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An extended abstract of an article on the topic of:

### **“Regarding the consequences of the Moral law violations in society and the economy”**

**The formulation of the problem.** *Today we have witnessed a series of deep crises in society: social, economic, demographic, etc. It is impossible to overcome these crises without an understanding of their causes.*

**Recent research and publications analysis.** *First of all, we need to determine on the primary law, which determines the development of society. It involves the use of not only the horizontal (materialist approach), but also the vertical dimension of the life of society (the theological approach).*

*The vertical dimension is connected with the recognition of the truth of spiritual world ex-istence and effectiveness of its laws, which cannot be understood from the position of the horizontal – worldly dimension.*

*S.N. Bulgakov and A.S. Panarin wrote about the existence of these two approaches to understanding of the society development. S.N. Bulgakov noted that, for the comprehension of regularities of society socio-economic development there must be a reasonable synthesis of such elements as: theological knowledge, "knowledge" and the faith experience, metaphysical thinking and positive knowledge. The first "knowledge" is the basis.*

**Paper objective.** *Therefore, to understand the causes of the deep systemic crisis, we will apply a synthesis of theology and positive knowledge. And we will identify the main question – what the basic law determines the society development, how it works and what are the consequences of its violation.*

**Paper main body.** *According to Christian theology, the only law which determines the existence of human and the whole society is a moral law.*

*The moral law applies to everyone. This law involves living honestly and respecting commandments, the two highest commandments of which are love for God and love for neighbors. The fulfillment or violation of these rules has an impact on the destiny of a person and humanity in general. It means both the worldly consequences of just and unjust life and the fate of a person in eternity.*

*Sufficiently convincing evidences of the effect of moral and spiritual law in society and economy as well are given by the renowned Serbian theologian, social activist and scientist (Doc-tor of Philosophy and Theology) – Saint Nicholas Serbian (1881-1956).*

*While researching the Sacred History of the Old Testament, he states and proves that the moral and spiritual law determines the effect of the so-called natural laws, the march of history, the destinies of peoples, and the effect of social laws. He uses the method of historical research, the results of different scientific theories confirming the truth of moral and spiritual law as the evidence. He shows that lots of historical events cannot be explained by science up till now, as they are outside the effect of the established natural laws. They can be explained only from the perspective of theological approach, recognition of truth of the Old Testament events and their biblical interpretation.*

*The consequences of a violation of the moral law could be seen in the present. The demo-graphic crisis in Western society and most of post-Soviet countries is caused by the spiritual and moral crisis. And this is confirmed by modern research.*

*Joseph Patrick Buchanan, based on the analysis of the demographic situation in the world and its forecasts, notes the death of the Western civilization. The causes of the disaster Buchanan finds the violation of the moral law - when the limits of Western civilization took place the Cultural Revolution that led to the destruction of Christian values. The ongoing demographic and economic policies despite the detrimental to the society, is beneficial for transnational corporations. Therefore, Buchanan calls the transnational corporation as the antithesis of tradition, and the global capitalist as Cain of our time.*

*The causes of deterioration of human health, high mortality and low birth rate at the post-Soviet territory during the period of “market reforming” have constituted the scope of a comprehensive research by the contemporary Russian scientist, member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, I.A.Gundarov. Based on quantitative methods of assessment of demographic crisis causes, and also on studying of moral and spiritual teaching of human life rules existing in the main world religions, he came to a conclusion that the demographic crisis was caused, in the first place, by the effect of moral and spiritual factors.*

*The results of surveys conducted by the World Organization of World Values confirm the change of consciousness of the modern population and shift from the traditional values. Data processing of those surveys showed that human life and family values are devaluated in countries of Western civilization.*

*In the countries of Muslim civilization, which have preserved traditional culture, on the contrary - the values of life and family retain the majority of society.*

*In the countries of the Orthodox Christian civilization very disturbing trend could be traced: unfortunately, almost half of the society of Orthodox countries (and sometimes even more, judging by the number of abortions, divorces and attitude to premarital relations) chooses the culture of death.*

*Violation of the moral law causes systemic changes in the economy, which has transferred into anti-system, destroying the individual and society. The virtual economy, created for maxi-mum enrichment, is a huge financial pyramid. It is the result of an endless lust for power and money of the corporate elite of the world. These elite promote irrational desire for enrichment and consumption in society that is the value base of the pyramid. The existence of the pyramid is provided by the deception of society, control of public opinion, the cultivation of sins and vices, the flourishing of the money religion. And this anti-system is doomed to destruction.*

**Conclusions of the research.** *To conclude, summarize the violation of moral and spiritual law is the general and the main cause of all crises. The word “crisis” translated from Greek means trial, decision, turning point, and outcome. The current crisis must be understood as a trial of mankind, which steps back from the rules of morality in all spheres of life, and as a turning point, the selection of “possible otherwise”. And the time and opportunity to stop the crisis depend on just how correct people, the crisis makers, understand its real causes and on how much they want to change their consciousness and behavior, what steps they will make to live in accordance with the rules of morality, including the observance of these rules in economic activities.*