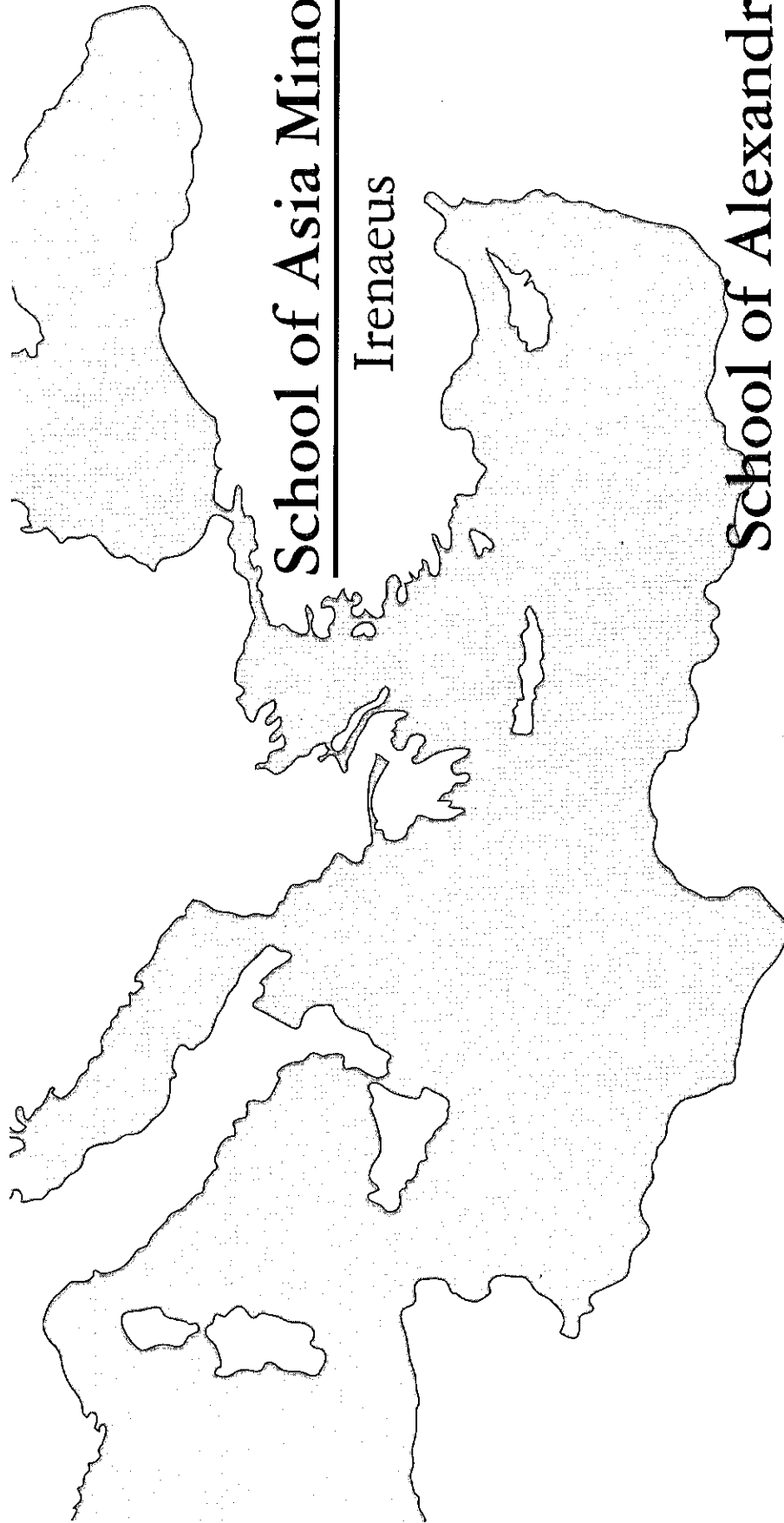


The Schools of Thought in Early Christianity



School of Asia Minor

Irenaeus

School of Alexandria

Clement of Alexandria

Origen

School of North Africa

Tertullian

Several distinct schools of thought emerged in the second century in the defense and explanation of the Christian faith. The school of Alexandria championed the faith by using a strong philosophical, spiritualizing tendency in its approach to Scripture. The school of Asia Minor stressed a grammatical and historical approach. The school of North Africa emphasized reason and authority.