

Eastern Orthodox

A respectful working comparison for study, annotation, and insider correction.

GOVERNING ATTITUDE

Question what you have been taught without questioning the people you love. Agreement is not the admission price; honest examination is the invitation.

Shared ground

Christ's divinity; conscious life after death; resurrection and judgment; and rejection of a secret pre-tribulation escape.

Controlling distinction

Can the three-earth-age synthesis be tested directly from Scripture if it is absent from received Holy Tradition?

The comparison

Scripture and authority

Eastern Orthodox teaching

Scripture is interpreted within Holy Tradition and the continuing life of the Orthodox Church.

Call My G reading

Tradition receives a fair hearing, but every structure remains answerable to the written witnesses.

Scripture trail

Mark 7:6-13; Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 3:15-17

Tradition source: OCA, Sources of Christian Doctrine (identified for verification, not endorsement).

Personal preexistence

Eastern Orthodox teaching

Human persons do not live a conscious personal life before conception.

Call My G reading

Every soul lived with God before flesh and entered this age without conscious memory of the former conflict.

Scripture trail

Job 38:4-7; Jeremiah 1:5; Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 1:4

Tradition source: OCA, Man (identified for verification, not endorsement).

Genesis and Adam

Eastern Orthodox teaching

Genesis 2 is ordinarily read as a closer account of the same first humanity described in Genesis 1.

Call My G reading

Genesis 1 describes sixth-day humanity; Genesis 2 describes the later formation of Eth-ha-Adam in Adam's image for the lineage leading to Christ.

Scripture trail

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:5-25; 5:1-3; Luke 3:23-38

Tradition source: OCA, Creation (identified for verification, not endorsement).

Death and the intermediate state

Eastern Orthodox teaching

The person remains alive to God after bodily death while awaiting resurrection.

Call My G reading

This is substantial common ground: the spirit returns to God and remains conscious across the gulf.

Scripture trail

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

Tradition source: OCA, Death (identified for verification, not endorsement).

Resurrection body

Eastern Orthodox teaching

The dead rise bodily; the person is restored and transfigured.

Call My G reading

The continuing person is raised incorruptible in a spiritual body; identity remains while flesh and blood do not inherit the Kingdom.

Scripture trail

1 Corinthians 15:35-54; Philippians 3:20-21

Tradition source: OCA, Resurrection (identified for verification, not endorsement).

Second Coming and Millennium

Eastern Orthodox teaching

Christ returns visibly for resurrection, judgment, and consummation; Orthodoxy does not normally teach a separate future earthly millennium.

Call My G reading

Christ returns at the Seventh Trump and begins a literal thousand-year Lord's Day of teaching before the final test.

Scripture trail

Revelation 11:15; 20:1-15; 2 Peter 3:8

Tradition source: OCA, Judgment (identified for verification, not endorsement).

Rapture and final deception

Eastern Orthodox teaching

Orthodoxy does not teach a secret pre-tribulation rapture and expects the Church to face trial.

Call My G reading

This is common ground; Call My G further distinguishes the false christ at the Sixth Trump from Christ at the Seventh.

Scripture trail

Matthew 24:23-31; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4; Revelation 11:15

Tradition source: OCA, Antichrist (identified for verification, not endorsement).

Questions for an informed insider

These are not traps. They identify the joints where the two readings can be tested.

1. What rules out personal existence before conception when Job, Jeremiah, Romans, and Ephesians are read together?
2. When Holy Tradition and a cumulative Scripture trail differ, what is the final court of appeal?
3. Does Genesis require chapters 1 and 2 to describe the same event?
4. What work does Revelation 20 assign to the thousand years?
5. How does Orthodox teaching order Antichrist, trial, return, resurrection, and judgment?

Claim status and fairness

This is a working comparison, not a declaration that every member believes every point in precisely the same way. Denominational descriptions summarize official teaching. Call My G positions are conclusions or foundational synthesis unless a cited passage states the proposition explicitly.

Source boundary

Official denominational sources are named so readers can verify the other position in its own words. They are not Call My G teaching endorsements. Affirmative study recommendations remain Scripture, Shepherd's Chapel, and selected Shepherd's Chapel videos.

Use this guide

Read every cited passage in context. Mark the exact point where you believe either summary turns incorrectly. Bring that point back to the Answer Library or Ask G so the bridge can be corrected, strengthened, or honestly marked as unresolved.

Nothing here asks you to reject the people who helped form your faith. It asks each of us to remain responsible for what we accept.