

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

When you see one born not of woman, fall on your faces and worship. That is your Father.

Where the beginning is, the end will be. Blessings on you who stand at the beginning. You will know the end and not taste death.

Blessings on you who came into being before coming into being. If you hear my sayings, these stones will serve you.

Heaven is like a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds, but when it falls on prepared soil, it produces a great plant and becomes shelter for the birds of heaven.

If the owner of a house knows that a thief is coming, he will be on guard before the thief arrives and will not let the thief break into the house of his estate and steal his possessions. As for you, be on guard against the world. Arm yourselves with great strength, or the robbers will find a way to reach you, for the trouble you expect will come.

Jesus said to his followers, "These nursing babies are like those who enter the kingdom." They said to him, "Then will we enter the kingdom as babies?" He said to them, "When you make the two one, and when you make the inner like the outer and the outer like the inner and the upper like the lower, and when you make male and female into a single one, so that the male will not be male nor the female be female, when you make eyes in place of an eye, a hand in place of a hand, a foot in place of a foot, an image in place of an image, then you will enter the kingdom."

Jesus said, " I will choose you as one from a thousand and as two from ten thousand and they will stand as a single one.

Whoever has ears should hear. There is light within a person of light and it shines on the whole world. If it does not shine it is dark."

Jesus said, " Love your brother like your soul. Protect that person like the pupil of your eye."

If you do not fast from the world, you will not find the kingdom... you will not see the Father.

I took my stand in the midst of the world, and I appeared to them in flesh. I found them all drunk yet none of them thirsty. My soul ached for the human children because they are blind in their hearts and do not see. They come into the world empty and seek to depart from the world empty.

When you strip naked without being ashamed and take your clothes off and put them under your feet like small children and trample them, then you will see the child of the living one and you will not be afraid.

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