

Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy  
PART SIX

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# Appendix: Further Reading

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- Orthodox Christian View of Non-Christian Religions: <http://www.goarch.org/ourfaith/ourfaith8089>
- Orthodoxy and the Religion of the Future (excerpts): <http://www.orthodoxphotos.com/readings/future/>  
- Includes sections on Hinduism, Buddhism, etc.
- Surprised by Christ (Judaism to Orthodox Christianity): <http://www.surprisedbychrist.com/>

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- Religion Facts: <http://www.religionfacts.com/>
- Big Religion Chart: [http://www.religionfacts.com/big\\_religion\\_chart.htm](http://www.religionfacts.com/big_religion_chart.htm)

The list above is by no means exhaustive, but it represents some of the sources used for putting this presentation together. The reader is admonished to dig deep and focus on primary sources when exploring this subject.