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Brief Exhortation on Discernment and the Importance of Spiritual Reading

We are living in an age that is now, more than ever before, trapping us and misleading us, whether it is through online echo-chambers or social media-bubbles (human or AI generated) or even through various other (supposedly) Orthodox websites and Orthodox news-sites of questionable origin and reputation.

And we are living in an age where now more than ever before we are being hypnotised into darkness with a 24-hour news-cycle and junk information overload.

It is nothing short of a miracle that many of you have managed to be here today, having sought after Orthodoxy, initially via a general internet search, and encountering these so-called Orthodox Christian sites! May we pray for all those genuine seekers and inquirers who never bothered to follow up their search for Orthodoxy, as result of their discouragement from their first impressions of online fake, fanatical and polemical Orthodoxy.

How do we navigate our way through all this and how do we withstand this bombardment of junk information and fake news and even fake Orthodoxy? Well, by going “old school,” or should we say by going offline. Disconnect for a time from all the cacophony.

One of the goals of our Mission Library is to hopefully help people to make better, more selective, and discerning choices at least with their spiritual reading. This is an opportunity to be involved in something that will provide spiritual edification for everyone who will make use of the Mission’s Library in the future.