

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

Jesus said, "Often you wanted to hear these sayings I am telling you, and you have no one else from whom to hear them. There will be days when you will seek me and you will not find me."

Jesus said, "The Pharisees and the scholars have taken the keys of knowledge and have hidden them. They have not entered, nor have they allowed those who want to enter to go inside. You should be shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves."

Jesus said, "A grapevine has been planted far from the father. Since it is not strong, it will be pulled up by the root and perish."

Jesus said, "Whoever has something in hand will be given more and whoever has nothing will be deprived of the paltry things possessed."

Jesus said, " Blessings on you who are alone and chosen, for you will find the kingdom. You have come from it and will return there again."

If they say to you, "Where have you come from?" Say to them, "We have come from the light, from the place where the light came into being by itself, established itself, and appeared in their image." If they say to you, "Is it you?" say, "We are its children and the chosen of the living father." If they ask you, "What is the evidence of your father in you?" say to them, "It is motion and rest."

His followers said to him, "When will the new world come?" And he said to them, " What you look for has come but you do not know it."

Jesus said, "Blessings on you the poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus said, "Those who do not shun their father and mother cannot be my followers, and those who do not shun their brothers and sisters

and bear the cross as I do will not be worthy of me.”

Jesus said, “Whoever has come to know the world has discovered a carcass, and whoever has discovered a carcass, of that person the world is not worthy.”

Jesus said, “Blessings upon the person who has labored and found life.”

Jesus said, “Look to the living one as long as you live or you may die and try to see the living one and you will not be able to see.”

Gospel of Thomas verses 38-41, 49-51, 54-56, 58
Marvin Meyer translation (excerpts)