

They're enticements (Saint John of Kronstadt)

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We shouldn't regard with surprise and meanness of spirit the various sins, weaknesses and passions of other people. All of these are old enticements, they're

weaknesses of the whole human race. We can't rid ourselves of them by ourselves. What we need is a savior, not an intercessor, not an angel, but the Incarnate Lord Himself.