

A READING FROM THE ESSENE GOSPEL OF PEACE: The Sevenfold Peace

After this manner, therefore, pray to your Heavenly Father, when the sun is high at midday: Our father who is in heaven, send to all the Sons of Men your angel of Peace; and send to our body the angel of Life to dwell therein forever.

Then will the Son of Man seek peace with his own thoughts that the angel of Wisdom may guide him. For I tell you truly, there is no greater power in heaven and earth than the thoughts of the Son of Man.

Though unseen by the eyes of the body, yet each thought has mighty strength, even such strength as can shake the heavens.

For to no other creature in the kingdom of the Earthly Mother is given the power of thought, for all beasts that crawl and birds that fly live not of their own thinking but of the one Law that governs all.

Only the Sons of Men are given the power of thought, even that thought that can break the bonds of death.

Do not think because it cannot be seen that thought has no power. I tell you truly, the lightning that cleaves the mighty oak, or the quaking that opens up the cracks in the earth, these are as the play of children compared with the power of thought.

Truly each thought of darkness, whether it be of malice or anger or vengeance, these wreak destruction like that of fire sweeping through dry kindling under a windless sky.

Man does not see the carnage, nor does he hear the piteous cries of the victims, for he is blind to the world of the spirit.

But when this power is guided by holy Wisdom, then the thoughts of the Son of Man lead him to the heavenly kingdoms and thus is paradise built on earth; then it is that your thoughts uplift the souls of Men, as the cold waters of a rushing stream revive your body in the summer heat.