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The Black Swan

The term "black swan" which means an unexpected event that triggered a crisis is well known among politicians and financiers. There are many various crises in the world now – economic, political, financial, religious, ideological and so on. Many analysts are convinced that it was the last common human problem that fettered the whole world a couple of years ago that became the "black swan" for these processes.

Perhaps this version is suitable for non-believers. Christians, however, have never considered these "black swans" in the history of mankind to be unexpected events. On the contrary, "black swans" always and guaranteed flew to where people departed from the commandments of God and fell into sin. So maybe it makes sense to carefully consider the new "swan" from this foreshortening?

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So, Christianity. Hundreds of years of existence of this faith on Earth have shown that true Christians are very tolerant of other religions and philosophies in humanity and, of course, atheism. True Christianity which the Lord taught us, is always peaceful and unobtrusive. It can calmly exist on Earth alongside other views and does not force anyone to follow it.

Yes, Christians see many imperfections in our world and understand the true meaning for human existence. On a simple

level, they always try to help people, to bring God's commandments such as honesty, morality and kindness to the world. That is why Christianity has long enjoyed a well-deserved prestige in humanity. Also, many good laws have appeared in the legislations of several countries around the world thanks to Christianity. However, the position of Christianity on Earth was greatly weakened in recent decades.

Of course, the church itself is largely to blame for this. Its mistakes of past years such as the Inquisition and its later mistakes played a big role here. For example, the facts about many crimes of recent decades among church ministers are shocking. A church that does not fight for the purity of its ranks inevitably loses its authority. This is what, in fact, has happened. And although those ministers had not the slightest relation to the very teachings of the Lord, nevertheless, many people perceive the problems of individual churches precisely as the problem of all Christianity.

However, mistakes of the church were not the only and not even the main reason for the loss of interest in Christianity in the world. The information field of the Earth which is open to any user turned out to be much more destructive for the church. As a result, all teachers immediately found themselves on a par with their students. A whole waterfall of various low-grade and frankly sinful ideas poured from the Internet on people and especially on children, eclipsed faith in many people, their desire for high ideals in life and sometimes even just common sense.

The things that began to appear on Earth in place of previous morality and spirituality reflect the concepts of materiality and

consumerism, with its own goals, incentives, rules, meanings and, of course, freedoms. Often with sinful rules and freedoms from the point of view of Christianity. As it is known, material things are incapable of causing harm to a spiritual person. However, if a person begins his life with an interest solely in the material, then, as a rule, he does not need the spiritual later at all.

Such changes in worldviews led to the fact that in many countries of the world significant and in some places the overwhelming majority of churches were closed. Various bloggers, Internet philosophers and just all those who were not too lazy to write something on social networks immediately rushed to fill the spiritual vacuum within people. Of course, the newly created morality is mainly filled with slogans about complete freedom of the individual and the freedom of choice wherever possible.

Unfortunately, slogans such as “my life are my rules”, of course, had a negative effect. As it is known from the history of humankind, sin very quickly fills the places, from which God was removed. At first, it was not so obvious but then it began to manifest itself more and more. As a result, chaos and disharmony are clearly felt in many places on the planet today. All this served as one of the main reasons for the onset and development of many crises in the world. And the last "black swan" just pushed a little with its wing, something that should have fallen anyway.

However, that is not all. As you know, the opinion of the majority gives rise to politicians who subsequently adopt laws that protect the position of their voters. Therefore, as a result of the spread of the new views in some countries of the world, laws

have already appeared that directly or indirectly condemn people who try to accurately follow the commandments of God. And, if we consider the fact that there are still many people in the world who keep faith and cherish the commandments of the Lord, then a very serious confrontation clearly emerges in humanity. All this is really serious because sin unlike Christianity will never tolerate righteousness alien to it.

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What can be said about it? It is stupid to wonder who will win in the end in this confrontation. Anyone who believes that one can fight with God somehow is naive. Although the intermediate stages of this confrontation in different countries can take place in different ways, kind, believing people should never lose heart. The Creator of our world has a lot of ways to bring back justice to this Earth. And graceful black swans, by the way, sometimes also help this goal.

The principles of life

People have different approaches to life. For example, in our world today, which is becoming more selfish and filled with the most inconceivable personal freedoms, the slogan “my life, my rules” is gaining great popularity. As for Christianity, the attitude of believers to life is determined by the words from the prayer that

God gave to people: "Your will be done". To say that these are different statements is to say nothing. They are as dissimilar as, for instance, mirage and reality.

The first slogan means that his adherent completely trusts only in himself and his own understanding of life. There is usually no question of trusting God here (otherwise, these thoughts simply would not appear) and the adoption of certain rules of society by these people occurs only if they coincide with their personal views. Otherwise, those rules are just unpleasant restrictions that these people do not transgress just for fear of punishment.

There is even no point in talking about the seriousness of these approaches to life. After all, how objective can the opinion of one person be for whom there are no authorities? Obviously, these are just solitary views. Moreover, they are very different from each other as they are formed by a specific education, upbringing, place of birth, sphere of interests, difficulties and aspirations of each individual. Since these parameters are different for everyone, it means that their views on life will also be different.

The approach to life, formulated by the phrase "Your will be done, Lord" is simply incomparable with the first slogan, since, on the contrary, it relies on the most important experience of mankind; it relies on the words of the Creator of the world. These words are often perceived by ignorant people as a symbol of submission to God in Christianity. As it is the case in the army or at work, for example, where the junior in the position or rank is obliged to obey the senior. However, it is not like that.

In fact, this phrase contains an absolute Trust in the Creator of our world. True Christians are always happy to fully trust in the One who knows life a million times deeper, loves a million times

more, has a million times more experience in all matters. It means that the scenario that He brings into the life of every person on Earth is much better and more useful than the one that they could choose for themselves.

Furthermore, everyone who trusts God learns from the same undisputed Teacher. This forms the basis for their similar views, aspirations, lifestyle and therefore, a reliable foundation for their unification and mutual sympathy. In contrast, the sonorous but empty slogan "my life - my rules", leads to nothing but division, selfishness and pride. Egoists, as you know, love only themselves, so it is difficult for them to love someone else and unite with someone seriously and for a long time.

In general, people who respect the knowledge and experience of previous generations relying on thousands of years of human wisdom, kind of continue to build in their lives a new floor in the huge and beautiful skyscraper of mankind. And those who do not listen to anyone but consider themselves smarter than everyone else are like stupid builders who at first demolish all the beautiful tall buildings built before them, then build their motley sheds in its place.

Intuition

Intuition is perhaps one of the few unexplained phenomena that a significant part of humankind to some degree recognizes and considers. Despite the fact that the nature of intuition has not

been described by science at all, many people still came across its manifestations in their lives. Well, taking into the account the fact that intuition is recognized by many people but science cannot tell us anything definite in this regard, let's try to look at this issue from the point of view of the divine structure of the world.

Talking about intuition in understandable terms, it can be figuratively compared to a kind of "divine Internet" to which people are able to connect. Of course, using intuition is beneficial, since it is the shortest path to get the right answer bypassing a complex thought process. Who did not sometimes like to immediately peek at the answer instead of a long solution to a task in childhood? Here as well, something similar. That is because intuition is based on infinite divine knowledge, in which human's science occupies a modest corner in one of the rooms, on one of the floors.

Nevertheless, there is one fundamental difference between intuition and the Earthly internet. The Internet is an electrical or radio wave signal that is transmitted from one device to another. Whereas intuition is alive, because it is a form of communication between the Creator and the human soul.

Thus in general, the Lord thus gives people a lot of information on a variety of issues. However, speaking figuratively, different people have different qualities of "antenna" using which they can hear these messages in their souls. And this affects its accuracy greatly. Most of all, the quality of these "antennas" depends on how dynamic and how far in the right direction a particular person moved in his life. That is, it depends on his evolution— evolution from the point of view of God.

Evolution, and especially spiritual evolution, underlies the existence of our world. However, evolution from the point of view of the people and from the point of view of God are basically very different things. Most often, people want to improve their quality of life, increase the number of various entertainments and pleasures and the like. While evolution, from the point of view of God is a change in human aspirations from base, selfish and sinful to high, kind and noble – to those according to which the inhabitants of Heaven live, outside the earthly world.

God knows perfectly well that as a result of living righteous life, a person has the opportunity to receive eternal life in the most beautiful place as a reward. Therefore, intuition in its maximal version leads, of course, precisely to this. At every stage of a person's life, intuition helps him take the next step in the right direction, teaches new and useful things. For example, it makes it clear that there is something much more than the visible material world, allows to touch the principles and laws that are not cognized by science, explains the value of morality, and of course, tries to seed the foundations of faith in a person.

In addition, if a person shows interest in intuition and at the same time does not move towards sin, then God will allow him to use this medium to resolve many everyday issues. However, if a person stops for a prolonged time in his spiritual and moral development, begins to sin or is excessively involved in the worldly cycle, then he stops to really evolve and his ability to hear hints from God decreases.

The fall

If a person is not taught something in this life, then he most likely will not know this: the ability for self-knowledge and knowledge of the world in comparison with the knowledge and experience of all mankind in an individual is negligible. That is why there have always been systems of education and upbringing of children in all countries and at all times.

We teach children (or more precisely – taught) what we would like to see in them. At that, parents put in their children only one facet of upbringing based on the values of their family. The government puts another facet of knowledge and views onto them with the aim of cultivating responsible citizens in the country. Well, and God, as far as possible, lays the third, most important facet of the worldview which helps them become good and moral people and receive eternal life after the end of the Earthly one as a result.

A huge problem of humanity is that the old approach to teaching and raising children today has undergone a serious failure or even a destruction. The reason for this state of affairs lies in the simultaneous imposition of several factors at once.

Firstly, is the rapid development of the Internet and social networks, as a result of it, everyone who just wanted - millions of incompetent, unprepared, and often simply immoral people - have joined the learning process of the younger generation. Humanity will have to feel the negative effects of this for a long time.

The second reason lies in providing young people with the most unthinkable personal freedoms which often go beyond the millennial concept of humanity about good and evil, right and wrong, moral and sinful. On Earth, traditional values were the foundation on which all societies could live and develop harmoniously for many centuries. Abolition of these is harmful. If, for example, the driving rules are abolished and complete freedom of driving is introduced, then we will have chaos on the roads. Something similar can happen with the introduction of freedoms that are canceling out the time-tested values of humanity.

The loss of interest in Christianity, all other religions and basic philosophies of the world among people, and especially among youth is also a consequence of the lack of competent education and lack of control over the quality of information accessible to them. It is difficult to overestimate the damage from this since the consequence of it will be translated into the dismantling of the most reliable "railings" on a very slippery path of human spirituality.

Various films, TV series and television shows began to play the greater-than-ever educational role in the world instead of time-tested spirituality. However, only a very little number of works accomplish this task on a satisfactorily level and especially in our time. It is obvious to everyone that cruelty, immorality and absurdity on the screens are quite popular today. In addition, the endless parallel reality in films with various superheroes and monsters has filled for the huge part of the information space. It is obviously excessive as it already closes our children's view of real life, leading them to nowhere.

To be honest, it would be really strange if the younger generation had not become different as a consequence of such a long and dense information processing. And today, we can only sympathize with it. After all, this generation will have to live in a world disconnected from God, from proven traditions and rules. However, the life of the people according to the new rules is already going on, and so far, no one knows for sure how it will develop. Although some sad assumptions on the basis of the first incoming facts, of course, already exist.

Almost all spheres of human life are changing today. The things that mankind valued and was proud of for many hundreds of years are now beginning to be considered outdated, wrong or immoral in many countries. Modern new values that are today introduced in some countries to replace the old ones, would simply shock and horrify previous generations. And this is the reality that we live today and to which we are getting used to more and more as a kind of normality.

But it is not normality. And it is great that there is God in the world (despite the desire for many people to ignore Him). It is wonderful that His divine standards and rules exist which always have and always will remain above human ideas. Sadly, history has shown that people often stop seeing where is black and where is white, where there is good and where there is evil, where there is moral and where there is sinful without these rules. So, in relation to these indisputable, unshakable and eternal standards, humanity today has clearly undergone a huge spiritual fall. And now, all of us can only guess how God will react to it and what will happen to the world next. Some events in the world already suggest a few thoughts.

The value of talents

What is talent and who are the talented people? Is there a great value to humankind in what they left us or not? This is not an idle question, especially nowadays since there were a lot of extremely talented people on Earth throughout the entire history of the existence of mankind.

Talents in the field of creativity have enriched the world with wonderful books, paintings, sculptures and music. Sages and philosophers explained the nature of many things, gave birth to deep thoughts on a variety of issues. Many creations of the world's talented people have survived through centuries. All the countries of the world have their own libraries, museums and art galleries where the best cultural treasures are collected. Touched by them, people become better since a person is able to be filled with the sublime, beautiful and spiritual.

Why then, does the question of the value of the geniuses and talents of the Earth suddenly arise today? Unfortunately, it is easy to explain. Recently, humanity began to consistently forget its history and in some places even rethink the culture of the past years. This means that it largely begins to forget or rethink the contribution of great talents to the culture of the people. Moreover, humanity starts to increasingly question everything that was previously always considered wise, high, noble and beautiful. And, of course, there is an ongoing attack on the religions and philosophies of the world.

It sounds absurd but the reality in the world today looks like that: very small groups of people who have an alternative opinion about themselves, culture, family values and morality entered the information space a couple of decades ago. Oddly enough, many political forces in different countries guided by their own goals, used and supported the ideas of these groups from time to time.

As a result of such political games, this issue has received considerable development. And after only a few years, the same insignificant part of people has already begun to take the liberty of changing, evaluating and reevaluating the millennial culture and worldview of all mankind. Works of art, literature, thousand-year history and religion have become the object of unexpected attacks and criticism. New mandatory criteria began to be imposed on people - tolerance to any thoughts and behavior, political correctness in everything, unlimited freedom of the individual, complete freedom of any speech, and so on instead of the old, traditional views on eternal human values and culture. However, the freedom of some people is good as long as it does not begin to cause unfreedom to others. Thus, it is strange that all this is happening under the auspices of, allegedly, democracy.

What kind of democracy can we talk about when – in order not to offend a very small percentage of new people-experimenters in the field of self-identification, constructing possible life models, family formats and so on – the rest of the inhabitants of the Earth must revise their favorite culture, views and in some places even change their usual vocabulary? The overwhelming majority is getting damage here. So, if the overwhelming majority begins to fulfill the desires of a modest minority to their own detriment, it is no longer a democracy at all but an anti-democracy.

Well, as for the many great talents on Earth, this has indeed a tremendous value for all humankind. Real talent always comes from above. Their oblivion would mean that people on Earth have become very poor. But, it is still not worth getting too worried about. God still runs the world and this fact cannot be reversed no matter how and who tries to do it. So, this means that all the healthy forces of the Earth, including the creativity of talents of all eras, will certainly come out over time. Well, and the least healthy, artificially created and frankly sinful movements - sooner or later are guaranteed to come to a dead end. Since, first of all, our world is a very important school of God for the cultivation of beautiful human souls and not for anything else.

How God is canceled

The desire of a significant part of humanity to question the fact of the existence of God is as old as Christianity. In the world, there were always and everywhere people who did not believe in miracles performed by God. At the same time, they were not worried at all about the many thousands of witnesses who saw these miracles. They did not try to study on the basis of the facts of history the huge number of miracles that God performed on Earth through the Son, the prophets and many saints. The logic of non-believers (well, or rather its absence) always goes something like this: *this cannot be, because I do not believe in it, which means it cannot be.*

It cannot be helped – skeptics everywhere and always find a place for their special opinion, often very far from reality and facts. At the same time, this, of course, does not mean that people without faith in God are somehow bad – no, there are many wonderful, kind personalities among them. It is just that this part of humanity is not moving on the most interesting and joyful road in life, as their plans are always limited by the framework of Earthly life. However, this is how the balance of faith and disbelief has developed in this world. And it has existed in this form for hundreds of years.

However, in recent decades, disbelief (not without the devil's tips, of course) clearly decided to go on the offensive against Christianity. Using the information space which is completely open to everyone, it began to fill it with false, ugly or simply sinful information. Ideas about the endless freedom of any person, about boundless tolerance to everything, about gender infinity, and so on came in handy. Now we can see the consequences of all this in many countries around the world. Regardless, God always looks at the tricks of satan rather calmly because He can turn any situation on Earth for good. However, for the devil this is a matter of life and death, and therefore, he cannot stop battling against God.

One of the latest inventions of the devil is an attempt to instill in Christians a feeling of guilt towards other people and nations for the fact that they demonstrate a way of life that is not close to them. This sounds like not the most successful anecdote but the reality today is just that. Actually, the people of the Earth have always exchanged their cultures, traditions, beliefs and became mutually enriched by this in the past. However, only in today's

very sinful, illogical world was the ingenious idea of the devil about the inappropriateness of open faith able to grow and it even got a real embodiment in some places.

Indeed nowadays, believing Christians in some countries are now hiding or stopped using altogether the symbols of Christian holidays and traditions. In these places, biblical stories are already removed from visible places, Christmas trees are not set up, temples are not visited and so on. As a result, many children there today receive little or no information about God. And so, for the sake of any sinful ideas some Christians change their habitual and somewhere millennia way of life. The devil can only rejoice that Christianity which is the only path on Earth that leads to eternal life has suffered another harm. As a consequence, the most beautiful rules of life for people on Earth - the commandments - will be heard of even less in the world.

And this is a sad reality of our days. Humanity once created by God is now actively moving towards godlessness in many countries. Moreover, most often this occurs precisely in those places where people believed in God for many centuries. This is really the apotheosis of human blindness, stupidity and sinfulness.

However, in this case, one huge and very logical question arises on Earth: then, why does the Lord need nations who once believed in Him but now deliberately expel Him from their lives? For what purpose does the Lord need the people who do not have the slightest chance to begin to follow His commandments which means they can never come to His eternal home? Or do we really think that God is a naive farmer who is willing to sow seeds,

knowing that they will never grow out? It is advisable to try to answer this important question from time to time for people who still retain logic and common sense.

Time of opportunities

No matter who and what they say right now, today is a fertile time in some ways. It is fertile for the Creator of our world and the people since in matters of spiritual enlightenment of mankind today, God has the maximum of opportunities. There have never been opportunities like that on Earth before.

The general information space of the world has now become so open and easily accessible that almost any inhabitant of the planet can now instantly receive any kind of information about God and about all events related to Christianity. Moreover, one can get it in one's native language. Today, everyone can form their own opinion on this matter on the basis of all the facts of history, various evidence and testimonies.

Before, everything was different on Earth. In ancient times, people almost always became followers of philosophies, religions or beliefs that were accepted in the places of their birth and upbringing. Few people could begin to think otherwise because in the world of those years there was almost no way to transmit and distribute alternative information at a distance, let alone translate it into other languages. In addition, the rulers of different

countries were not very fond of letting new teachings into their territory. Why would they change something that people were long accustomed to and around which entire cultures were formed?

Therefore, when the Son of God came to Earth two thousand years ago and showed people the way to gain eternal life, this information at first was beginning to spread rather slowly across the planet. First through the apostles and then through their followers the words about the coming of the Lord to Earth, about His resurrection, about the possibility of a person entering Paradise in those years were literally passed from mouth to mouth around the world. It sometimes took dozens and even hundreds of years for the inhabitants of even neighboring countries to learn the details about Christianity.

In those years, many people from more distant places on the planet simply physically could not get acquainted with the true history of Christian events, the facts of God's miracles and a huge number of their witnesses. Thus, they definitely did not know about the many miracles that occurred among the followers of the Lord. If things had turned out differently in those years, who knows what the world would look like now from the point of view of religions.

Now, the picture of the world has changed fundamentally. Today, God can reach His hand out separately to each of His children on this Earth and tell them what He really wants to say, since the open information space of the planet allows it. The Creator of the world can easily explain to everyone the meaning and purpose of one's life, the reasons for human happiness and

unhappiness, and much more through the words of His Son. God can always tell any person what is the most important thing for him. And He really wants to give each of His children the opportunity and show the way, upon completion, one will be able to find oneself after the end of his Earthly life in the best place that only exists - in His Heavenly home forever.

Today, many people complain that young people in recent years have significantly moved away from their roots, from the old traditions, philosophies and beliefs of their peoples. However, this obvious fact also has a certain positive side. If there were any mistakes and misconceptions in those traditions and beliefs, then the youth moved away from them as well. Therefore, namely today, many young people have a real chance, practically from scratch, to independently evaluate the entire spirituality of the world, for the extent of its credibility in humanity, and choose the most convincing one for themselves.

Every child of God today can find out any information about Him, can look at the number of miracles He performed on Earth, read about the huge number of witnesses who saw these miracles. As a result, if someone finds this evidence convincing, then they can try to live according to the commandments that God left us. After all, what is wrong with living honestly and morally right, with kindness, respect and forgiveness for all people? This does not require any special conditions or environment. It can be done anywhere and it is not even necessary to tell someone about it. For desire of a child to trust his Heavenly Father is always personal.

Well, what happens after this will convince any sincere spiritual traveler of the correctness of the path he has chosen. That joy and grace which will begin to come into the heart of that person through invisible channels, will strengthen his in faith in any place on Earth. After all, God is everywhere and nothing is impossible for Him. Namely, this connection and joy will become the most real proof of the existence of God and it can be felt by any person on this Earth. The connection of a person with God is invisible to others but it is always obvious to the person himself.

That is why today is a fertile time on Earth: finally, God can directly contact each of his children on Earth. We are unlikely to know now how many of His children will respond – real faith is usually hidden within and sometimes only God and man himself know about it. Hopefully, there will be a lot of them.

In any case, whatever the decision of each man in our time, it will no doubt be the result of informed and free choice. Whether someone will believe in God and try to follow the path of keeping His commandments or not – it will be based on their own desire, of one who knows enough about this. And the Lord at this time of opportunity will definitely leave no one in the dark – every inhabitant of the Earth in some way will definitely get his chance to learn about the priceless wealth that he can acquire on this Earth.

Games

People tend to play. All the children of the Earth play something. And even at a more mature age people do not stop playing – the existence of all sorts of sports, entertainment and other games prove that. We like to watch some of them as fans and in some of them, sometimes, we participate ourselves.

It is not surprising that with the development of computer technology and high-quality graphics a lot of virtual games have appeared in the world. At first, these were simple options but now entire virtual worlds are being created where people seriously begin to buy virtual apartments, islands, cars or yachts for real money.

The rationally-sane part of humanity (well, as it likes to reflect of itself) leniently laughs at such gamers. They say: “Oh, if the computer or the Internet is turned off, then your whole illusory world where you invested real money will disappear. In this case, only the creators of those games will benefit”. Well, perhaps this reasoning would not be devoid of logic if those who say so acted more reasonably in their lives.

Let's explain this idea. If we switch to a language understandable to all lovers of computer games, then it should be understood that God once created a Great Game on Earth called “Become the inhabitant of Heaven and receive Eternal Life”. Here, unlike the Earthly creators of games, the Author does not receive any profit; on the contrary, He only spends His time and energy on maintaining this game. And all that He can get in the

end will be His new friends who will come to His eternal home in case they complete the game successfully.

Therefore, everything that ensures a person is victorious in this main and most important Game in the world is reasonable and everything that distracts them from victory or leads them aside is erroneous. People think that the most valuable resource on Earth is money. However, this is not so; in the main game created by God, the most important value is time. That time which in the form of several decades of years of life is given initially to each person. Therefore, it is very important what one spends it on.

If one spends his time on understanding the rules of the Main Game (a complete list of them is given in the text called “The Commandments of God”), on making efforts on himself in order to improve, on resisting sin, on help, kindness and love towards other people, then one will use the available resources in the absolutely reasonable way. In this case, a person will definitely win this game and get everything that was promised to him by the Creator.

However, if a person spends his time and efforts only on obtaining material wealth, gaining a high position in the society, fame and glory, then in this case he does not spend precious time in the best way. All this will have no value at the conclusion of the Main Game of the world. So then, why is such a person more pragmatic than those gamers who buy virtual goods for real money on a computer screen?

Business and spirituality

Business and spirituality are two aspects of life that greatly influence the fate of every person. And they relate to each other are not so easy. The relationship between business and spirituality is essentially the correlation between money and God. At the time of the Lord's coming to Earth, He said very clearly that a person on Earth cannot serve both sides at the same time. He will still choose a single thing as the main in his life.

A person who chooses God the main one can also engage in any profession including running some kind of business. However, in this case, spirituality will always affect the quality of his activities. This person's business will be honest, useful to people, without dirty competition and other ugly things. And of course, no business will own the soul of this person.

Whereas a person chooses business or money as the main thing in life, he has much less need for spiritual growth. Business goals and objectives tend to be cold and pragmatic. Without a connection with morality, they are more like the "laws of the predator forest". Business always requires profit growth, expansion of the sphere of influence, superiority over competitors, and the like. Anything that interferes with this is contrary to the very spirit of business. Well, God's commandments about love and kindness, about honesty and selfless help to people, clearly contradict this.

Of course, the full priority of spirituality in a person, as well as the full priority of business, are the endpoints. A lot of people

are somewhere in between in their views. And from the outside it may seem that many of them have to do with God. However, the closer a person is to the pole of business on this path, the more God is perceived by him simply as a symbol or force which is desirable to get along with. All his spirituality in this case is often limited to donations to the church.

The donations that businessmen make in this case are strongly reminiscent of an attempt to "appease God", to pay Him some "tax". Well, these are businessmen, they often think so. However, all this is very naive. The observance of His commandments by people will always be the top priority for God. All the rest is much less important for Him.

At the moment of a person's departure from life his entire Earthly business history becomes no longer necessary for him. As for God - this was not very important to Him even during the life of a person. Billionaires and beggars, screen stars and little known people, successful and unsuccessful - all this in one second remains somewhere in the useless past. And a person receives his present and future, the quality of which is determined only by his kindness, honesty and morality of a past life. That is, the observance of those very commandments of the Creator.

If one followed them, then a person is waiting for eternity in such joy, in comparison with which the happiness of millionaires and Earthly stars is nothing. And if one did not, then it is worth opening the Gospel in order to learn about the fate of sinners directly from God.

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