

Preface

The collection of short compositions entitled, "Rationalism & Fundamentalism – the Two Banes of Western Theology", "Why Orthodox Christians Prefer the Septuagint", and "Articles of Faith" grew gradually during the spring and summer of 2009.

How could we express some tenets of our faith to others, without resorting to long-winded dissertations filled with archaic theological jargon? Our goal was short, informal articles that would appeal to a wide range of readers, while, at the same time, informing them of some complex biblical, theological and spiritual issues.

It was a big assignment and it required a lot of work on the part of the writer, the monastics who offered their expert criticisms and assistance, and our long-suffering typist. However, in Ancient Greek there is a proverb: τὰ καλὰ κόποις κτῶνται – "all good things are acquired by labor."

We earnestly hope these varied articles will be of assistance to someone. Growing in the faith is a life-long task. If our readers gain an inch or two in spiritual stature because of these articles, we will be grateful.

Glory be to God for all things!