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2. One section from the publication, TLINGET HERALD is included in SYNAXIS. It is from Lives of the Saints especially written for Tlinget people, whose English vocabulary is very limited. As a consequence, these Lives of Saints are suitable reading material children. We suggest that readers make a note book from them of Lives of Saints for Children.

QUESTIONS TO THE EDITOR:

(letter from the mid-west of the United States - abridged).

"I am writing to you in regard to an author by the name of L. Russell and her husband Walter Russell...whom I spoke to you about on your two visits to our parish. After your first visit, I was convinced your explanation of Orthodox beliefs and the Russell's philosophy of life were the same. On your second visit, you said the idea of reincarnation is wrong. The Russell's philosophy uses reincarnation to explain the spiritual unfolding of man's destiny. They speak of: giving of love and regiving (not taking) as a basis for living philosophy; and a strong sense of destiny that each man must understand...of his mission on earth.

"L. Russell wrote: God Will Work With You But Not For You; Love; Why You Cannot Die; etc. Her husband wrote, The Message of The Divine Illiad; The Secret of Light; etc...

"Here are some quotations from their work:

"From God Will Work... 'That is the answer to the eternal question 'Where do we go when we die?' Our bodies go back into our selves, from which they emerged. All bodies are but wave vibrations of motion."

"From ...Illiad... 'God is love - unexpressed. God's creation is love - expressed."

"Genius is self-bestowed - mediocrity is self-inflicted."

"All men shall come to me in due time, but there is agony of awaiting".

"Isn't it possible your idea of reincarnation is only the stereotyped one of sensationalized popular belief - ... The reincarnation explained by the Russells is: 'Waves of water spring into motion from their calm surface. When waves 'die' they return to rest in that calm surface... but they continually reappear and disappear, forever. This is the life and death principle..."

So for us, you see, it is a simple matter of choosing whom to follow: God or Mr. Russell. And if we have such warnings from God, and have all truth given us and set down in writing before us, and nevertheless choose not to read what God has given, but to read almost exclusively what various teachers wish to feed into our "itching ears," then is Christ not very well justified in judging us?

Russell's teaching of re-incarnation is, as we said, just *deja vue* occultism. Poetic, but not exceptional. Nor are my ideas of re-incarnation stereotyped. In order to answer direct questions from a multitude of students and young people, we have had to read Cayce, Dixon, the Tibetan Book of the Dead, Rampa, Russell, Spearman-Cook, and a few others, now Russell and Russell included. But they are all just part and parcel of Satan's "gospel different from the one you have received."

I wonder, on the other hand, if your view of theology and Orthodoxy are not stereotyped sectarian views, which, no matter what the proclaim, nevertheless view God as just another philosopher. This is why I so ardently ask that you read something Orthodox for a change. You might well find that an "itching ear" is better scratched by truth than by philosophy. We are enclosing a list of recommended readings which you can find at the Orthodox Lending Library which exists in your city. Places which answer your questions about re-incarnation are cited in parentheses after the source.

THE SPIRITUAL MEADOW
by John Moskhas

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Abba Agiodule

Abba Peter, the presbyter of the monastery of our holy father Savva, told us the following about Fr. Agiodule:

When he was abbot of the Lavra of Blessed Gerasim, one of the brethren reposed, but the elder did not know of this. The kanonarkh struck the symantron to gather the brethren to carry over the body of the deceased. The elder also came, and seeing the body of the brother lying in the church, he was saddened that he had not managed to say farewell to him. Abba Agiodule approached the body and said, "Arise, brother, and give me a last kiss."

The reposed brother raised himself up and kissed the elder.

"Now rest," said the Abba, "until the Son of God comes and resurrects you."

That same Abba Agiodule was once walking near the place where Jesus the son of Navie (Nahvie) had placed the twelve stones in Jordan, for the twelve tribes. The Abba desired to see these stones, and so God divided the water, and the Abba beheld the twelve stones. Falling on the ground, he gave glory to God and then departed.