

Russian idea:

Culture, law and religion as factors of
continuity;
Russian "exceptionalism"

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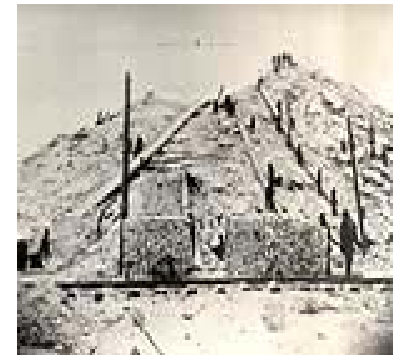
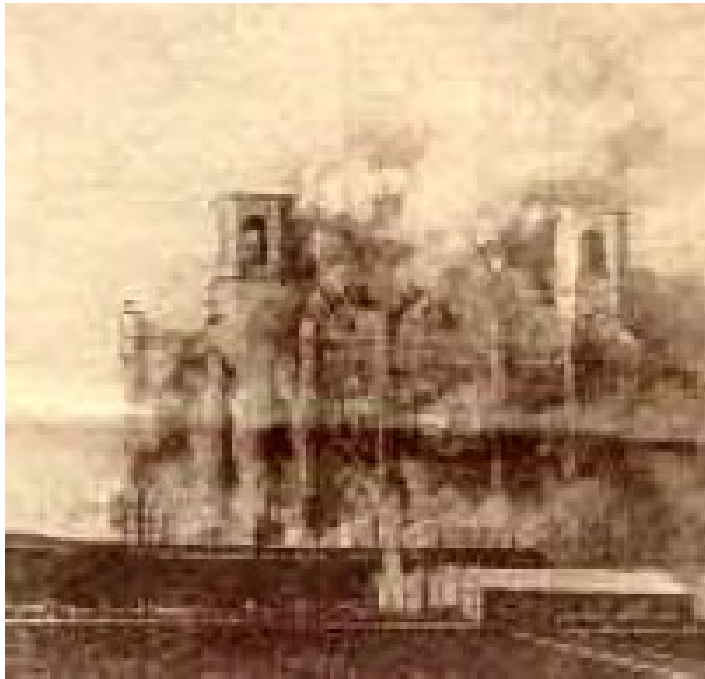
Exeptional "holy trinity"

- ▶ Symbiosis of Faith, Land and State
- ▶ Special mission for Holy Russia

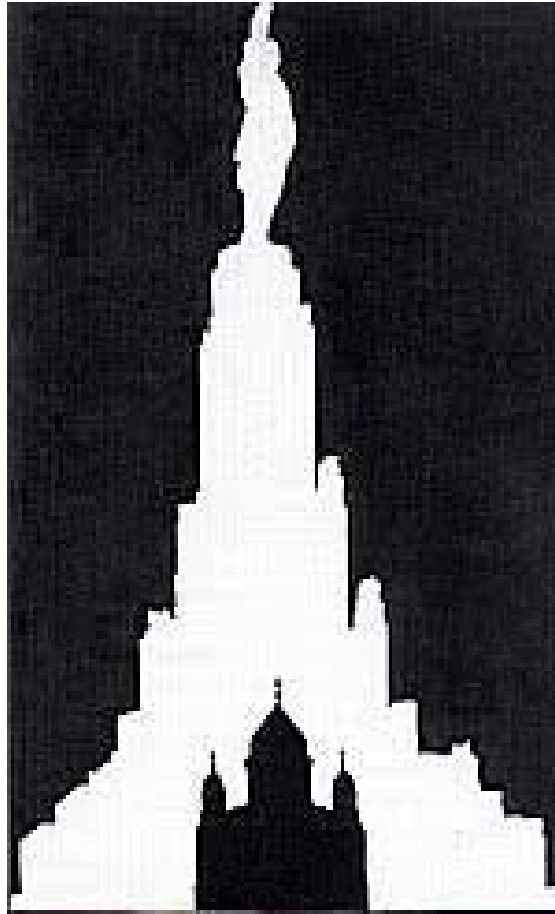
Christ the Savior's Cathedral



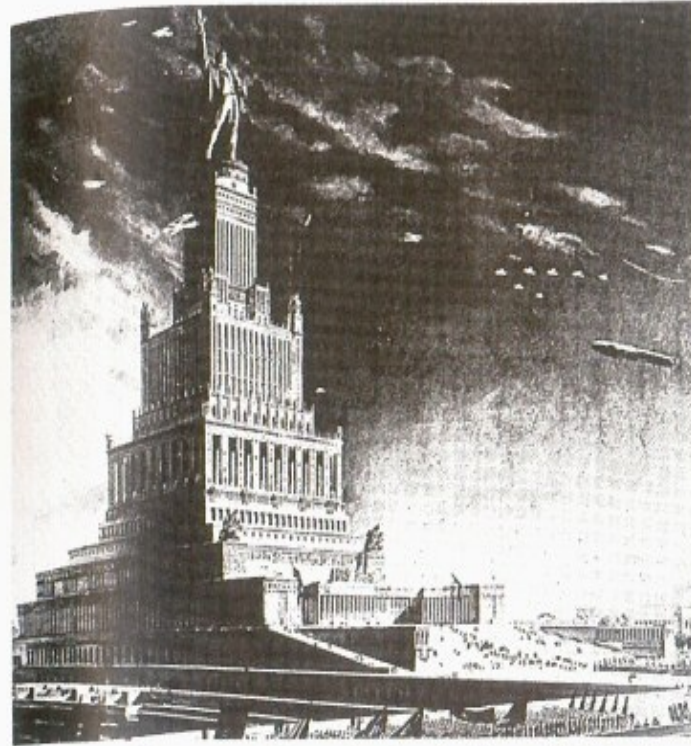
Destroying the Cathedral in 1931



New symbols to come



Palace of the Soviets



5.1 Boris M. Iofan, competition project for the Palace of the Soviets, Moscow, reworked by Vladimir Shchuko and Vladimir Gelfreikh, 1933.

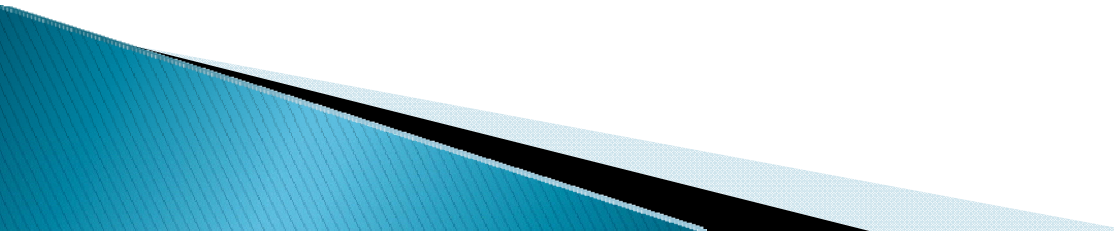
Swimming hall "Moskva"



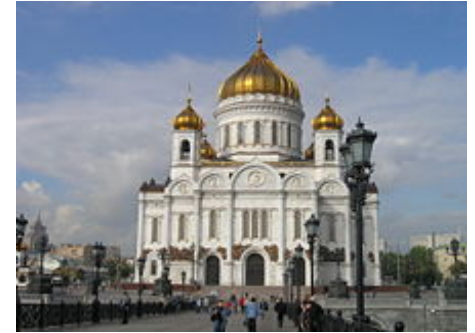
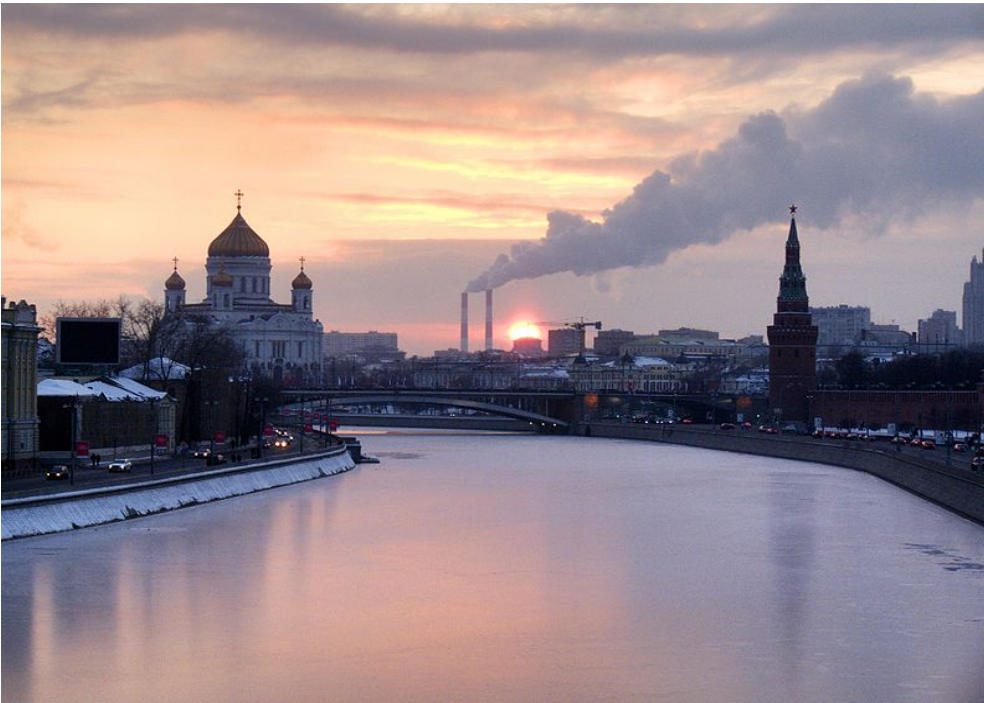
Soviet "holy trinity"

- ▶ State, Ideology, Fatherland
- ▶ Special mission for the first socialist country in the world
- ▶ Ideology took many functions of previous Orthodox religion

Back to traditional "exceptionalism"

- ▶ Millennium in 1988 as a turning point
 - ▶ Freedom of religion in 1990
 - ▶ Towards the former "holy trinity"
 - ▶ Restrictions for many religious associations in 1997 – Orthodox "exceptionalism"
 - ▶ Canonical territory
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New Cathedral



Funeral of Patriarch Alexi II



Thank you!

