

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

Jesus said, "You see images but the light within them is hidden in the image of the Father's light. He will be disclosed, but His image is hidden by the light."

"When you see your likeness you are happy. But when you see your image that came into being before you and that neither dies nor becomes visible, how much will you bear!"

Adam came from great power and wealth, but he was not worthy of you. Had he been worthy, he would not have tasted death.

Foxes have their dens, birds have their nests, but the human child has no place to lay his head and rest.

How miserable is the body that depends on a body; how miserable is a soul that depends on both.

Jesus said, "Come to me, for my yoke is easy and my mastery gentle, and you will find rest for yourselves."

They said to him, "Tell us who you are so that we may believe in you."

He said to them, "You examine the face of heaven and earth but you have not come to know the one who is in your presence, and you do not know how to examine this moment."

Jesus said, "Seek and you shall find...Do not give what is holy to the dogs, They might throw them on the manure pile. Do not throw pearls to swine. They might grind them to bits. "

"One who seeks will find. For one who knocks it will be opened."



Jesus said, "The Father's kingdom is like a woman who took a little yeast, hid it in dough, and made large loaves of bread. Whoever has ears should hear."

His followers said to him, "Your brothers and your mother are outside."

He said to them, " Those here who do the will of my Father are my brothers and my mother. They will enter my father's kingdom."

They showed Jesus a gold coin and said to him," Caesar's people demand taxes from us. "

He said to them, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, give to God the things that are God's, and give to me what is mine."

"Those who do not despise their father and mother as I do cannot be my followers, and those who do not love their father and mother as I do cannot be my followers. For my mother brought me forth but my true mother gave me life."

"Whoever drinks from my mouth will become like me. I myself will become that person, and the hidden things will be revealed to that one."

You who have found the world and become wealthy, renounce the world.

The heavens and earth will roll up in your presence, and you who live from the living one will not see death....

Shame on the flesh that depends on the soul. Shame on the soul that depends on flesh.



His followers said to him, "when will the kingdom come?"

Jesus said, " It will not come because you are watching for it. No one will announce, "Look here it is," or "Look there it is."

The Father's kingdom is spread out upon the earth and people do not see it."

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Verses 83-87, 90-94, 96, 99-101, 108, 110-113