

Knowledge of Self Leads to Knowledge of God



“Should you who possess everything not know yourself? If you do not know yourself, you will not enjoy what you own. But know yourself and what you have enjoy.

“The perfect human can neither be restrained nor seen. If they see him, they can stop him, so there is no way to grace but to put on the perfect light and become perfect. All who put on that garment will enter the kingdom. This is the perfect light. We must become perfect before leaving this world. Who is rich and has not thrown it off will not share in the kingdom but will go as imperfect into the middle. Only Jesus knows where that will end.

“Now we have the manifest things of creation. We say, ‘The strong are they who are held in high regard, and the obscure are the weak who are despised.’ Contrast the manifest things of truth: they are weak and despised, whereas the hidden things are strong and held in high regard. The mysteries of truth are revealed, though, in type and image. The bridal

chamber remains hidden. It is the holy in the holy. The veil at first concealed how god controls creation, but when the veil is torn and things inside are revealed, this house will be left desolate, or rather it will be destroyed. But the whole inferior godhead will not flee from these places into the holies of the holies, for it cannot mix with the pure light and the perfect fullness. Rather, it will be under the wings of the cross and under its arms."

-The Gospel of Philip

Knowledge of Self

It doesn't seem possible to many people that they don't know themselves, but the fact is that most of us only know part of what we truly are. We generally know little about our spiritual Self, and not as much as we think we know about our physical self. For example, most people don't know the health conditions of all the organs of their body. Nor do they know the fastest speed they can run or the heaviest weight they can lift. We might know the fastest speed we have run in the past, but we would probably run even faster if a bear were chasing us. Likewise, we may know the heaviest weight we have lifted under normal circumstances, but there are plenty of stories of people showing what is considered superhuman strength in an emergency, such as when their child is trapped under a car. As for knowledge of spiritual matters, most of us only have opinions on such things, not known facts gained by awakening and developing our spiritual Self.

Put on the Perfect Light

I think it is misleading to say that we should put on the perfect Light as if it is a garment that we wear on the outside only. In actual fact, when we are exposed to this Light, and learn how to take it in, it permeates every part, every organ, every cell of our physical body and our spiritual body as well. The Perfect Light is the Light that comes from

God and reaches us through the intermediary of the Spiritual Sun. We might say that in a way, the Spiritual Sun is like a window between Heaven and Earth.

Philip says “ We must become perfect before leaving this world.” That is not exactly true, and probably not even possible. What is true is that we must start the process of becoming perfect by awakening and developing our spirits as much as possible while we are still in the physical world. Then the process can continue after the death of the physical body until we do reach perfection.

The Strong and the Weak

Philip tells us that the worldly people think that those who are “held in high regard” are considered strong, while those who are not are considered weak. He then tells us that in reality, the truth is often just the opposite. Those who have great power and esteem in the physical realm are generally weak on the spiritual side, while those who are spiritually strong, are not held in high regard in the physical realm. But the spirit is eternal, while the physical is temporary, so one who spends his life gathering esteem and wealth on the physical plane is gathering a treasure of shadows. The one who practices love, humility, and seeks eternal truth is the one who is ultimately strong in an eternal way.

The Place We came From



“Each one will speak concerning the place from which they have come forth, and to the region from which they received their essential being they will hasten to return once again and receive from that place, the place where they stood before, and they will taste of that place, be nourished, and grow. And their own place of rest is their fullness. All the emanations from the father, therefore, are fullnesses, and all his emanations have their roots in the one who caused them all to grow from himself. He assigned their destinies. They, then, became manifest individually that they might be perfected in their own thought, for that place to which they extend their thought is their root, which lifts them upward through all heights to the Father. They reach his head, which is rest for them, and they remain there near to it as though to say that they have touched his face by means of embraces. But they do not make this plain. For neither have they

exalted themselves nor have they diminished the glory of the Father, nor have they thought of him as small, nor bitter, nor angry, but as absolutely good, unperturbed, sweet, knowing all the spaces before they came into existence and having no need of instruction. Such are they who possess from above something of this immeasurable greatness, as they strain toward that unique and perfect One who exists there for them. And they do not go down to Hades. They have neither envy nor moaning, nor is death in them. But they rest in him who rests, without wearying themselves or becoming confused about truth. But they, indeed, are the truth, and the Father is in them, and they are in the Father, since they are perfect, inseparable from him who is truly good.”

-the Gospel of Truth

Our Origin

Our Origin is not in the physical world. Our physical body originates here, but our true Self originated in the Realm of Spirit. And since time doesn't exist in the spiritual realm, we existed as spirits long before we descended into the physical realm. As the quote says, the spiritual realm is the home of our essential being which is our spirit.

Hasten to Return

Some of us hasten to return to the spiritual realm, not by dying, but by living the Way of God. When we reach that realm, even for brief moments, we are nourished and grow. When we absorb the light of the Spiritual Sun, our spirits do grow and reach higher levels of consciousness.

Emanations From the Father

The emanations from God have been given different names, including Grace, God's Word, God's Wisdom, etc. All these emanations come to us through God's Light and that comes to us through the Spiritual Sun. This also seems to refer to the

creations of God, the Angels of Light, and the Spirits of humans.

Immeasurable Greatness

Those who partake of God's immeasurable greatness by absorbing the Light of the Spiritual Sun do not go down to Hades when they die, but up to higher and higher dimensions until they reach the highest level where they become one with God, one with The All. They do know truth and wisdom and are not confused by the opinions of men. When you have received Truth and Wisdom directly from the source, you cannot dispute it.

The Subtle Forces of Mind and Spirit



“There are moments in the lives of all of us when we catch

glimpses of a life—our life—that is infinitely beyond the life we are now living. We realize that we are living below our possibilities. We long for the realization of the life that we feel should be.

“Instinctively we perceive that there are within us powers and forces that we are making but inadequate use of, and others that we are scarcely using at all. Practical metaphysics, a more simplified and concrete psychology, well-known laws of mental and spiritual science, confirm us in this conclusion.

“Our own [William James](#), he who so splendidly related psychology, philosophy, and even religion, to life in a supreme degree, honored his calling and did a tremendous service for all mankind, when he so clearly the fact that we have within us powers and forces that we are making all too little use of—that we have within us great reservoirs of power that we have as yet scarcely tapped.

“The men and women who are awake to these inner helps—these directing, molding, and sustaining powers and forces that belong to the realm of mind and spirit—are never to be found among those those who ask: Is life worth living?”

—[Ralph Waldo Trine](#)

Glimpses of a Higher Life

Many of us do have glimpses of a higher life. Some don't, but still feel there is something missing from their life. Wealthy people are never satisfied, so they keep trying to become more and more wealthy without realizing that it is something other than material wealth that they yearn for. We do recognize that we are living below our potential and most of us want to improve. Unfortunately, many don't know how, and governments certainly are not going to help. People who awaken their spiritual faculties are less easily controlled by governments

and businesses, so governments are not going to promote any form of real spiritual development. Some are promoting simple form of meditation, but only because that has minimal effect on our spiritual growth, but does make us easier to control and manipulate.

Powers and Forces

There are force centers with us that are also called chakras. These force centers do have the potential to contain great power and energy, but in most of us, they are very weak. They need to be charged with energy to function fully and the best way to do that is by taking in sunlight at or near dawn. The physical sun will charge the physical centers of the body and the Spiritual Sun will charge the Spiritual centers of the Spirit.

I Have recently been watching an old BBC television series called "Wizards VS Aliens". In this series, an alien spaceship is hiding near our moon and trying to get to wizards on Earth. The aliens have discovered that they can extract the energy of magic from the wizards and feed on it. In a couple of episodes, we see wizards that have had the magic sucked out of them, recharge by facing the sun at dawn. At least they got the idea of power and energy coming from the sun correct.

The Men and Women Who Are Awake

As the quote says, it is true that those who are awake to their spiritual Self do not ask: "Is life worth living?" They know for certain that it is, just as they know that there is an afterlife. They also know that they must prepare for this afterlife now, while they are still in a physical body and in the physical world. To believe that you can suddenly awaken your spiritual faculties at the moment your physical body dies is like believing that you can wait until the ship you are sailing on is sinking to start taking swimming lessons.

Personally, I really find it strange and sad that so many

people today speak of being “woke” as if it is a bad thing to be avoided at all costs. I guess they like walking around in a spiritual coma.

Truth is Found in God’s Grace and Word



“The gospel of truth is joy for those who have received from the Father of truth the grace of knowing him by the power of the word, who has come from the fullness and who is in the thought and the mind of the Father. This is the one who is called the savior since that is the name of the work that he must do for the redemption of those who have not known the Father. For the name of the gospel is the revelation of hope, since that is the discovery of those who seek him, because

the realm of all sought him from whom it came. You see, all was inside of him, that illimitable, inconceivable one, who is better than every thought.

“Ignorance of the father brings error. This ignorance of the father brought about terror and fear. And terror became dense like a fog, so no one was able to see. Because of this, error became strong. But she worked on her material substance vainly, because she did not know the truth. She assumed a fashioned figure while she was preparing, in power and in beauty, the substitute for truth. This, then, was not a humiliation for the illimitable, inconceivable one. For they were as nothing, this terror and this forgetfulness and this figure of falsehood, whereas established truth is unchanging, unperturbed, and completely beautiful. For this reason, do not take error too seriously. Since error had no root, she was in a fog regarding the father. She was preparing works and forgetfulnesses and fears in order, by these means, to beguile those of the middle and to make them captive. The forgetfulness of error was not revealed. It did not become light beside the father. Forgetfulness did not exist with the father, although it existed because of him. What exists in him is knowledge, which was revealed so that forgetfulness might be destroyed and that the father might be known. Since forgetfulness existed because the father was not known, if the father comes to be known, from that moment on forgetfulness will cease to exist.”

-The Gospel of Truth

The Gospel of Truth is Joy

More accurately, Truth is Joy because we have been so trapped in the illusions of matter that having the Truth revealed to us is indeed a joyous event. Some may not see it that way initially because it will contradict many of their long-held beliefs, but eventually, they will see the joy in knowing the

truth. The Father of Truth mentioned in the same sentence is, of course, God. God is the Father and Mother of all Truth, Wisdom, and Divine Knowledge. It is this truth and knowledge that was the goal of all great mystery schools and Gnostic schools, and it is achieved by reaching the highest levels of consciousness.

The Savior

The quote goes on to say that the Gospel of Truth is the Savior sent by the Father, so it is more than the written text from which the quote came, it is also a reference to Christ. Most of us know Jesus as Christ, but others have been Christ in different places and times, such as Buddha, and Quetzalcoatl.

Ignorance Brings Error

Gene Savoy, Sr. taught us that the only real sin was ignorance because the only way one could do wrong is to not know the Truth regarding God and the afterlife. So he would agree that ignorance brings error, especially ignorance of God which is the type of ignorance being referenced in the quote. Socrates also said: "The only good is Knowledge and the only evil is ignorance".

Terror and Fear

Terror and Fear are indeed products of ignorance. Hatred and prejudice would also fall into that category. Indeed, nearly all forms of negative thinking and behavior is the result of ignorance of God and Truth.

Error Became Strong

Yes, error did become strong. When millions believe the same falsehoods, those falsehoods control their behavior making error strong. We see this in business and politics today, perhaps more than ever before. And the error makes us forget even more the truth regarding God and Heaven. But the good

news is that a small number of people are awakening to the truth, and more will do so in time.

The First Thought is Light



“I am first thought, the thought that is in light. I am movement that is in all, she in whom the realm of all takes its stand, the firstborn among those who came into being, she who exists before all. She is called by three names, although she exists alone, since she is perfect. I am invisible within the thought of the invisible one. I am revealed in the immeasurable, ineffable things. I am intangible, dwelling in the intangible. I move in every creature. I am the life of my afterthought that is within every power and every eternal movement, and in invisible lights, and within the powers and angels and demons and every soul in [Tartaros](#), and in every material soul. I live in those who came into being. I move in

everyone and I enter them. I walk upright, and those who sleep I awaken. And I am the sight of those who dwell in sleep. I am the invisible one in all. I counsel those who are hidden, since I know the whole realm of all that exists in it. I am numberless beyond everyone. I am immeasurable, ineffable, yet whenever I wish, I shall reveal myself. I am the head of all. I am before all, and I am all, since I am in everyone. I am a voice speaking softly. I am from the beginning. I am in the silence that surrounds every one of them. And the hidden voice is in me, in intangible, immeasurable thought, in the immeasurable silence. I descended into the underworld and shone down on the darkness. I poured water. I am hidden in radiant waters. I gradually dawn on all by my thought. I am weighed down with the voice. Through me knowledge comes. I am in the ineffable and unknowable. I am perception and knowledge, uttering a voice by means of thought. I am the real voice. I cry out in everyone, and they recognize it, since a seed lives in them. I am the father's thought, and through me came the voice: the knowledge of everlasting things. I am as thought for all. I am joined to unknowable and intangible thought."

[-Three Forms of First Thought](#)

First Thought

In the conventional Bible, the first thing God says is, "Let there be Light." In this Gnostic scripture, it says that this was the first thought, the one that created Light and the one that created the movement that is in everything.

Firstborn

The quote goes on to say that this first thought was the firstborn of all those who came into being. While that may be true, in a way, we must remember that spirits and souls were created and exist outside of the limits of time and space, so they are all ageless and eternal. The New Age types who are

always talking about “Old Souls” don’t seem to grasp this truth. No soul is older than any other soul because age is meaningless in a realm where time doesn’t exist. It is also curious that the quote refers to this firstborn as “she” rather than “He”. The conventional male-centered churches would have us believe that God is in three persons, and all three are male, but then there would have to be another god for females to exist. So God has both male and female aspects, as he created both sexes.

I Awaken Those Who Sleep

The First Thought which is Light does indeed awaken us. Specifically, the Light from the Spiritual Sun awakens our spiritual faculties and develops them. This can happen automatically to a small degree, but if we intentionally look to the Spiritual Sun, with love, peace, and humility, it will happen to a much greater degree and have a much greater effect.

Perception and Knowledge

When we awaken and develop our spirits with the Divine Light, we do gain greater perception, wisdom, and knowledge. Not so much knowledge of the material world, but knowledge of the permanent realm of Spirit. That is the most important knowledge to have. Those who concentrate on learning about the material realm are like the person who stops to pick up pennies, not knowing that a treasure of gold coins is up ahead. We in Cosolargy seek the higher levels of consciousness where the gold of Truth, Wisdom, and Knowledge are found.

God Calls to those who Live in Love, Peace, and Humility



“The prophet Samuel mourned for King Saul, though he knew well that God had rejected him and his issue from being kings in Israel: this was because of his pride, and because he did not obey God and the prophet who spoke in His name. We may also read in the Gospel, that the disciples of our Lord pleaded with Him for the Gentile woman of Canaan, to send her away, that is, to do unto her that which she desired; for she cried after Him. So likewise I might say that we must mourn for all such deceived persons who think themselves to be

kings or queens in Israel; for they believe themselves to be lifted up above other good people, into a lofty and God-seeing life. And yet they are proud and wittingly and willingly disobedient to God and the law. Like as Saul rents the mantle of the prophet Samuel, they endeavor to rend asunder the unity of the Christian faith, and all true doctrine and virtuous life. Whoever persists herein, they are separated and shut out from the Kingdom of Eternal Contemplation, just as Saul was shut out from the Kingdom of Israel. But that humble woman of Canaan, though she was Gentile and a stranger, had faith and hope in God, and so she received grace and health. For God exalts the humble, and fills them with grace and all virtues, while the proud remain empty of all good."

—[John of Ruysbroeck](#)

Mourned for Saul

I think Ruysbroeck is trying to teach us here that we should treat all people the same: the Godly and the ungodly, the honest ones and the crooks, the rich and the poor, etc. He specifically talks about this with mourning, but I believe he means for us to take it in a broader sense. In other words, we should mourn the passing of anyone we love, and we should love everyone. We may not like how some people behave, but we still have to love the person because it is the only hope for them to change and become worthy people. When you hate people, you send negative energy toward them and that energy helps block them from changing.

Because of Pride

Pride is something we need to generally avoid if we are trying to develop our spiritual faculties. There are occasions where we should be proud of our real accomplishments, but many people are proud when they have not accomplished anything, or have accomplished things that are meaningless, or even bad, in

the eyes of God. We have people who are proud that they have thousands of times more money than the average person, and they continue to seek more. Greed is, and always will be, wrong. There are people who are proud that they have been promoted to a high position in a corporation that sells tobacco, weapons, or other things that harm people. God does not see such activities as reasons to be proud.

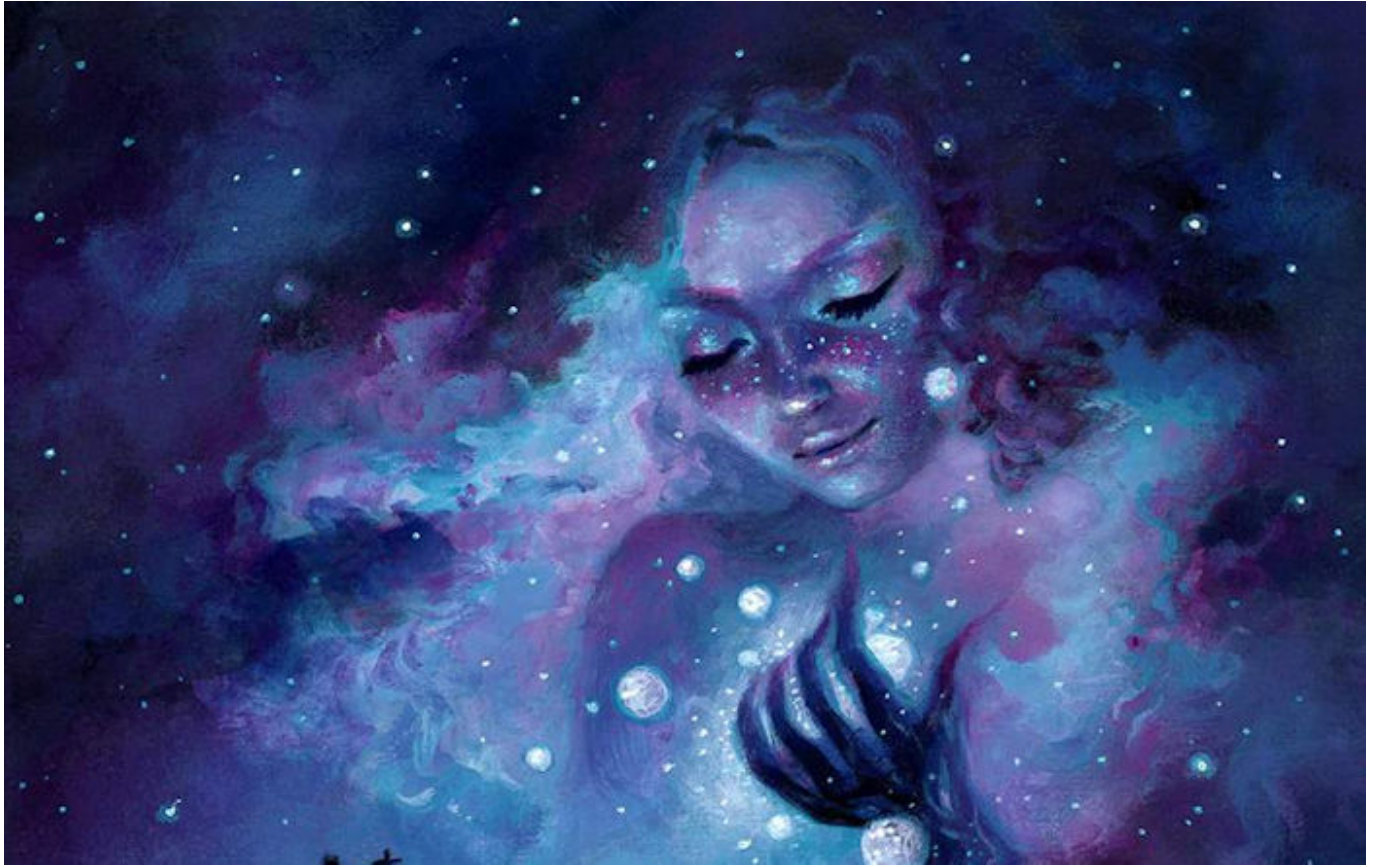
Kingdom of Eternal Contemplation

I don't think that title needs explaining. It is an obvious reference to Heaven. It should be noted, however, that even in Heaven those who have reached that level of consciousness do not sit around contemplating all day. They work on helping others in the fallen realm of matter to rise up to higher and higher levels until they too reach Heaven. As I have said before, we should not wish for the departed souls to rest in peace, because resting is not what Heaven is all about. It might be better if we wished them to live on in peace, or to do God's work in peace.

The Humble Woman

Ruysbroeck did not randomly choose to refer to the woman of Canaan as "Humble". He knew that having humility, the opposite of false pride, is important for those of us seeking to rise to higher states of being. If we don't have humility, it is likely that we won't see any need to change what we are already. Also, without humility, we are prone to take credit for all of our spiritual success, when the credit should go to God, who sends us the Grace, Light, and Wisdom needed for such growth. We do have to seek it out and work for it, but it still comes from God.

Barbelo and The Father of the Light and the Living Water



“The father is the One who beholds himself in the light surrounding him, which is the spring of living water, and provides all the realms. He reflects on his image everywhere, sees it in the spring of the spirit, and becomes enamored of his luminous water, for his image is in the spring of pure luminous water surrounding him. The father’s thought became a reality, and she who appeared in the presence of the father in shining light came forth. She is the first power who preceded everything and came forth from the father’s mind as the forethought of all. Her light shines like the father’s light; she, the perfect power, is the image of the perfect and invisible virgin spirit. She, the first power, the glory of Barbelo, the perfect glory among the realms, the glory of revelation, she glorified and praised the virgin spirit, for because of the spirit she had come forth. She is the first

thought, the image of the spirit. She became the universal womb, for she precedes everything, the mother-father, the first human, the holy spirit, the triple male, the triple power, the androgynous one with three names, the eternal realm among the invisible beings, the first to come forth. Barbelo asked the invisible virgin spirit to give her foreknowledge, and the spirit consented. When the spirit consented, foreknowledge appeared and stood by forethought. This is the one who came from the thought of the invisible virgin spirit. Foreknowledge glorified the spirit and the spirit's perfect power, Barbelo, for because of her, foreknowledge had come into being. She asked again to be given incorruptibility, and the spirit consented. When the spirit consented, incorruptibility appeared and stood by thought and foreknowledge. Incorruptibility glorified the invisible one and Barbelo. Because of her they had come into being.

Barbelo asked to be given life eternal, and the invisible spirit consented. When the spirit consented, life eternal appeared, and they stood together and glorified the invisible spirit and Barbelo. Because of her they had come into being. She asked again to be given truth, and the invisible spirit consented. Truth appeared, and they stood together and glorified the good invisible spirit and its Barbelo. Because of her they had come into being. This is the father's realm of five. It is: the first human, the image of the invisible spirit, that is, forethought, which is Barbelo, and thought, along with foreknowledge, incorruptibility, life eternal, truth. This is the androgynous realm of five, which is the realm of ten, which is the father."

-The Secret Book of John

Beholds Himself in the Light

The Father who is the true God does behold Himself in the

Light because he is Light, and He is the Spring of Living Water, which is an allegorical reference to God's Grace and God's Word which flows out from Him like water flowing in a river.

He Reflects on His Image

God doesn't care about physical bodies or anything material, except as something defective that needs to be repaired. God cares only about spirits, so he reflects only on spirits, and since all spirits come from God and are made in His image, He is always reflecting on His own Image by observing spirits everywhere.

The Father's Thought Became Reality

God doesn't create by carving things, painting them, or molding them on a potter's wheel. God creates simply by thinking of something. As soon as God thinks of a thing, it becomes real. Since our spirits are created in God's image, we also have that ability to some degree, but few of us are able to use it because we lack belief in such abilities. That is probably fortunate since most people don't have the wisdom to use the ability to create. There is also the problem of conflicting thoughts. While thousands may be wishing for warmer weather, thousands of others wish for cold. Such conflicting thoughts tend to result in no change happening, which is why manifesting rarely works.

God Creates Barbelo

I think the being called Barbelo in the quote probably represents the first Angel created, although it isn't clear. The quote isn't very clear on who it is, but does give her great power. I thought she might represent Sophia or Wisdom, but the quote has Barbelo asking "the invisible virgin spirit" for various gifts and powers, so that sounds more like Sophia. Or it could be that Barbelo is Sophia, and the Invisible Virgin Spirit is the female aspect of God.

The First Human

Things Get even more confusing when Barbelo asks for Truth, and Truth appears, but as a separate entity. It is not clear what being the quote refers to as the first human. What is important, though is to understand that the first human was a spirit. A pure spirit with no physical body. Physical bodies came later when the false god created the realm of matter.

**Whoever Understands these
Sayings will not Taste Death**

“ These are the hidden sayings that the living Yeshua spoke and Yehuda Toma the twin recorded. And he said, Whoever discovers what these sayings mean will not taste death. Yeshua said, Seek and do not stop seeking until you find. When you find, you will be troubled. When you are troubled, you will marvel and rule over all. Yeshua said, If your leaders tell you, “Look, the kingdom is in heaven,” then the birds of heaven will precede you. If they say to you, “It’s in the sea,” then the fish will precede you. But the kingdom is inside you and it is outside you. When you know yourselves, then you will be known, and you will understand that you are children of the living father. But if you do not know yourselves, then you dwell in poverty and you are poverty. Yeshua said, A person old in days will not hesitate to ask a little child seven days old about the place of life, and the person will live. For many of the first will be last and become a single one. Yeshua said, Know what is in front of your face and what is hidden from you will be disclosed. There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. His students asked him and said to him, Do you want us to fast? How should we pray? Should we give to charity? What diet should we observe? Yeshua said, Do not lie and do not do what you hate. All things are disclosed before heaven. There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, nothing covered that will remain undisclosed.”

-The Gospel of Thomas

Hidden Sayings

Even in the traditional Bible, it is made clear that Jesus taught things to the apostles and disciples that were not taught to the general public. So why is St. Thomas (Yehuda Toma is Thomas) putting them in his writings? He can do so because he uses allegory instead of saying things straight

out. This was a common practice when spiritual leaders wrote and nearly all the scriptures of the world religions are written largely in allegory.

Will not Taste Death

Thomas says that whoever discovers (or learns) the true meaning of these allegorical sayings will not taste death. What he means by that, is such a person will have an eternal life in spirit, not in the physical body. Physically, we are all going to die, but if we awaken and develop our spiritual faculties before that happens, then we can have eternal life in Heaven.

Seek Until You Find

This is not about seeking random things that entertain or amuse you. Jesus is talking about seeking the hidden truths, the Wisdom that the Gnostics called Gnosis. It won't be found in any book or classroom. It must be personally experienced by expanding our consciousness until we are able to communicate with the Beings of Light and with God.

Jesus adds that when you do find it, you will be troubled. That may be true for some because the truth regarding God, Heaven, and the life of Spirit is so different then what most expect.

Inside and Outside

Jesus then advises, in an allegorical way, that we should not look in the physical world for Heaven or the Kingdom of God. He then adds that the Kingdom is within us AND without us. That is an important statement. Many have been taught in the past, and are being taught today, that we must look within only to find the truth, but Jesus makes it clear that we must look without as well. He doesn't say it, but we know that when we look without, we should be looking at the sun, with

emphasis on the Spiritual Sun.

Ask a Child

Why does Jesus advise adults to ask a small child the truth? Partly, it is because a small child has not yet learned how to lie, and has not yet been filled with false beliefs. It is also because he is indirectly predicting the time when a small child, Jamil, will come into the world to lead the truly faithful.

What is Hidden

Jesus tells Thomas, "Know what is in front of your face, and what is hidden from you will be disclosed." What this means is that we must learn to recognize the physical world for what it is: a world of illusion. We look one way and think we see a tree, and in another and think we see a car, but all of those things are illusions. When we get beyond the physical mask of such things, we find something very different. Science is now catching up with the spiritual schools finding that on a subatomic level, there is nothing but energy and potential until it is observed.

Higher Worlds and Christ-Consciousness



“There are certain human beings existing who have evolved the higher powers of cognition in addition to the faculties of reason and feeling. It fell upon them to learn the facts of the higher worlds, and especially of the Mystery of the Christ-event by direct super-sensible perception. From these individuals there always flows into the souls of others as much as was intelligible and good for them.

“The first spreading of Christianity was to take place at a time when the capacity for super-sensible cognition was undeveloped in a great part of humanity. And this is why tradition at that time possessed such mighty power. The strongest possible force was necessary to lead mankind to a faith in a super-sensible world which they themselves could not perceive. There were always those, however, who were able to rise into higher worlds through imagination, inspiration, and intuition. These people were the post-Christian successors of the old Initiates, the teachers and members of the Mysteries. Their task was to recognize again, through

their own [spiritual] faculties, what man had been able to perceive through ancient clairvoyance, and through the methods of ascent into higher worlds taught in the old Initiations, and in addition to this, to acquire the knowledge of the real nature of the Christ-Event."

-Rudolf Steiner

Certain Humans

It is true that there have always been people who were predisposed to seek beyond the limitations of the physical realm for something higher and greater. In the earliest days of man, a majority of people had this ability, but as time went on, humanity became more densely material and less spiritual. This caused us to lose touch with God and the Spiritual realm. We have reached a point now where a large percentage of humanity doesn't even believe there is a spiritual realm or an afterlife of any kind. We have fallen so low that we must turn now and move back toward the higher dimensions of spirit or be trapped in matter forever.

Higher Powers

What Steiner is calling "higher powers of cognition," we would call today the development of our spiritual faculties, or spiritual Self. This is our Higher Self, our true Self that is permanent, as opposed to the temporary physical body and brain containing the faculties of reason and feelings.

Learn the Mysteries

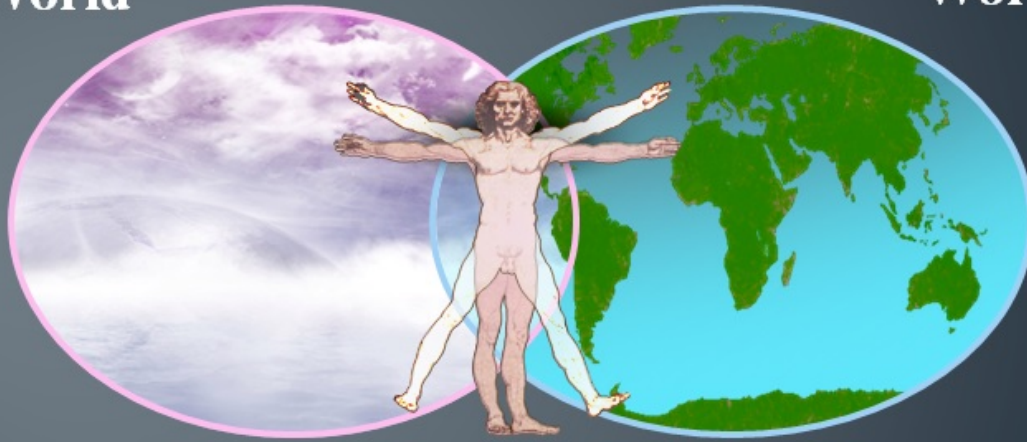
It did fall upon those few who could learn the mysteries and awaken their higher self to do so and to teach others to do the same. This is true today, perhaps more than ever before. We are in the Last Times, the times when God is changing the universe of matter back into Spirit. He has been doing it over many years to allow humanity to change with it. He isn't going to force us to change, though, because he gave us a certain

degree of free choice. We must each choose to develop our Higher Self and reach for higher levels of Consciousness until we reach the highest level called Christ Consciousness. While the task is difficult because mankind, in general, has sunk so low into matter, we now have the promised Sun of Righteousness shining down upon us with the presence of God within it. The Light from this sun makes it easier for people to awaken and develop their spiritual faculties, but they still need guidance. That is why the Holy Child, Jamil, was sent into the world to start the new spiritual school of Cosolargy and the new Second Advent Church that will lead us into the new Golden Age of Light.

Two Creators, But only one True God

**Spiritual
World**

**Physical
World**



Living in two worlds

“And David in the Psalms,” I believe I see the goodness of the lord in the land of the living.’ He also says, ‘Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.’

Solomon declares, ‘But the just will inherit the earth and live on it forever.’

Christ has ordered ‘not to swear by any part of the sky because it is the throne of god.’

When he says ‘throne’ he is surely thinking of David in Psalms when he says, ‘O god, your throne exists eternally,’

and again Matthew,’ not on earth, for earth is god’s footstool.’

It is our lord himself who adds, in Hebrews,’ because it is his footstool.’

David continues the footstool allusion in Psalms: Fear the lord, our god, and worship the footstool at his feet, for he

is holy.

About creation, I wish to confess that our lord god is the creator and author, but not of the elements of the world, which are impotent and empty, and as Paul said in Galatian, 'How can you now turn back to the impotent and empty elements under which you suffer a new slavery?'

The messenger also says in Colossians, 'If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations: 'Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch'? All these regulations refer to things that perish with use.'

Even less can we admit that our lord is the creator and author of death, and of the things that are, by their essence, in death, because, as it is written in the book of Wisdom, 'God has not made death, and he does not rejoice at the loss of the living.'

There exists, then, with no doubt whatsoever, another creature or factor, who is the principle and cause of death, of perdition, and of all evil, as we have explained above with sufficient clarity."

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In the Land of the Living

The land of the living is the spiritual realm, not the physical realm. In the physical world, everything dies. Some things live long physical lives, others short ones, but all are mortal, all will end, and therefore, in a spiritual sense, it is not living at all since it is temporary. The second sentence in the quote, however, says: "the just will inherit the earth and live on it forever." That seems to contradict the idea that the physical world is temporary, but it doesn't.

What Solomon is talking about is a time in the future when the Earth becomes a spiritual world again, and therefore, immortal. In fact, the entire universe of matter will be changed by God back into its original state of Spirit, and that process is already happening. A lot of what is called "global warming" is actually this process of change happening.

Earth is God's Footstool

The quote cites two different sources for saying that the Earth is the footstool of God. This means it is beneath God, at least in its present state, yet it is important to God as the footstool of a throne is still a part of the throne.

God is not the Author of the Elements

Here is where we get to the most important point of the quote. God is the author (creator) of REALITY which is the realm of Spirit, but not the creator of the elements, or the realm of matter. The realm of Matter was created by the fallen angels, or as they are collectively called in most Gnostic literature, the Demiurge.

Regulations in the World

Here, we in Cosolargy differ with the directions of the quote. We should not ignore the regulations of the physical world, as recommended by Paul, the false preacher who was not, as he claims, Chosen by Jesus. While it is true that we shouldn't let the Laws of Man prevent us from our spiritual development, we should still obey the laws whenever possible, and work to change the unjust laws. We do not want to invite the wrath of the world upon us individually as a group, which is what happens when we stop obeying the law. Even the Essenes, who opposed animal sacrifice, sent grain and honey as their required sacrifice to the Jewish temple.

God did not Create Death

This goes along with the idea that the real God did not create

the realm of Matter. As the creator only of Spirit, God did not create death, disease, rot, decay, or any of the other ills of the material world. He did not create poverty. The greedy who take far more than their proper share of things do that. So as the quote summarizes at the end, God is not the author of any evil. Evil is from the Demiurge.