary person in a day has significantly decreased.

If a modern person who uses all the conveniences of our civilization doesn't train his mind, then it's not good. The statistics of recent years provided by scientists clearly shows it. Scientists have noted that people who spend many hours in front of different screens gradually lose the ability to focus on something for a long

time. They are slower in solving logical problems in the mind, their abstract thinking and spatial orientation get worse, and much more.

Given the scale of such changes in humanity in recent decades, we can now talk about the shift of our good old Homo sapiens generation towards some new and obscure Homo electronicus. And if we're not happy about it, then we have to leave the "crane cabin" more often to train our mind. People have created many things for this purpose, for example, different logic games, thought-provoking books, educational materials, and so on.

By the way, the decline in religious faith also confirms the decline in human intelligence. After all, faith is actually the result of the efforts of many human qualities, among which strong mind and its ability to find the important thing in life play a primary role. In order to reach faith, a person must be able to correctly interpret the well-known historical facts, must see numerous miracles of God and an incredible number of its witnesses. It's also useful for him to understand the beauty of the grand design of the world's Creator which is to change people for the better.

And when one sees all that, his mind and his logic will put everything together and faith will grow within that person. Reaching faith is the most difficult task that people on Earth should solve in their lives, however, they must be very reasonable to do it. But, if a person doesn't come to God and doesn't worry about the inevitable future, how can we call him reasonable?

What God does not like

God gave people life and complete freedom of choice. He is very patient and tactful. Long ago, the Lord gave rules to all humankind and by following these rules people can live happily on Earth and afterwards. However, the Creator does not insist or force people to fulfill them. If some people and even nations choose other ways in life, given all this information, God does not hinder them but allows them to follow their own paths.

However, it doesn't mean that the Creator agrees with everything that people do on Earth. Freedom of choice doesn't mean that God likes certain choices. Actually, God disapproves of many things.

For example, the Lord would never approve of any sin. If people sin, it is their own choice and they are always responsible for such action and will receive consequences. The Creator is well aware of the results of this choice and He has long told all the people on Earth about it.

God does not like betrayal. A betraying person is ugly and has nothing to do with the highest meaning that God originally placed in people.

God does not like it when people who have supposedly made a commitment to the service of God, are beginning to distort His teaching and sometimes are doing ugly and even very ugly things. Due to these pseudo-followers, other people on Earth get a completely wrong idea of Him.

God does not like people who lose their soul, that is, who lose the most important human qualities such as kindness, honesty, morality, conscience and compassion. For God, a human being without a soul is just another highly-developed animal that only thinks about the satisfaction of their needs like any other animal on Earth. Such people don't have to overcome any moral barriers on the way to their goals. The Lord did not create Earth for growing a population like this.

God does not like it when people who believe in Him aren't passing their faith to children or if they are losing faith themselves. To the Lord it looks like an ordinary betrayal.

God does not like it when various sinful groups or societies are beginning to actively spread a culture that is alien to Him, sometimes even with pressure. As a result, it becomes almost impossible for many of His children to grow up normally in this environment. To the Creator this means that not all of the people on Earth have real freedom of choice in this case.

God does not like it when various sinful forces are beginning to oppress His good and moral children who remember Him and who try to keep His commandments. He does not like it when they make them to approve of sin, when they impose on them such principles and laws that would have made the people of previous generations horrified.

God does not like it when different groups and societies are teaching the younger generation from an early age into many sinful concepts as the norm.

In this case, the Lord has a dilemma: whether to let sinful forces continue to fill the Earth with laws and ways of life that are alien to Him, or to protect His real children who in the other circumstances could make a completely different choice that would be pleasant to Him.

And if God decides that protecting the rights of his real children is more important, He begins to act. And in this case everything on Earth begins to move the way God wants it. And it all ends only when He decides to. People can't undo anything that God has planned.

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