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Inflation as an Economic Phenomenon

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For what does it benefit a man to gain

the whole world and forfeit his soul?

(Mark 8:36)

Inflation is gaining momentum in Russia and in most countries of the world. This is clearly evident and alarming to many people. Inflation is often presented as an inevitable and uncontrollable phenomenon. But prices cannot rise on their own; they do so only in the minds of proponents of a theory of profit.

Inflation is an intellectual concept, but it expresses itself in economic categories in a system of profit. Inflation was absent and prices went down under Joseph Stalin in the USSR and Hjalmar Schacht in Germany. Modern states would benefit from a system that could replicate these results.

On November 18, 2021, the State Duma set up a working group to protect citizens' deposits from inflation. To this end, the Central Bank of Russia proposed a mechanism of anti-monopoly regulation to ensure that people's bank deposits generate an interest above the inflation level. This was proposed as a step toward addressing this pressing issue.

Wars and crises are tools of politics, and **politics is a tool of inflation**. Inflation is always man-made. Inflation is, above all, inflationary money. From the legal point of view, it is clean money. One does not have to account for it. It is not taxed. It goes to various addresses that do not need to be disclosed to the State Council or the deputies of the State Duma. This is money beyond anyone's control. This money is withdrawn from the state budget and then it "disappears". They say, "Inflation has eaten up the money." Let us try to get an insight into what this means. Inflation is nothing but withdrawal of money for the benefit of the state. Money is withdrawn from circulation, which is called inflation, and the printing of more money begins.

As it is said, "There's no money, but you hold on." So, where has the money gone? Let us look at a concrete example. In 2010, the state budget of the Russian Federation (RF) was passed to the tune of 10.117 trillion rubles. At that time, federal budget revenues totaled 8.305 trillion rubles. In 2010, the inflation rate was 8.8%, the equivalent of 890 billion rubles, which was then printed by the government to cover the shortfall. That is precisely what inflationary money is.

On October 29, 2010, the head of the Control Directorate reported to the President of Russia that one trillion rubles had been stolen from the budget, according to the most conservative estimates. At an average annual exchange rate of 30.3692 rubles to the dollar, this equaled \$32.28 billion. In 2010, capital export amounted to \$38.3 billion. That is, the net capital export in 2010 stood at \$5.3 billion, while the rest was the money stolen from Russia's state budget. All these figures are official data.

The state produces inflation if it lives under the profit ideology. Self-sufficient states do not need, and therefore do not have, inflation. The state withdraws about 10% of Russia's budget overall, which then 'disappears' into unknown accounts. Three indicators are approximately at the same level: a) the money supply the Central Bank of Russia (CBR) prints to match the inflation level, which the CBR generates by its key rate, b) the funds stolen from the state budget, and c) the amount of currency exported from the country for the year. In 2010, for example, these three indicators were within the \$29-38 billion range, according to official statistics.

This daring scheme was invented in 1864 by bank lobbyist Alexander del Mar of the team of Horatio Greeley, publisher of the New York Tribune. In order to implement this model in Russia, two other employees of the New York Tribune established, also in 1864, the First International, formally, the International Working Men's Association, in London. Their names were Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. They are best known as the fathers of political economy which introduced the primacy of politics over the economy in the interest of politics and against the interest of the economy and the people.

The immediate reason for this was to arrange aid for the Polish uprising of 1863 against the Tsar's rule. The goal of the uprising was to dramatically increase military expenditure of the Russian Empire and to return the country to deficit spending as well as to international borrowing practices begun by Empress Catherine II. This was, in fact, why Catherine II was married off to Russia. Her great-grandson, Alexander II also borrowed abroad. However, he resisted pressure in 1864 and did not launch inflation. He was blown up by a bomb.

In 1872, Horatio Greeley ran for U.S. President on a government inflation platform. Alexander del Mar was his choice for the Secretary of the Treasury. He was not elected.

The year 1913 witnessed the introduction of income tax in the U.S. A decent surplus appeared in the budget, which the American politicians could dispose of as they saw fit. It is noteworthy that only the U.S., England, and France had politics in that period. **Politics are a model of living at someone else's expense.** In absolute monarchies, which at that time were the majority of states, there were no politics. In 1905, politics emerged in Russia in the form of an elected legislative body - the State Duma. The country abandoned the principle of national unity. The society split into parts, called parties. It was politics that disrupted our nation's unity and led to the country's defeat in the nearly-won World War I.

But let us go back to the politics and taxes issue. Winston Churchill's words of 1907 are indicative of the attitude of the then current politics toward taxes. According to him, taxes are good in themselves, and they should be collected just for the sake of collecting them. Then, having collected taxes for entertainment, we should look back and find attractive ways of spending to support the project.

Thanks to the surplus income tax generated, U.S. bankers were able to overcome the resistance of the Protestant majority in the United States, who had granted them, in 1791 and 1816, a license to issue paper money unsecured by gold and silver for a period of twenty years.

But in 1913, a private Federal Reserve System was permanently established in the United States, just as the private Bank of England was permanently established in 1694. Incidentally, it happened with the active participation of John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, the famous ancestor of Winston Churchill. It is quite possible that the founders of both the private central banks of Great Britain and the United States were from the same families.

Exactly a year later, in 1914, inflation had already emerged in the United States. In order to trigger inflation in Europe, World War I was initiated. It is very important to note that **there had never been inflation in the world before 1914.**

In the 19th century, a number of countries, Germany and Russia in particular, that had followed Adam Smith's economic science, did not embrace the profit ideology of David Ricardo (Great Britain), but adopted the ideas of Friedrich List (U.S.A. and Germany) and Henry Charles Carey (U.S.A.) - the worldview of self-sufficiency, characteristic of Christian economic theory. They created a powerful state science. This is exactly what it was called - *state science*. Universities had departments of state science, and textbooks were published on the subject.

In 1924, Hjalmar Schacht, PhD in State Science, zeroed out hyperinflation in Germany within just six months. Completely nullified it. Inflation dropped to zero, and rapid economic development began in Germany. In five years, the national economy reached the pre-war level. More detailed information about this

is in the author's article *Economic Causes of Germany's Defeat in World War II*. Soviet Russia followed a similar path in fighting inflation.

The beneficiaries of the new system of world inflation decided to punish Germany and Russia for refusing to pay them inflationary money and pitted them against each other in World War II. In 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary warned in Fatima, Portugal, about the threat of a new world war and a great epidemic. In the six messages to humanity, she directly warned of an attack on Orthodox Christianity in Russia. A hundred thousand people witnessed the Holy Virgin's sixth apparition to the three young shepherds.

That was how God warned mankind that it is inadmissible to overthrow monarchs, his anointed ones, and about the grief that awaits mankind if it does not abandon this path. Note that never in history has God taken such a step with respect to presidents elected by people. The Vatican has classified the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They have been kept secret for many years. Mankind failed to heed God's warning, and the world epidemic of the "Spanish flu" and World War II became a reality. But they could have been avoided.

History is not linear. For it to be linear, the entire universe should expand in only one direction. But it doesn't. The entirety of human history evolves in a spiral. *"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun,"* said Ecclesiastes (Eccl. 1:9). Today we must kneel and pray to God to make us wiser, so that mankind never again suffers from viruses and wars.

After all, the American Zbigniew Brzezinski prophetically warned us that biological weapons would be ready for use by 2018. Everyone knows that a

handgun hanging on the wall sometimes fires by itself. Remarkably, Zbigniew Brzezinski issued the warning back in 1972 in his book, *Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era*. He set out, fifty years ago, the goals of what is now called digitalization. Digitalization came to Russia quite recently, in December 2016. Soon after came the viruses. And many people recollected the six warnings that the Blessed Virgin Mary had delivered in Fatima and realized that we were moving ahead, well, in a very wrong direction.

Political economists know from history, as well as from the experience of countries like Japan or Thailand where there is no inflation, that inflation is always man-made, but they convince us that it is an objective phenomenon. They stretch the truth in exchange for tiny trickles of the 33 billion inflationary U.S. dollars exported from Russia every year (funds exported from Russia through inflation in 2021 may have already doubled, according to available information).

The duplicity of political economists is not accidental. Karl Marx created the political economy precisely for the sake of inflation and to give scientific credibility to the theft of budgetary funds. Inflation shifts the burden of replenishing such funds to the country's entire population.

This would be impossible in a monarchy. For the "master mentality" prevails in such countries. The master would not steal from himself. That is why the customers and beneficiaries of inflation tread the path of crises, revolutions, and wars. The mentality of temporary political rulers replaces that of the master in the countries where they establish the primacy of the politics over the economy. But imagine what would happen if savage tribes tried to solve their problems of survival through politics!

Politics cannot feed the people. Not in any country of the world. The economy will feed the people. In democracies, the economic strategy depends on

the ruling party. But once the party loses, its economic strategy is gone. That is why the economy and economic science can be close to the state, but must be outside of politics.

Currently, the GDP is growing and inflation is increasing in the world as a whole, in the Western countries, and in Russia. But this should not be possible! This is only possible because GDP is not about economic figures of specific commodity production. GDP is a aggregate of all aspects not only of economic, but also of political and social life. This makes the GDP misleading. The U.S.S.R. under Stalin and Germany under Hjalmar Schacht enjoyed growing industrial output and no inflation. Production output went up and the prices went down. Once again: if industrial production is on the rise, then the prices must go down, not up.

When the inflation-generating Central Bank of Russia agrees to participate in protecting people's deposits from inflation, then it should get assistance. For the past 3,631 years, since the high priest Aaron produced the golden calf as a god to be worshiped, the world has seen the process of accumulating gold as a means of world domination. This was precisely the reason inflation was created in 1914. It has been collecting gold from all over the world for over a hundred years.

In the economy of the state machinations that have engulfed the United States and many other countries, the money with which gold is bought is being stolen from state budgets. Almost all of the gold on the planet has already been accumulated in the hands of inflation beneficiaries, and the planet's population has lived, since 1971, with a system of paper and electronic money unsecured by anything at all. But the fact is that theft, including embezzlement, is also an economy. **It is negative, but it is still an economy.**

In the past thirty years, the Central Bank of Russia has bought little of the gold mined in the country, pushing it out to export. With the viral infection onset in 2019, the CBR has almost completely stopped buying gold. It bought a mere 29 tons in 2020, though gold does not transmit viruses, not even digital ones. As a result, 307 tons - the rest of the gold mined in 2020 - were exported from Russia to the U.K., the home of the First International. Russia has kept only 10% of the annual output - just for ladies' brooches.

The sale of almost the entire annual output of the world's most liquid commodity in exchange for unsecured figures raises questions about the qualifications of the managers who made that decision. Perhaps their competencies should be re-assessed. Well, to put it plainly, these people's basic knowledge should be verified.

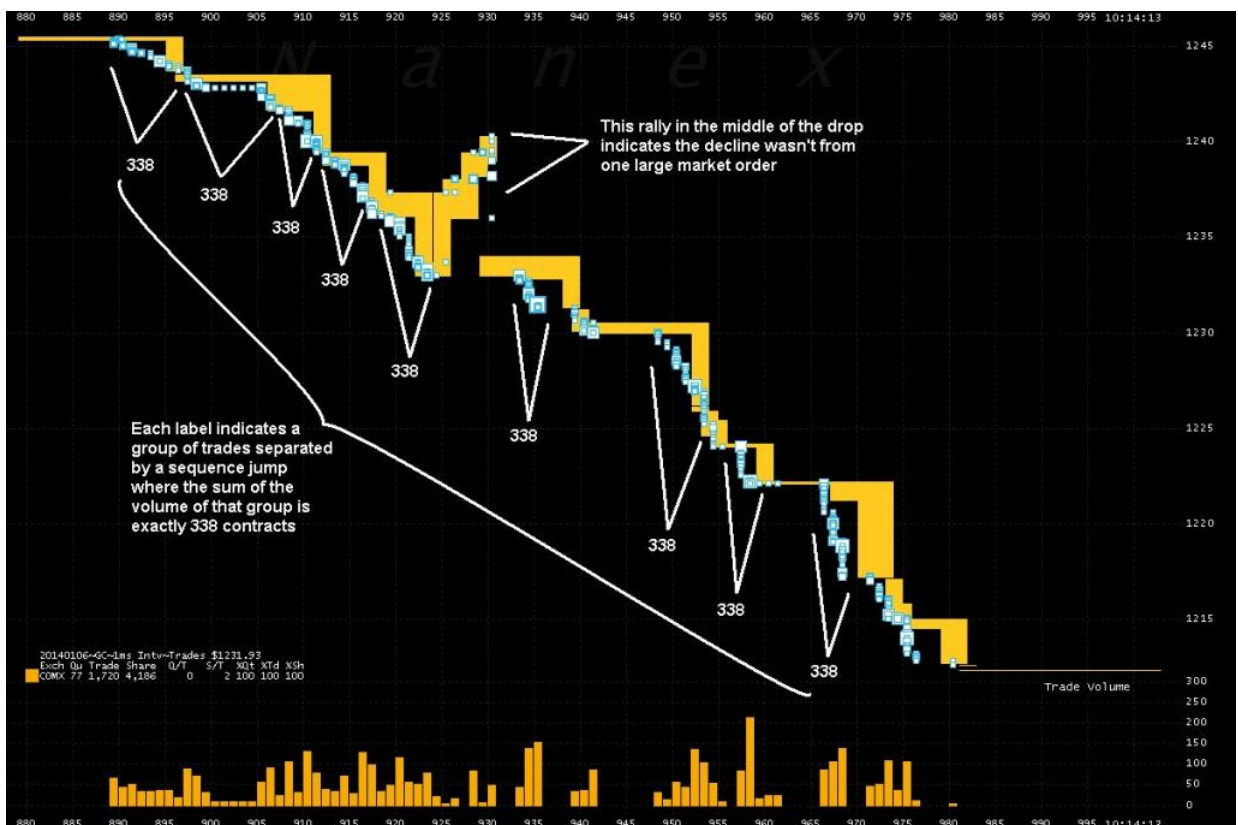
The annual *Russian Market of Precious Metals Bullion Forum 2021*, held on the same day, November 18, 2021, in Moscow, offered such a chance. It noted that the gold share in foreign exchange reserves of Russia on October 1, 2021 was 21% - \$128.7 billion or 2,298 tons. In 2021, the Central Bank of Russia again allowed 300 tons of gold to be taken out of the country. The two times 300 tons of gold in 2020 and in 2021 could well secure the preservation of the bank deposits of the Russian population – the cause the State Duma has taken up.

The domestic gold producers have proposed that the Central Bank of Russia increase the share of gold in foreign exchange reserves to 25%, and, to this end, buy 591 tons of gold from them. Let us see how the Central Bank of Russia will reply.

The Forum also noted that the National Welfare Fund carried out the so-called 'de-dollarization' through the purchase of virtual gold and its deposit into the "metal accounts", which in no way differs from unsecured dollars.

Virtual gold came into being in 1975, after the U.S. canceled, in 1971, gold/dollar convertibility following the 1973 global oil crisis. Virtual gold was designed to manipulate the gold prices and through them oil, gas, and all the other prices on world markets.

On August 1, 2014, Zerohedge.com published a millisecond electronic record of gold trading on the Chicago Stock Exchange that lasted 0.1 seconds on January 6, 2014, starting at 10 hours 14 minutes 13 seconds 890 milliseconds. In one tenth of a second, several thousand contracts were concluded in nine sessions. There were 211 players in the first session, 186 in the second, 120 in the third, 193 in the fourth, 97 in the fifth, 193 in the sixth, 137 in the seventh, 112 in the eighth and 109 in the ninth ones. However, in each (!) of the 9 sessions, 338 contracts were signed. As a result, the gold price dropped on the world market by 30 dollars per troy ounce.



The author's book, "Digital Economy and the Future of the Gold Standard," details this case. It is a classic example of practical manipulation of the gold price using pre-developed software and virtual gold from "metal accounts". This is the "digital economy" that Russia first became aware of three years after the case occurred. It has massively suppressed world prices on exports of Russia's natural resources and their refined products.

Rising inflation drives up the demand for physical gold across the world. At the same time, the manipulated prices keep the gold prices artificially low. A combination of these two factors will inevitably bring down the "metal accounts", because it is no secret that, backed by real gold at far below 1%, they are a fiction.

Over the last 20 years, the U.S. Gold Anti-Trust Action Committee's website GATA.org has carried over 20,000 research articles on the issue. More than 8,000 gold producers and traders in 40 countries, managing tens of billions of dollars, have contributed them. The topic is well researched in the U.S. and the rest of the world. Couldn't the State Duma suggest that the National Welfare Fund should invest in real, not virtual, gold? Otherwise, the question arises: which nation's welfare does the Fund care about?

There is another American expert who could help the State Duma working group solve the issue of protecting the people's savings from inflation. Dr. Alan Greenspan served as chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve System four times. He has a brilliant grasp of the subject. Dr. Greenspan wrote in the article "Gold and Economic Freedom":

"In the absence of the gold standard, there is no way to protect savings

from confiscation through inflation. There is no safe store of value. If there were, the government would have to make its holding illegal, as was done in the case of gold... The financial policy of the welfare state requires that there be no way for the owners of wealth to protect themselves.

This is the shabby secret of the welfare statist's tirades against gold. Deficit spending is simply a scheme for the confiscation of wealth. Gold stands in the way of this insidious process. It stands as a protector of property rights. If one grasps this, one has no difficulty in understanding the statist's antagonism toward the gold standard."

In effect, it would be appropriate to take the following steps to preserve bank deposits of the population:

Abolish inflation. Thank God, there is no hyperinflation in the world today as there was in Russia and Germany after World War I. **Today, inflation can simply be abolished.** This would allow the government to immediately reduce corporate taxes by an amount equivalent to the tens of billions of inflationary dollars taken out of Russia. Let this money work in our economy.

The State Duma could legislate a ban on gold exports. To boost domestic investment, the long-discussed abolition of VAT on gold should also be adopted. China did so back in 2004 and quickly became the world's number one gold producer, rapidly increasing its population's gold assets. And we can do the same.

The Central Bank of Russia is working to eliminate Russia's private banking system, for which purpose it is launching the so-called digital ruble in 2022. This is what almost all central banks in the world are doing. On June 28, 1983, U.S. President Ronald Reagan signed Executive Order #12468 *Creating the Presidential Commission on Industrial Competitiveness*. This document marked

the beginning of the U.S. government's efforts to create a digital economy that seeks to establish a single digital currency of a single private bank for the entire planet. The digital economy does not need private banks; it does not need private cryptocurrencies, eg. bitcoin. For the people of Russia, this means that private banks will probably continue to disappear, taking our citizens' deposits with them. Therefore, somebody should honestly tell the people to transfer their deposits to state banks.

The Constitution of Russia should prohibit privatization of state banks. It will have to be adopted again, for the digital Constitution of 2020 existed for only one month and was repealed by the Law on Mandatory Requirements. It should be recognized that this law was a mistake. The U.S. now uses the invalidity of this Constitution to challenge in advance the results of the 2024 presidential elections in Russia.

The legal vacuum that has emerged is unacceptable. A new Constitution of Russia should be adopted no later than mid-2023. Like all of continental Europe, we need to compile a registry of Russian law and use it to put our legal system in order. Russia needs to give primacy to the economy above everything. There can be no state without an economy. Law should protect, not destroy Russia's economy. Today, the state has made running a small- or medium-sized business in Russia a form of slavery. Our country needs **a system of moral protection for businesses**. Designing such a system is a top priority for the Public Chamber and the Human Rights Council.

We propose to restore the monopoly on alcoholic beverages in Russia. In 1904, it generated 43% of the Russian Empire's budget revenue. It is also essential to issue high-yield bonds of state loans for the population. We emphasize that the government of Russia has no other economic instruments

today to fill the state budget except the two mentioned above. In thirty years, the political economy has destroyed all the others.

Tax collection is not an economic tool, but an attack on the economy. A state that lives solely off taxes is doomed to perish. Taxes should be lowered. They cannot be a source of economic reform even theoretically. **Economic reforms have never in the world's history been carried out with tax money in any country.**

When inflation is zero, the prices go down; this is the reason consumption goes up when the prices are low. And the higher the demand, the greater is the commodity output and the higher are the employment rates and wages. This is how commodity production grows. This growth enables us to steadily and consistently reduce taxes. They are acceptable only when they stimulate job creation as, for example, in the model of the Belarusian and Canadian economist Alexander Orlovsky, which offers an automated taxation system to stimulate commodity production.

We propose to create a strong public sector in the economy with a focus on regional and municipal economies and manual labor. **This is how we can gradually achieve the economic model of production concentration that enabled the Soviet Union, in 1947-1953, to reduce all consumer prices by a factor of three.** The ruble can buy as much tomorrow as it can buy today: this is the goal the State Duma set for itself on November 18, 2021, with regard to preserving the population's bank deposits.

Production concentration is native Russian economic model built on a worldview of self-sufficiency. Therefore, inflation cannot emerge, because self-sufficient people do not need to steal from others, as what they have at any given moment is enough for them. Self-sufficiency is a man's voluntary choice of

restraint in the material domain, which opens for him unlimited growth in the spiritual domain. God, who is Spirit, created the material world. The spiritual is primary and the material is secondary. All material things are extremely easy. Only spiritual efforts are challenging. All material successes or failures of man result from them. It is the high level of spiritual life that explains the phenomenal economic success of Russian Old Believers and Russian Prime-Minister P. A. Stolypin. These successes were expressed in gigantic commodity production. **The current economic statistics, expressed in entirely unsecured money, is to some extent a fiction, designed to conceal the failure of the profit economy,** persistently turning humanity back to Egyptian slavery.

The worldview of self-sufficiency is a philosophy of life. It is present in all world religions; we discussed it in the *Economy of Self-Sufficiency* report in Kazan on July 29, 2021. Production concentration as an economic model was created by Russian Old Believers and strongly developed by Prime-Minister P. A. Stolypin. Later, Prime-Ministers A. I. Rykov, I. V. Stalin, and G. M. Malenkov made it perfect. All of them lived in a self-sufficient economy. A diagram of the eight stages of Russia's economic history since the Baptism of Russia is to be found in *Historical Perspective on the Economy of Simple Things*, the report the author made at the 4th Stolypin Forum at MGIMO on September 9, 2021.

Interestingly, Hjalmar Schacht, who defeated inflation, independently arrived at the production concentration model back in 1901. Just 24 years old at the time, he had grown up under the German Protestant worldview of self-sufficiency. Kemal Ataturk, to whom Hjalmar Schacht was close, did not fail to learn from the great Tatar economist Musa Akyegetzade. Today, the production concentration in Turkey, although lagging behind that of Saudi Arabia and Belarus, is an order of magnitude ahead of the production concentration in the United States.

Inflation emerged in Russia in 1914 and raged under Vladimir Lenin until 1924. There was no inflation under Joseph Stalin. In 1961, Nikita Khrushchev brought inflation back to the U.S.S.R. and began to transform its self-sufficient economy into a profit-based one. His assistant was Otto Kuusinen, participant to the Copenhagen (1910) and Basel (1912) congresses of the Second International and secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. In the same year, 1961, he drafted the new CPSU Program that assured the concerned Soviet people that everything would be fine. That CPSU Program promised in 1961 that communism's "Heaven on Earth" would finally be built by 1980.

Some will recall that Marc Gorbachev and Yury Andropov worked alongside Otto Kuusinen in Karelia. We tend to attribute our people's problems and griefs to specific leaders, politics and ideologies. But this is a profound delusion. **People, politics, and ideology are irrelevant.** Only the national economic paradigm determines the course of events. This author discusses the topic in the article "National Economic Paradigm". At any particular historical moment, specific leaders are hostages of circumstances that emerged long before their time, usually at least 30-60 years earlier.

Therefore, **it makes no sense to exchange the current politicians for those of the opposition.** All of yesterday's opponents will act in exactly the same way under the current circumstances, even if they say the opposite. If we have come to realize that we are moving in the wrong direction, it is then essential to change the national economic paradigm. It is built on the economists' ideas and comprises a number of components. In order for the national economic paradigm to ensure economic growth, the economists should be independent of government and politics. The national economic paradigm changes through the hard work and strong motivation of one or two generations. There is no state without an economy. For a state to be strong, its economy must be separate from politics.

Politics are a model of living without labor “in the sweat of your face”, that is, living at someone else's expense. It is exactly the opposite of what God the Father commanded man: *"In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."* (Gen. 3:19)

Politics are linked with the idea of building paradise (communism) on earth. It emerged, in its modern form, with the construction by Patriarch Nikon of the "New (Earthly) Jerusalem" in the locality of Istra near Moscow. This happened in the mid-17th century when, under Tsar Alexei Romanov, the profit ideology became that of the state in Russia, when it declared war on the seven hundred-year old economy of Christian self-sufficiency of Russian Old Believers and turned our people into serfs. It was Nikon who became the first politician in our country. It is no coincidence that he demanded to be called the Great Sovereign, or president, if you will.

Building the "New Earthly Jerusalem" is tantamount to building a ghost. The Savior calls us to the Heavenly Jerusalem, which does not need to be built, because it exists. Patriarch Nikon built a new earthly Jerusalem a full hundred years before Emmanuel Swedenborg created the New Jerusalem church and long before the English poet William Blake wrote the poem *Milton*, under the influence of Swedenborg. There are exactly a hundred allusions to Satan in the poem.

In the Kabbalah, the number 100 means "engaging in politics, an activity aimed at personal gain". The preface of Blake's poem *Milton*, entitled *Jerusalem*, was published in 1804. Satanists were building a model for their world domination through establishing the power of politics in individual states. Politics, mammon and crisis are synonyms of the concept of profit. **In 1848, the**

Communist Party Manifesto mentions the “New Jerusalem” of Nikon-Svedenborg-Blake twice.

In 1916, Blake's *Jerusalem* became the popular anthem of Great Britain. Singing this anthem, the people of the United Kingdom vow to build a new earthly Jerusalem in the country. Its lyrics make a direct reference to Satan. Every anthem is a loyalty oath. To whom is the loyalty oath that mentions Satan taken? Most people in Great Britain do not ponder this question. Extensive research of Blake's legacy has been done. However, the article *Six Lessons from One Pandemic* in the November 1, 2021 issue of *Rossiyskaya Gazeta* was a revelation - in it we learn that William Blake was not only a poet and a painter; he had also dealt with viral epidemics.

Politics have divided nations into political parties. As a result, parliaments comprise parties professing different shades of the same ideology – that is of profit. There is no difference between these parties. However, there are not many parties that adhere to the worldview of self-sufficiency. The Belarusians and the Scandinavians are self-sufficient in Europe; Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are self-sufficient among the Arab countries. The Japanese are self-sufficient. Thailand can be called a self-sufficient nation, especially after seventy years of rule by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX, who created a "sufficiency economy".

Buddhism is, in general, profoundly self-sufficient. Let us recall E. F. Schumacher's essays *Buddhist Economics* and *Small is Beautiful*. Every American was familiar with them until recently. The United States of America was created by Protestants - consistent proponents of self-sufficiency. The stupid communist political economy prevented continuation of the large-scale cooperation between the self-sufficient United States and the self-sufficient USSR that unfolded in the

1930s. Back then, Americans built most of the nine thousand new industrial plants in the U.S.S.R.

The division into political parties distracts from the existing division of humanity into the realm of self-sufficiency and that of profit. The boundary between self-sufficiency and profit runs through the soul of each person. Man's purpose in life is to achieve perfection and holiness, to eradicate sin and even the very memory of sin from his soul. Nothing sinful can enter heaven. For the holy and the sinful are incompatible. Only a self-sufficient person can become perfect and holy.

Sin stands on the way to perfection and holiness. Sin includes profit-seeking, a seeking of everything harmful to man. Therefore, the path to perfection and holiness involves a gradual movement of the boundary between self-sufficiency and profit in man's soul towards self-sufficiency up to the complete disappearance of the realm of profit.

The profit economy significantly impedes man's progress towards personal self-sufficiency, perfection, and holiness. But even Joseph Stalin's semi-slave economy of self-sufficiency did not obstruct man's progress towards spiritual perfection. The country enjoyed national unity and a powerful spiritual uplift, the outstanding achievements of Soviet researchers, the industrial and agricultural production growth, as well as the economic stability of the people of all vocations and ages. Consequently, the living standard of the Soviet people was steadily rising.

And war is, above all, a war of economies. Tanks and shells are also commodity production. The economy of the self-sufficient Soviet Union defeated the economy of Germany, which in 1937 transitioned from rapidly progressing

self-sufficiency to the ideology of profit and dispersion of production concentration.

God has not created a single state. The state is a product of man's mind modified by sin. Prior to any economic action, man needs to take control of his thinking. Only an individual can do it and only with respect to himself. Otherwise, the efforts of an individual and even of an entire nation will come to ashes. **Any human action that is not *a priori* consciously committed to God will come to ashes.**

Politics and ideology can violate economic laws. We have been witnessing this in Russia for 60 years. **But politics and ideology can never cancel economic laws.** Political economy has never understood the laws of economy, because it is not a science, but an ideology. Throughout their lives, political economists often are engaged with politics, not economies. As a rule, they don't even realize it.

At the heart of the violation of economic laws lies the fact that many people live just for today, just for one biblical day. Now is the 7530th year of the seventh biblical day. This day can last even a million earthly years. For example, scholars believe that the first biblical day lasted forty billion earthly years. The eighth biblical day is ahead of us - the Kingdom of Heaven which Jesus Christ promised. On the seventh biblical day, God rested from His labors. It is a biblical day of joy, happiness, and rest. But the sin of Adam and Eve has turned this day into a series of sorrows for mankind.

Only those who live in God live joyfully and happily. These people are completely indifferent to the so-called "ordeals" that some people think Russia is going through today. Following Saint Seraphim of Sarov, they are concerned with one and only pursuit - the salvation of their souls for eternal life. The rest is

simply of no interest to them. Such are the Russian Old Believers. They are all over the world. Old Believers live in the Providence of God. And there are no crises in the Providence of God. Only those Russians, who gain victory over their personal sin, can bring Russia back to the Providence of God.

But back to inflation. It is a modern tool of the pre-Old Testament ideology of profit. This ideology was brought by the people Moses led out of Egyptian slavery. Slavery is a form of profit. The profit ideology always leads peoples into slavery. Today it is leading the planet into digital slavery. Thanks to the viruses about which Zbigniew Brzezinski had cautioned us back in 1972, humanity is beginning to realize that it is on the threshold of digital slavery.

Today, people go to rallies all over the world. But to whom do they appeal? If it is to politicians, who live by lies on whopping profits from inflation, then it is completely pointless and useless. Politics, crisis, mammon, and profit are synonymous. **One should appeal to God only.**

Chips are a modern form of the chains of slavery and we are witnessing mass protests against their implantation in the body. Many early Christians were slaves forced to walk in chains. It is possible to chip a person's body, but it is impossible to chip a person's soul. The first Christians often had their bodies chained, but they always had Christ's chamber in their souls. They found salvation there. Let us recollect how God miraculously freed the Apostle Peter from his chains:

“And when he saw that it was pleasing to the Jews, he proceeded further and arrested Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread [the Passover week]. And when he had seized [Peter], he put him in prison and delivered him to four squads of soldiers of four each to guard him, purposing after the Passover to bring him forth to the people. So Peter was kept in prison,

but fervent prayer for him was persistently made to God by the church [assembly]. The very night before Herod was about to bring him forth, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared [standing beside him], and a light shone in the place where he was. And the angel gently smote Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, Get up quickly! And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, Tighten your belt and bind on your sandals. And he did so. And he said to him, Wrap your outer garment around you and follow me. And [Peter] went out [along] following him, and he was not conscious that what was apparently being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed through the first guard and the second, they came to the iron gate which leads into the city. Of its own accord it [the gate] swung open, and they went out and passed on through one street; and at once the angel left him” (Acts 12: 1-10).

Today, God can nullify the effect of any implanted chip the same way that He did with the chains of the Apostle Peter. It is essential to go to confession in the temple and repent. The crucial thing is to have complete trust in God. The profit ideology leads peoples into slavery. But we ourselves have succumbed to the promise of comfort instead of labor “in the sweat of our faces” and living a debt-ridden life at the expense of future generations. We have accepted unbacked money. Only God can lead humanity out of this situation into a life free from sin and into the freedom of self-sufficiency. We must ask for forgiveness and pray. *"But all things are possible with God" (Matthew 19:26).*

The worldview of self-sufficiency and the profit ideology are antagonists in the theoretical matrix of the national economic paradigm. They are always incompatible in practice. Either self-sufficiency or profit. Self-sufficiency is a property of God. God is self-sufficient and he does not need anything or anyone.

God taught people self-sufficiency, for he sent them the heavenly manna for one day only when they were in the desert. The hymn of self-sufficiency is the Lord's Prayer:

“And He said to them, When you pray, say: Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come. Your will be done [held holy and revered] on earth as it is in heaven. Give us daily our bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us [who has offended us or done us wrong]. And bring us not into temptation but rescue us from evil” (Luke, 11:2-4).

Again, **there is no inflation in economic models built on a worldview of self-sufficiency**. There was no inflation in the world before 1914. It was born in the U.S. where there were politicians that undertook to serve it. In the 107 years that followed, there was no inflation in Germany, the U.S.S.R., in most of Asia for long periods, and in the United States for a number of years.

A person who has read the Bible and seen the history of the world from the first to the eighth biblical day realizes that **the profit ideology preaches the finitude of human history**, while the self-sufficiency worldview offers exactly the opposite - a path of stability not limited by the passing of time, not even for a million more earthly years. God lives outside the bounds of time; He exists in eternity.

Inflation has been destroying our economy and lowering the living standard of our citizens for 60 years. It is time to stop living in pursuit of mythical profits measured in unbacked paper money; the country has become completely impoverished. Forty-five million people have wages and salaries that are insufficient. People live on bank loans. Thirteen million people have taken out two, three, or more loans. This adds up to nearly 70 percent of the nation's

working-age population. Inflation drives up lending costs – something for which few people are prepared. Russia's population is trapped in inflation. At the same time, bank profits have reached two trillion rubles. It is time to put an end to inflation. When inflation stops, embezzlement and currency exports will stop as well. Tomorrow, money will have the same value it has today, and it will start working for Russia. It will then make sense to invest in real production.

The year 1924 witnessed a success. It was gold that resolved everything in Germany back then. Gold is an important subject for all the federal agencies of Russia. We can increase the gold share in foreign exchange reserves not just to 25%, but to 100%. For if need be, **gold is convertible into any currency with nearly instant liquidity.**

We can say the following to those who might argue that gold's value fluctuates. Note that inflation beneficiaries have worked hard for generations to accumulate physical gold. They worship the golden calf as a god. Very likely, their goal is to gain a global monopoly on gold. It could enable them to set any price for gold, eg. twenty million dollars per ounce. That is ten thousand-fold higher than today. A world monopolist would have no problem with this.

Perhaps this is precisely why gold is accumulated by means of inflation. The point is that the monopolistic owner of the world's gold would be able to set the price of the world's natural wealth as he sees fit. All this is to warn those who sell gold for no purpose, those who own resources and industries, and especially those who have a lot of unbacked money in the bank and mistakenly think they are well-off.

The value of even today's seemingly huge fortunes may shrink ten thousand-fold. After all, a hundred years ago the change was even greater. This could happen with those who do not hold, say, 10% of their assets in physical

gold. And those who hold 10% of their assets in physical gold can see their assets grow a thousand-fold, if we can fathom the intention of inflation beneficiaries. GATA.org has been writing about this since 1999.

But **gold is not wealth; it is ashes like all earthly things**. All of the above is a scientific hypothesis and theoretical assumption regarding gold worship, which is against God. And the “God factor” decides absolutely everything in the economy. God opposes the proud in any way He wishes. For example, He may send climate disasters, and then gold will be the last thing on the minds of the proud. They will throw all their golden idols to the moles and bats.

The Prophet Isaiah says:

“This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD. You, LORD, have abandoned your people, the descendants of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and embrace pagan customs. Their land is full of silver and gold; there is no end to their treasures. Their land is full of horses; there is no end to their chariots. Their land is full of idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their fingers have made. So people will be brought low and

everyone humbled — do not forgive them. Go into the rocks, hide in the ground from the fearful presence of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty! The eyes of the arrogant will be humbled and human pride brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty, and all the oaks of Bashan, for all the towering mountains and all the high hills, for every lofty tower and every fortified wall, for every trading ship and every stately vessel. The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day, and the idols will totally disappear. People will flee to caves in the rocks and to holes in the ground from the fearful presence of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth. In that day people will throw away to the moles and bats their idols of silver and idols of gold, which they made to worship” (Isaiah 2:1-20).

Reading the words of the prophet Isaiah about the golden idols that will be thrown to bats, the venerable reader may think of the Chinese city of Wuhan. However, may he remember that historically China has never had the gold heresy. Even in the Middle Ages, China's economy was based on gigantic commodity production and functioned entirely without gold. So did the economy of the U.S.S.R. under Joseph Stalin. And this is the way it should be. For **commodity production and stability are the only tenets of economic science**. Only a self-sufficient economy offers stability. By definition, there can be no stability in a profit economy - only crises, revolutions, wars, and other endless turmoil.

Assessing our history, it is crucial to understand that **profit-hungry people will never have enough secured money**. Therefore, there is only one way out for us - that is to return to a worldview of self-sufficiency - the antipode of the profit ideology.

There is a widespread notion that an apocalypse is inevitable because it is a dogma. But this is not so. All the prophets and apostles only forewarned of what might happen if man did not observe the commandments of God. **God is in a constant and creative development.** If a man takes up a relentless struggle against his personal sin, his life becomes meaningful, and it henceforth gives meaning to human history, even for another million years. The Last Judgment might not happen at all. But someday it will happen, and mankind will undoubtedly be taught a lesson.

Some may despair. But history teaches us that there is no such thing as despair in human life. God neither allows trials in a person's life that are beyond his strength, nor situations from which there is no way out. We only need to kneel down, repent before God, and ask Him to show us the way. **Biblical Nineveh clearly saw that, because of her sins, she would be destroyed; so she got down on her knees and, fasting strictly, prayed to God for forgiveness. And she was forgiven. And we should do the same.**

Over the past two years, the world has seen a visible increase in evil. Discussions about the "golden billion" and a forced reduction of the world's population by several billion people, are ominously taking shape. The prospect of digital slavery is visible not on the horizon, but close at hand. The profit ideology reigning in the world, and its fruit, inflation, have brought us to this point in human history. We in Russia have arrived here not because the profit ideology is strong, but solely because we have allowed ourselves to lose our self-sufficiency. And it all began in the 17th century. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn said that without the 17th century the year 1917 would not have happened. If Russia had remained an Old Believer country, there would not have been any revolution.

The author's book *Economic History of Russia: A Short Course* offers the following formula for slavery: slavery is the forcible removal from man of the free will God gave him, including the right to free expression of his will. Slavery can take different forms. There are well-known forms in history, including slave trading, that is, human trafficking. Today, a chip implanted in a person is equivalent to this form of slavery. There may be prairies fenced off with barbed wire. There is slavery to God. Christians are slaves of God. Man enters into this form of voluntary slavery after he becomes aware of his sins. And slaves to the world are enslaved to the world and to the state. The entire history of mankind and the economic history of Russia are the history of man's slavery to sin and of the state as a fruit of man's consciousness which has been damaged by sin. Mankind is making no progress. Even if there is progress in science and technology, it does not free man from slavery to the state.

The only people who disengage from this system are saints and those who wish to live a holy life through the Sacraments of confession and communion. The whole world is nothing but mosaic patterns of a common slavery to the devil, and the mosaic is determined by the totality of the predominant sins in each person's mind or in the society in which he lives. Some sins are prevalent in tribal societies, and entirely different ones reign in developed countries.

But it is to sin that all of us are enslaved. Since Adam and Eve, sin has distorted, without exception, every man's consciousness. The life of a person who believes in God is a battle against sin and the pursuit of correcting his distorted consciousness. As a result of years of work on themselves, a few achieve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, a nearly undistorted view of the world and events around them. Such are, for example, the Orthodox monastic elders of Mount Athos, as well as of Russia, Greece, Georgia, and other countries. Among the laity, Russian Old Believers often achieve, through humility and discipline, this power of faith and trust in God.

Slavery is evil and always begets evil in response. In no case can we allow further growth of evil on our planet. This is the task of world Christianity. Only Christianity can reduce the amount of evil in the world. Only in Christianity, is there love for the enemy. **Only Christianity does not respond to evil with evil, but with love, and thus reduces the amount of evil in the world.**

God loves every person on the planet and patiently waits for each one to come to Him. God sees the chaste soul of man as it was at birth, separate from the sin acquired in the course of life. Christians imitate God, live in God, and this empowers them to love their enemies. Every man on the planet is nothing without God. **Man without God is nothing.** Christians regard themselves as nothing, the worst of the worst, and their enemies as sinless, righteous people.

The Russian Old Believers repeated the feat of the first Christians who were crucified in Rome. In the 17th century, they inflicted a crushing spiritual defeat on Satan. They did not respond to evil with evil. They responded with love to their enemies and gained a victory. They were brutally tortured to death like the Solovetsky monks; they were starved to death like the Boyar woman Feodosia Morozova; and they were burned alive at the stake like the archpriest Avvakum Petrov, but they forgave their murderers. Satan disgraced himself, rolled back to Europe, and took up the cause of revolutions.

The point is that the Christian has no enemies. He has only friends who shape the Christian's path to God. Any violation of God's law shapes a person's future sorrows. Man creates his own life's sorrows. The rule is simple: if there has been no repentance for a specific violation of the commandments, sorrows follow. Sorrows come through friends. A person's spiritual life begins with repentance. From his spiritual life flow all his material successes and failures.

The example of the Russian Old Believers, who live their entire lives in instant repentance before God, is of great help. They recite the Jesus Prayer continuously, without a break, even in their sleep: *"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!"* There is practically no interval between these prayers, and the demons are simply unable to force their ideas into an Old Believer's brain. As we can see, everything is simple. **Everything is always simple with God.** Any complexity is a sign of weakness and inferiority.

Man has no full knowledge. Only God has full knowledge. That is why Christians have lived in God for two thousand years, and the Holy Spirit guides them daily, including in their relations with the economy. And to those who think they already live in heaven and to those who are building the "New Earthly Jerusalem" the short earthly life will forever be heaven. But that is their free choice. They have every right to it. And we should not pay any attention whatsoever to Satan and his Marxes. That would be too much honor for them. People just do not know what hell is. People do not know what awaits them. **If people knew what was in store for them, everyone would follow Jesus Christ.**

Those who are involved in the embezzlement of public funds that has continued for over 60 years do not have to turn back in order to protect the living standard of our people. They should repent before God, receive His forgiveness, and move forward. They should abolish inflation and prevent it in the future. It is better to **donate the money generated by inflation to a secret charity, for it cancels the power of money over man.**

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they

have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you” (Matthew 6:1-4).

There is a great need for a broad, but at the same time, invisible secret charity. Only God will see it and He will correct the historical path of Russia, and maybe of all mankind. All world civilizations respect secret charity. **The prosperity and historical destiny of any state is defined exclusively by its spiritual use of material wealth.**

And the time has arrived for all the faithful people of the planet to unite around secret charity and against the vain efforts of the profit ideology to terminate human history.

The Gospel tells us:

”Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

There is a spiritual bank of good deeds in heaven. Every person has a personal account in it. Every good word and deed turns into spiritual gold in it. Secret charity replenishes this account to the maximum. It is pleasing to God.

Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, archbishop of Myra, is known for his many miracles and secret charity work. He is known as St. Nicholas or Santa

Claus all over the world and was known as Father Frost in the U.S.S.R. A person who shares **the mindset of Santa Claus**, does good to another person in such a way that the latter will never know who it was who did him good.

A person who receives anonymous help realizes that God has done him good and warmly thanks God. Many keep this goodness in their hearts forever, and for the rest of their lives do good to those around them generously. God knows the secret benefactor well, for that person does not act for gratitude from people, but for the glory of God.

Secret charity is the main way out of the current situation for Russia.

Digital money was invented, among other things, to combat secret charity. Therefore, in the interests of our nation, Russia should not be allowed to abandon metal and paper money. We must pray diligently to God to impart reason to us and to the authorities.

The book *Here It Is, Eternal Life: The Life and Wonderful Visions of St. Basil the New and St. Gregory, Archbishop of Ethiopia* is very useful. It describes in detail how, a thousand years ago, Blessed Theodora underwent twenty-one aerial ordeals. The fact is that the Book of Life records every word and deed of a man. At each aerial toll-house, the demons demonstrate to the departed soul its specific violations of God's law of which the man did not repent in his lifetime. Sins repented of during the man's life are erased from the Book of Life, and the demons can no longer present them.

Only the spiritual gold from the heavenly bank of good deeds, which is in possession of the angel who accompanies the soul as it goes through the toll-houses, gives the man an opportunity to pay for his sins of which he did not repent in life. Those who used opportunities to do good deeds in their earthly

lives, especially secret good deeds, will probably have enough spiritual gold at the toll-houses. And those who engage in deep spiritual introspection, who regularly and diligently repent, will have far fewer unrepented sins.

The above book also describes in detail **the coming Judgment and eternal retribution**. It becomes clear how important it is to pray daily for one's people, deceased ancestors, and blood relatives. Daily prayers are very strong among the Old Believers and in the Kuban area. They cut us off from the burden of responsibility for the sins of our ancestors.

The world economy has entered a time of rapidly shrinking markets. Under these conditions, it is imperative that we bring back to our economy the manual labor “in the sweat of our face” as bequeathed to man by God the Father. To do this, it is essential to stop importing basic goods and to re-establish commodity production in Russia. Today, only manual labor enterprises can promptly offer the people paying jobs near their residences and thus save them from poverty and hunger. Municipal manual labor enterprises should be created everywhere. Every district and every city in Russia should become self-sufficient. People need wages and basic jobs near their residences. We should find money to create a municipal economy of manual labor in Russia.

The profit economy cultivated in our country over the past 60 years should be converted into an economy of self-sufficiency - calmly, without fuss and haste. **Russia has an example of a Christian economic mindset as well as an economic model - the most successful in world history - the three 'S' self-sufficiency model: production concentration of the Staroobryadtsy [Old Believers]-Stolypin-Stalin type.** Of course, we should make maximum use of modern information technology and time tested economic algorithms, as well as take into account social factors. There is a huge demand for this in our society,

according to the recently published book *The Crystal of Growth*, by Alexander Galushka, Artur Nuyazmetov and Maxim Okulov. It is essential to build the self-sufficiency economy of the individual, the family, the company, the district, the city, the region, and all of Russia. This may not be easy to achieve, but that is the only way for us. **It would be stupid and crazy to follow the profit ideology that tries to lead us to the end of human history.**

At least fifty years are necessary before the performance of an economic model can be evaluated. The more than one-hundred-year-long experiment with political power in Europe and Russia has failed to prove its value. We can, at an easy pace, return to economic power. This power can take different forms. The main things are the primacy of the economy over everything and the “master mentality”.

Let us recall how, at the Vienna Congress of 1815, the absolute monarchies of Europe, living under a system of economic power, granted Switzerland a democratic constitution. There was no contradiction in this. **Economic power implies the primacy of the economy over everything, and it makes absolutely no difference what form of government the country has.** What matters is a self-sufficient economy - the only one that makes economic stability possible.

The Holy Alliance, formed at the Vienna Congress, established that international relations are based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Holy Alliance comprised the Christian monarchs of Orthodox Russia, Catholic Austria, and Protestant Prussia. All European monarchies, except for Great Britain, joined it. Peace reigned in Europe for nearly forty years, and the attempts to shake it with the revolutions of 1830 and 1847-1849 failed. The countries and people lived in the prosperity of self-sufficiency. Therefore, few people became interested in the ideas of property redistribution promoted by socialist and communist activists.

A decision as to whether Russia needs a digital economy as it is in its current form can be made fifty years after U.S. President Ronald Reagan signed Executive Order #12468 have passed – that is in 2033, at the earliest. Seventy percent of the Russian population do not need digital technology at all in their lives. But the defense and space industries are another matter. **It is not technology that makes all the difference in the economy, but algorithms of material interest.** Besides, any economy is always a cycle. Robotization disrupts it, making the modern concept of building a digital economy untenable.

Imagine a hundred people living on the planet. They produce everything they need and exchange their surpluses as part of the division of labor, using money as an instrument of equivalent exchange. They consume all the goods and food produced. Suppose robots have replaced twenty people and started to produce necessary goods without their participation, consuming raw materials and energy. However, there are still one-hundred-consumers worth of goods left. Except, that only eighty of them now have wages to buy goods. That is, twenty percent of the goods produced, for which raw materials and energy are spent, will not find a buyer, and twenty people will be left without wages, food, or necessary goods. This system does not take into account the social factor and will quickly collapse. A robotized model is acceptable only if it is fully state- or community-based and takes into account the social factor. Let us call it a digital economy of the Russian Old Believers types in its modern version.

A hundred years have passed since Czar Nicholas II prepared the Local Council of the Orthodox Church of Russia of 1917 to overcome the Russian schism. He was prevented from doing so. And then the warning was fulfilled of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Monk Job of Anzersky, the confessor of Czar Peter the Great, given on June 18, 1712, that the Solovetsky monastery could again become the Golgotha for the Orthodox clergy. Solovki, where the national

Russian schism emerged in 1676 with the massacre of the Old Believer monks by the Czar's infantry, became, in 1923, a concentration camp for many thousands of the Russian Orthodox Church clergymen.

Through our prayers and repentance, God can prevent our native land from once again becoming a scorpion for the Russians and avert the creation of a digital gulag in Russia. There is a place for a difficult feat in every person's life. Prayer is the most difficult feat for man. **Everything is by prayer. If there is no repentance, there is always a negative consequence. A thrown boomerang will always come back.**

Fifty years have passed since the Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church of May 30 - June 2, 1971. The Local Council recognized that the persecution of the Old Believers and the Russian schism of the 17th century was a mistake. This was an historic event. The spiritual determines the material. Already on August 16, 1971, the dollar-gold standard of 1944 collapsed in the U.S. The country had a unique chance to restore gold and silver as legal tender, as required by Article 1, Section 10 of the effective U.S. Constitution. A bimetallic standard of gold and silver could have returned the world to pre-1914 economic stability.

On September 3, 1971, the United States, the U.K., France and the U.S.S.R. signed an agreement on the status of Berlin, resuming their full-scale strategic cooperation. Alive in the minds of all people were the prophetic words of 1965, of the French President Charles de Gaulle, that replacing gold with the paper dollar, and the United States living on the interest-free debt to the world and at the expense of the entire world, could lead to "the greatest catastrophe in the history of mankind". Everyone realizes now how relevant and understandable this is. And how unfortunate it is, that we did not walk through that door of historic opportunity in 1971.

It is time to revert to the task of overcoming the Russian schism. The Russian Orthodox Church and the Russian Orthodox Old Believer Church are separated only along the administrative lines. The Orthodox Christians in Russia partake of the body and blood of Christ from the common cup which is in Heaven. Nothing prevents the two Orthodox Churches from starting to overcome the schism by **mutually revering God's helpers glorified as saints**. As a member of the 2009 Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church, I suggest that we begin a dialogue among Orthodox Christians on this subject. *“Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall” (Luke 11:17)*. It is imperative to restore the people's unity in Russia. Let the National Unity Day of November 4 become our year-round holiday. All Russia is a single Orthodox monastery. And we have one Father Superior - St. Sergius of Radonezh.

God is with us, understand all ye nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

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