

Believers and sectarians of Tsarist Russia. A vast number of true chameleons would appear who concealed their real convictions behind a façade. But even this would not be the worst. Worse would be the chain reaction which would set in, not only in the realm of physics, but in that of human society. As the experience of recent years has shown, when arbitrary lawlessness sets in nobody can say where it will lead. Advocating religious discrimination is a blatant call to the violation of the Constitution and the flouting of all legal standards.

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## Solzhenitsyn's Prayer

How easy it is for me to live with you, Lord!  
How easy it is for me to believe in You!  
When my mind is distraught  
and my reason fails,  
when the cleverest people do not see further  
than this evening and do not know  
what must be done tomorrow –  
You grant me the clear confidence,  
that You exist, and that You will take care  
that not all the ways of goodness are stopped.

At the height of earthly fame I gaze  
with wonder at that path  
through hopelessness –  
to this point, from which even I have been able to convey  
to men some reflection of the light which comes from You.

And you will enable me to go on doing  
as much as needs to be done.  
And in so far as I do not manage it –  
that means that You have allotted the task to others.