



The straight line depicting the Orthodox Church indicates its preservation of the Truth and Grace of the Original Church. She is the direct heir of the Old Testament Church and constitutes one body with the Triumphant Church in Heaven.

As new religious groups brake off from older ones, they move futher and futher from the Original Church and its Apostilic teaching. They become cults rather than churches. This is the case with many of the contemporary fourth and fifth generation "churches" like the Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, Unification church, Christian Science, etc. Their teachings are an amalgam of Christianity, paganism, and eastern philosophical ideas dressed in biblical terminology.