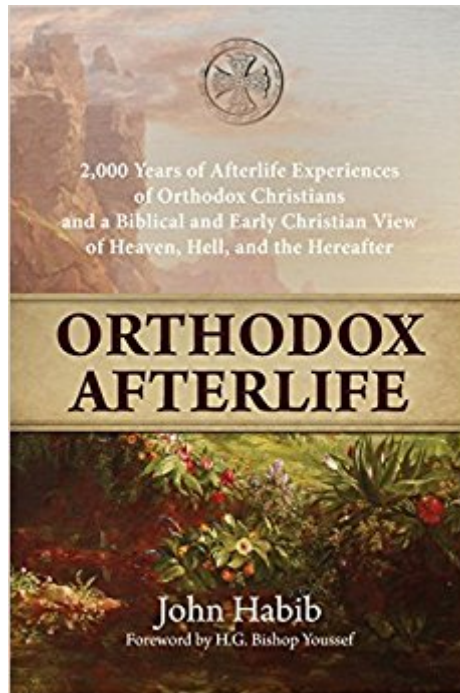




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Orthodox Afterlife



Synopsis

John Habib came back to the faith of his youth in young adulthood after reading an afterlife story handwritten by an Egyptian Christian monk. This book is the culmination of over fifteen years of research on a quest to arrive at what the Orthodox Christian understanding of the afterlife really is. After incorporating the guidance of several Orthodox scholars and theologians, this book gathers together a plethora of afterlife experiences of Orthodox Christians from all over the world, spanning 2,000 years of Christian history. The reader is taken on a journey from the moment of death to crossing over into the next existence, witnessing the afterlife through the eyes of others who beheld it and were able to tell us their stories. Each aspect of the afterlife presented in the book is grounded first on the Holy Bible, and then an array of early Christian writings is presented to provide a foundation upon which the reader may understand the experiences presented. The remarkable feature of this book, as one endorser put it, is that all the experiences "are remarkably consistent.... Far from speculative-they suggest an underlying and almost overwhelming unity with both Scripture and the Church Fathers." This book delves into a treasure trove of Orthodox history to seek out answers to questions such as the following (and much more): What is death and what does it feel like to die? What will our spirits look like? What will we see immediately after death? What is the experience after death? Is it a journey, or do we directly find ourselves in some other place? What is Hades like? Is it really a fiery torment? Is everyone punished the same? What is Paradise like? How does it look? What does it feel like being there? What happens to infants after they die? Will we see God in heaven? Will we see the Father? The Son? The Holy Spirit? What will we do in the afterlife? Will it be enjoyable?

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John Habib has given us a gift of great value. Every Christian who thinks he or she can believe in Christ yet not strive to live a life full of virtues needs to read this book from cover to cover. It has convinced me and changed my previous belief that being a Christian was sufficient to enter into Christ's Kingdom. There are many of us who are Christians in name only and postpone any serious effort to grow in the Christian life. This book is a strong, wake up call. Do yourself a favor and read this book.

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