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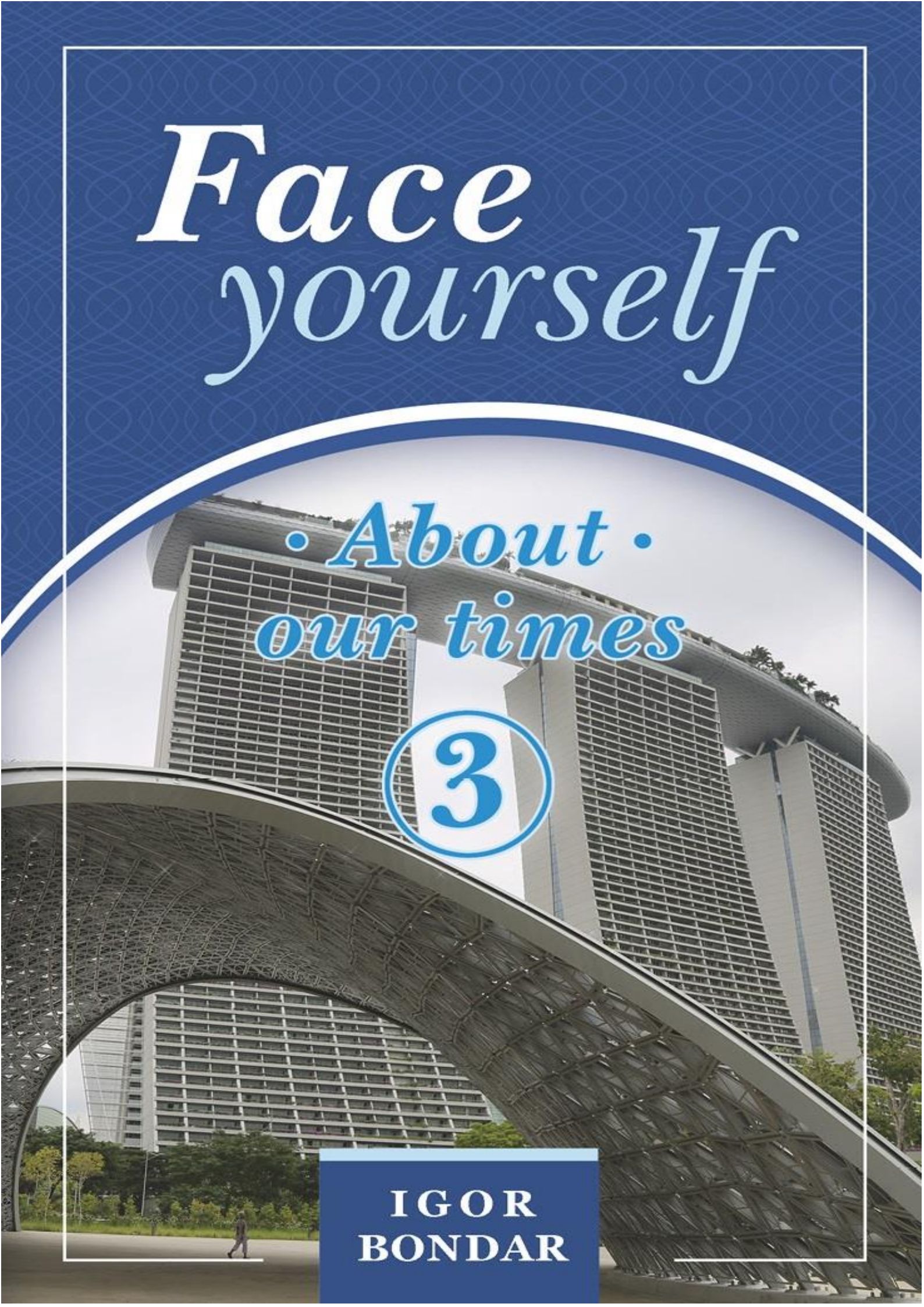

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Chapter 1

Why does everyone 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 quickly, 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 turns its back to something that has real value.

God helps everyone to do good things. All these 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 a 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 a 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 activities 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 a 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 locks the justice within them, honesty and respect for others.

The devil succeeds 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 already for a long time with false notions. The sad thing is that many people on Earth can see it perfectly. 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 the 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 looks 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 cannot influence 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 fashionable ‘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 a mind in order not 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 resemble us cutting a branch on which we are sitting and saying that we won’t fall.

One more type of ‘spiritual’ practices nowadays is repeating some kind of mantras or something like that. The aim here is to ‘make our mind calm’. However, without a critical view on ourselves all these do not make any sense. Doing this we only whisper the lullaby to passions inside ourselves, from which they start to slumber. But when it ends, they wake up again. Passions should not be lulled but expelled according to the principles that the Lord 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 in 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? Have they even opened the Gospel?

All kinds of horoscopes are the invention of the devil as well. Our day of 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 of today.

Everything has changed in humankind in 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 mostly in real life and are involved in the newfangled computerization to a lesser 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 will 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 becoming more and more like ‘zombies’ and strangers we mostly say nothing. Who will dare to argue with ‘progress’?

Endless computer games strongly resemble 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 to have a new diagnosis - ‘iPad rooted to the arm’.

Principles and morality 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 the Lord will not be interested in all of our virtual achievements, but just in our observance of 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. It leaves 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 his passions unless one learns to listen to criticism from other people attentively.

When a person is deeply immersed in a sin, he does not hear the voice of his conscience. And then, only diseases and burdens of life are his only teachers

Sin presenting in us is just 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 viewpoints of film directors, who are sometimes not too religious, but on the Creator of this world and the words of His Son.

In order to start to understand everything correctly, one does not need many books. One needs the right books.

A person who learned history but did not 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 about what he has done incorrectly today for at least five minutes before going to sleep (listening to the voice of one's conscience), he would have achieved a lot.

Chapter 5

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

Unfortunately, many world politicians are no longer very worried when they lie. They just get a little upset when they get caught.

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 do not come to God or at least to the kindness and love as a result. We remain poor anyway in the end.

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 evidence and scratch our heads 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 different thoughts, unlike in supermarkets or shopping centers, come here 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 according only to Earthly laws, then we will mostly be a body. If we start to follow beautiful and sublime rules of the Lord, then we become a soul to a greater extent.

Our surroundings have great importance. A human tends 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 an opinion that beauty will save the world. However, our Earth was initially beautiful 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 by their birth. But unfortunately, not 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 will not 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 within us during our Earthly life, then we lived in vain. Regardless of whether we did something else.

Our life is like a journey through a huge city with many crossroads in it. If we take a turn at all the traffic lights by following 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 through love if it opens within us.

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

Today, the world is congested with different forecasts – financial, weather, political. However, the main forecast of life – that we will go to hell, if we do not become good – always ‘hides’ from people somewhere.

The Lord often has to destroy our ‘sandcastles’ in order for us to think about more serious construction.

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 lead 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 moving directly to 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 very moral time. 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 not to 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 do not prepare for it. It is like we are sitting on the shore of an endless ocean but watching just the water in our cup.

The more complex language a person chooses to use to express spiritual issues, the less, really, 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 may be called a sort of ‘relatives’ of a smile. However, only very distant and quite poisonous.

Saints always tried to remember 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 on it less. Since these thoughts are a serious incentive for the search of the main things in life.

If we allow anger and irritation to reveal 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 birth to a whole range of pleasant and joyful shades. However, without love it is mostly gives rise only irritation.

If we are within the light, we see a lot of positives. And, if we are within the 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 highly technological lie’ and the ‘era of the successful manipulation of people’s consciousness’.

Chapter 7

Some fashion styles today cause only a 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. Old ladies now habitually google something in the tablets sitting on the benches. Tattoo-painted youth walk around 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 inevitably happen. However, 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 close to His commandments.

Sometimes the Lord lets 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 are tricked with false information do or think something incorrectly, it is not their fault. However, if they know the commandments of the Lord and still allow their violation in their actions, then the picture will be 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 solely on ourselves the less we understand the real structure of this world.

God will ask 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 does it now’. However, God gave us a head not just for watching what other people do. Our head has a more important function - thinking about how to act correctly.

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

As practice shows, the 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. However, the phrases that are more important for every person like ‘straggle 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 within us 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 a 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 reflects and returns all our deeds back to us - both bad and good.

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

The most unpromising "construction" 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 the mistake can one completely restore the connection with the heart of another person.

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

The end of the world or life is not terrifying for a man. What is terrifying indeed - is the end of kindness and honesty within 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 is a weep of our conscience for a soul clogged with sins. And pills will not help us here – the soul cannot 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 upwards. There has been and always will be the beautiful, righteous 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 humankind. Now, they draw morality more and more from endless TV series, advertisements and advice 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. Those will lead people away from the Lord and Paradise, of course.

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

Honesty, conscience, kindness, decency. If the man today 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 interrupted and somewhere it is even almost lost. The younger generation is increasingly looking for answers to all the questions in the virtual space and less it is 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 told us. And without this most important work a person has no real chances to change for the better.

Chapter 8 (about paradoxes)

Actually, humankind is an inexhaustible source of paradoxes. For example, the more humankind becomes educated, the more it is losing even simple common sense and normal logic. The oblivion of Christianity is one of the proof of this.

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 problem 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 severs them from their usual roots. However, the hope is that along with it they are severed from various misconceptions in their places of residence. Therefore, many persistent and sincere children can go along a 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 from existence the sinful Sodom and Gomorrah, and still has not 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 was put into hell for a couple of days and then sent back to Earth, he would never approach sin again because he would 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 get disappointed in the Earthy treatments of their disease. And, if a person as a result of this ever comes closer to 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 than others. 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 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 him 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 help 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 dislikes. 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 a kingdom of crooked mirrors a lot 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 a 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 darkness itself, the devil is doing his best to darken 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 believe in that, who like darkness and sin or those who want to believe very much.

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

A nation whose only meaning is to make 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 nowadays spread 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 do not 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.

Nowadays, there are often attempts that emerge to correct the definition of goodness itself. Darkness is struggling to prove that it is in fact very "white" in some places. And sometimes it is successful. 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.

It is difficult to not notice that our world has become more absurd and even strange recently. In some places, it resembles more and more 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. So, it is just that log that distorts our vision and leads us to absurd and often bad deeds.

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.

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 make 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 reason forget about Him more and more, often along with the development of their technologies and comfort.

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 would 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 time is everything that 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 only be comprehended 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 were not and never will 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 in “teaching” some people so well, that the dog on the rug looks even wise compared to them.

If a person has high moral standards, money will not be able to harm his 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 within 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 revealed Himself and His endless power before people long ago. And all the nations of the world would have obeyed Him dutifully. But does the obedience based on 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 choose these qualities always and everywhere, regardless of the circumstances.

We often like to excuse our bad behavior with circumstances. But, this is 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.

The ugly and unharmonious things 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 natural for people to soak up the ideas of those spheres where one stays.

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 for 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. So when these passions are filling certain people or societies, it always leads them away from logic and common sense, from kindness and calmness.

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 a ‘constancy’. He is an ‘opportunity’ to a greater extent. An opportunity to understand life, see the most important and beautiful at the same time in it. And to follow it, despite all the difficulties. However, on the other hand, it is an opportunity to turn away from everything.

Humanism that is not 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 it unmistakably.

Children are taught to add 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 with a scream and noise making everyone around them work hard about this.

If you bring a magnet to the compass, it shows 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 do not sow good seeds on it, then weeds will almost inevitably grow on it. Especially, since nowadays the variety of different ‘weeds’ and rate 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 do not listen to their parents, the upbringing process continues for them anyway. In this case, God replaces their comfortable and theoretical way of understanding the world, with a practical one from time to time. Well, sometimes, maybe not too comfortable.

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

Within 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 base for the material is money. There is no point in arguing about what is 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 money takes the first place for a person, then the spiritual part goes away. Since God cannot come second.

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 wins. 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 where each of us can get into and stay forever, having desires and making certain efforts. But even after knowing about all of it for a very long time, we often still choose to turn away from reality and continue flipping through the 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 morality; 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.

People are basically 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 a 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 does not want to accept criticism, then he will not move forward no matter what else he is doing.

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

The world teaches us to be serious in order to achieve something. However, the Lord 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, it does not – different worlds offer us different paths toward them. It is just like for 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 fairytale faith, shining eyes, openness 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 have 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 is strange but true. In the world of God, who 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 do not see the examples of goodness, honesty and high morals in the older generation, it will be much more difficult for them to become truly decent.

We can say that God does not really punish people – God does not 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 the Lord 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 carving 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 is no way to avoid this moment. That is why it is much more prudent to understand during your life that this world has the Creator and the Master who actually created our planet not for various sinful experiments, but to educate good and highly moral people. And He will always prevent any significant departure from this direction.

It is 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 into different shades of sin.

In this world one may not believe in God, may not listen to God, may even forget about 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 in mitigating or stopping 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 us 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 louder and more often.

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 Commandments of the Lord after this time, despite all the information, God will begin to do something to bring them back to their senses. Loving parents cannot afford to take offense at their children and turn away from them.

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

Sometimes, it is a little sad to watch good old movies. Not because something is wrong with them - those movies are just fine. They are filled with beautiful and natural human relationships, wonderful actors, funny humor, serious thoughts and deep feelings. The movies of that time show well the spirit of a much healthier era. However, it is 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. The culture of past years that has come down to us, is imbued with this mood. Nowadays, moral filth has become habitual and few people pay attention to it.

For many centuries, there has been a 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.

The modern world has sunk deep into vice and lies. However, in general it 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 moral principles – the commandments of the Lord.

Nowadays, it is usually a person himself who chooses the information channels. However, if a person always wants to have an accurate and objective view of an ongoing event, they always must 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 has 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 a sea will never want to go to a sea. A person who does not know about Paradise will never want to go there. It is bad that fewer and fewer 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 that is rapidly sliding towards sin and absurdity, it has become a real feat for a person to simply follow once quiet normal behaviors of the people. Before, these 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.

A human being is a strange creature. Created by God for so much more 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. So, 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 for themselves. The Creator of our world arranged everything in such a way that even in the midst of pitch darkness, anyone who observes Commandments of the Lord 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 to act. When right and wrong are alternating, it is not very difficult to see the right and if so desired to reach out to it. It is much worse when there is not enough of the right around. Then, you need to look for it and find it in the 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 Lord 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 are living in a time when almost everything in the world is for sale. But, is there something on Earth that is never sold? Of course, there is: real honesty and love, for example, are never sold. Loyalty is not sold and faith is not sold. Many high qualities of the soul, which people call virtues and 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 in a person for the worse.

Chapter 12

Believers who do not just believe in God but also try to keep the Commandments of the Lord 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 a 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 absolutely 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 be not only in the physical but also in the spiritual health of a person. Those people who were brought up with the correct morality and spiritual views, and adopted them, usually receive such immunity. As they grow older, they become more resistant to sin.

Whether willing or otherwise, over time mankind will have to admit that a departure from the Commandments of the Lord, in fact, is a departure from life itself. It 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. It 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. So the consequence of any sliding into sin will always be a worsening of life.

Sin is most developed in those countries where people close down churches, lose faith, forget the Commandments of Lord. 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 over it. 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 morality, a kind life, if we live it in accordance with the commandments of the Creator and with complete trust in Him.

The success or failure of any person, group of people or even entire countries depends not only on working capacity, education, technology or something similar. It also depends on many external factors. However, precisely behind these factors is often God, Who, looking at the morality or immorality, honesty or mendacity, kindness or greed of certain people, makes His corrections in the development of events.

You can attract the attention of a person in many ways - for examples: high art, deep thoughts. This, of course, requires talent and knowledge from the authors, but it leads to the education of others and their growth. You can also attract attention in a different way – by changing screaming shots, for example, or through lies, absurdity and vulgarity. Such "creativity" requires almost nothing from the authors, but finding any benefits for people therein does not make sense at all.

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. However, the idea – which is not very different in its essence – to live eighty years in accordance with the Commandments of the Lord and receive millions of years of life in Paradise for this, for some reason, is only liked by a much smaller number of people.

The makers of various political, social or economic forecasts have a serious problem - they make their assumptions almost without considering the capabilities of God. However, it is like predicting the movement of people only inside the trains. Because the routes of the movement of human "trains", the choice of their intermediate and final stations, (depending on the behavior of passengers) is handled by God.

Helping God is not a chance for God. This is a chance for the people.

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.

A fraud or a liar may think that he is already quite good at deceiving people, companies or even an entire countries. However, one day every liar and fraud will suddenly realize with horror that in fact he managed to deceive only himself in life.

If kind, honest, moral, and sin-resistant souls could be nurtured with only a simple explanation, then God would have no need to create the Earth. It would be enough for Him to organize a course of lectures in Heaven - about the joy of life according to high principles, about the importance of the Lord's Commandments, about the peril of any sin. However, God created the Earth which means that just the theory in this matter is not enough.

A human is like a sheet of paper. You can draw something beautiful on it or you can make blots. Unfortunately, today blots are in a very big fashion and in a huge assortment in some places of this world.

People can be diverse, very diverse. They may have different faiths, views on life, they may vote for different parties or do not vote at all. However, wherever a person is and whatever he does, he will always have a choice in his life between truth and lies. And this choice is one of the most important things a person does. By choosing the truth, he strengthens in himself something that makes him human. By choosing a lie, one degrades. If by lying, a person is constantly trying to get a better life or to put himself in convenient circumstances, then over time he loses his humanity and becomes a kind of circumstance oneself.

Today, scientists from several countries are trying to create technologies for the artificial reproduction of humans. However, a person is not only a body, but also a soul. Divine soul, because it can be given only by God. A person without a soul is essentially a highly developed animal and nothing more. Will the Lord put a soul into such artificially grown bodies? Unlikely, due to the fact that such projects often solve the issue of the procreation of people who have abandoned traditional family relationships. However, God commanded people to live in normal families and have children there.

Unfortunately, the truth is no longer important today in many parts of the world. Following Christianity's example, it becomes a redundant, no longer necessary relic of the past. And its place is taken by more "useful" topics: "believable lies", "successful management of hypocrisy", "unnoticeable manipulation" and etc.

The big problem today is that people on Earth are talking more and more about their rights, but less and less about their duties. However, the Commandments of the Lord - the rules of life given by God to people - are in fact only our duties. As for the rights in and after this life, we will receive them from The Creator, if we try to keep these Commandments.

When we talking about rights and freedoms, we must definitely take into account whose hands they are in. So sinful societies that have received rights will always produce new sin. But the rights and freedoms of good, honest and moral people will be for everyone's good.

In our time, an overabundance of various external images, which are now appearing at an incredible speed often weakens the spiritual world of people and distracts their souls to insignificant things.

Until a person realizes the omnipotence of God, he will be nervous, blaming others and feel that he is “responsible for everything”. And it will continue until he begins to see the tremendous wisdom and precise direction of all the actions of the Creator in order to return humanity to the most important things in life.

People are contradictory creatures. During their lives, they often don’t want to find time over decades to do what is most important. Nevertheless, after life they are not lazy to regret that for a much longer period of time.

We live in amazing times. Not so long ago, Christians taught their children to trust. But now, during the heyday of lies on Earth, the same parents are already teaching their children to be as distrustful as possible and always expect deception.

How to find truth in this life? It is not as difficult as it may seem. You just need to ask the Creator of truth and life about it more often. Well, and not to forget to take your own practical steps in accordance with the Commandments of the Lord.

Looking at the fall of faith on Earth we can conclude that the technological progress of the past did not benefit the souls of people. Therefore, it is naive to believe that they will benefit from the computer-information-AI boom of the last few years.

A human has intelligence, logic and almost always uses them in his life. So, for example, choosing some kind of technique for himself he evaluates its reliability and looks at the characteristics; choosing products he focuses on their usefulness and quality. The paradox is that people often lose their logic while choosing a spiritual path. Here, for some reason, they often begin to focus on anything but facts and evidence.

Keeping history in its entirety is extremely vital for humanity. The history contains the facts of humans relationship with God, the paths of thousands of saints and deep thought from many talented philosophers and thinkers. By losing or forgetting all of this, humanity would lose its only actual treasure on Earth.

If while creating various advanced technologies, artificial intelligence, etc., humanity fails to retain morality and decency, then it will only actually harm itself. Moreover, in a very fast and technological way.

Negative experiences for a human are often more useful than success. Cold reality appearing from that experience is much more valuable than the naive self-confidence born from only victories.

A life of any human - is always a certain balance of knowledge and faith. This is because one part of being is open to us on Earth now, and the other part – which has reached us in the form of witness statements of those who came before - shall be opened later. Smart is he who remembers all this and thinks about it from time to time. Even smarter is he who prepares for the life ahead.

Chapter 13

Our best *tomorrow* always ends where our laziness begins *today*.

A child's study of already existing sciences is not progress for humanity. In the same way, the discovery of "new" laws and technologies by people on Earth is not progress for God – they, like all future "discoveries", have actually existed in His world for a long time. But the growth of people's kindness, morality, honesty and love – are the most important values of the Creator's world – this is true progress for them and for Him.

A life without God, perhaps, may be compared to life in a room without doors and windows. Of course, that room may be very nice and comfortable, but there is no exit. Similarly, a man without God has no exit beyond his mortal life, and also no highest happiness from the vision of such a possibility.

The life of a truly sincere person is usually a path of many disappointments and dispelled illusions. However, it is precisely this path that provides the many reasons to cherish all good, real and kind things even more.

Of course, many things in this life do not depend on us. However, the things we take an interest in, think about, believe in, focus on and how we act - these are already our choices. So, a lot depends on us too.

History indicates that it is bad for people to lose centuries of proven reference points and values in their lives. As a result, they lose their roots, so to speak. After that, they become able to believe in the most absurd concepts and ideas.

There must be oxygen in the air for life on Earth to exist. Without oxygen all living things die. In the same way, people need God for the life and development of human souls on Earth. Without knowledge of the commandments of the Lord and the desire to follow them, human souls gradually become empty.

Deep inside, people basically remain children for all of their lives. Only their toys become bigger, more complex and more expensive with time. Yet, there are some who do mature. Those people at some point lose interest in temporary earthly toys and become interested in more serious things - those are beyond time and place.

Gaining personal experience - is not the fastest, and very often not the most painless process. It is, however, very useful. Sometimes it takes a long life to really understand what is truly worth a lot in this world, and what is worth nothing.

Bad times are not times when people can't find the answers to most important questions. Bad times are the times when people stop asking such questions.

The attitude towards the spiritual and the material at a certain stage becomes largely defining for any Christian. The reason for this is not so complex: a truly spiritual person can never take the materialistic too seriously; a very materialistic person can never take the spiritual too seriously.

It is impossible to reliably predict the future. The future is largely shaped by people's present behavior and God's response to it. One can try to reflect on the Creator's reaction to certain events in the world—people have long had His statements on many issues. However, predicting human behavior is perhaps, impossible. The last decades are a vivid confirmation of this.

Chaos is not chaos for everyone. For instance, for the devil, chaos is a very important instrument of his "order."

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