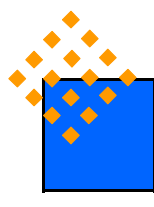


# Tempers *filter our interpretation*

## The Orthodox Temper

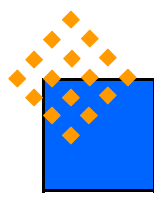
- } unquestioned external sources of authority
- } concrete, literal reading of scripture
- } the teachings of tradition and of our authorized interpreters are not disputed
- } unexamined sense of superiority of own personal religious tradition
- } desire a cultural homogeneity based on our own traditions and teachings.



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## THE PROGRESSIVE TEMPER

- } authority located within the self
- } allegiance to personal judgement
- } tends to discount received religious and moral traditions
- } cultural and moral relativists in matters of faith
- } demythologize scripture, stripping aware pre-modern world views and primitive superstitions



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## The Postmodern Temper

- } hold together multiple perspectives
- } believe that all knowing involves interpretation
- } manifest a second or willed naivete
- } embrace the necessity of commitment in the midst of pluralism (though difficult to practice)
- } recognize that myths and symbols hold “truthful” richness

