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What were the major influences (persons and books) on your intellectual and spiritual development?

The person who has had the most influence of my life is Fr John Romanides. My spiritual life I owe to St Gregory the Theologian and the [Latin and Greek Fathers](#) .

You were a student of Father Georges Florovsky. You also wrote about him in one of [your books](#)

. How would you characterize his achievements in the 20th century?

To Fr Georges I am thankful for my knowledge of Russian philosophy.

In terms of influence and approach to theology, how would you compare Father Florovsky, with a figure like Metropolitan Anthony Khrapovitsky, for example?

Archbishop Anthony is my teacher of Orthodox ecclesiology. Fr Georges showed me the dangers of Augustinianism.

What are your thoughts on the future of traditional Orthodoxy in academia?

They are antithetical.

What are the chances for a new [Orthodox autocracy](#) (monarchy)?

None.

Are there any differences between Russian and Greek Orthodoxy?

I cannot think of any if they remain faithful to Orthodoxy.

What is your opinion about The Orthodox Synod in Crete? If there is something wrong with the Synod what are the options for those who realized it?



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