

The task of parents (Elder Sophrony of Essex)

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What is the root of disbelief? In the first place, we should say that this matter is primarily one for parents, for fathers and mothers. If the parents approach the act of giving birth to a new person seriously, aware that the child to be born can truly be 'a son of man', in the image of the Son of God, that is Christ, then they'll prepare for the act in a way that's different from the usual. If mothers and fathers are fully conscious of the extreme importance of what they're doing when they bring children into the world, these children will be full of the Holy Spirit, even in their mother's womb. Faith in God, the Creator of all, as their Father will then be natural for them and no science will shake it, because 'what is born of the Spirit is spirit'.