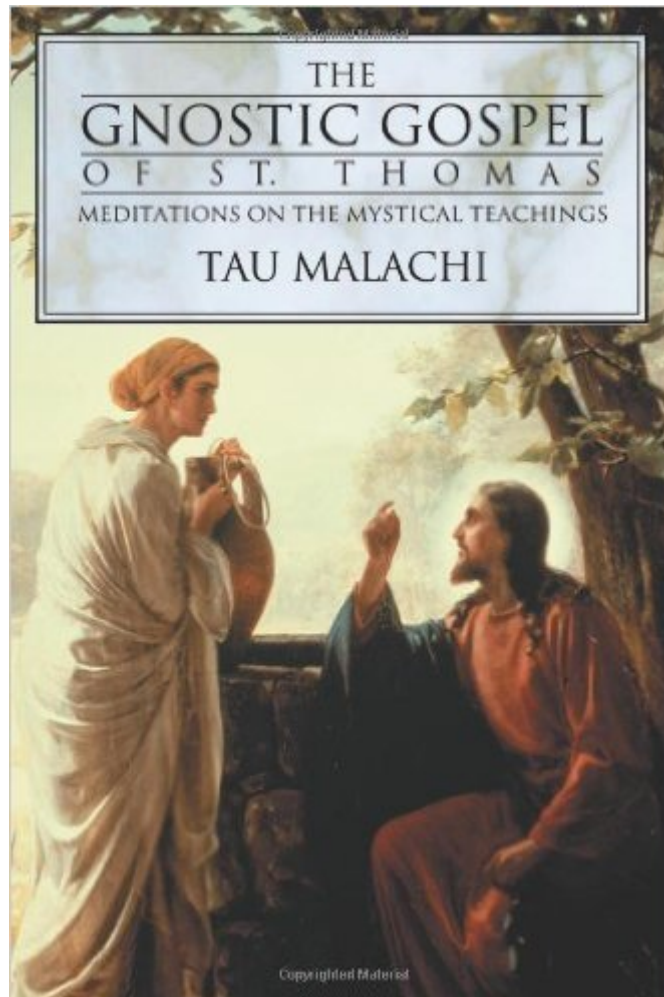


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The Gnostic Gospel Of St. Thomas: Meditations On The Mystical Teachings



Synopsis

Of all the "lost" gospels of the early Christian Bible, the Gospel of St. Thomas is the most well known. According to Tau Malachi, each verse of this Holy Scripture is like an "endless well of Wisdom." Drawing upon the Holy Kabbalah, contemporary Christian thought, and wisdom of the gnostic tradition, Malachi guides the reader into a true gnostic experience—a first-hand and completely unique exploration of the sacred secrets and spiritual insights in this important gnostic text. Both intuitive and interactive, the gnostic approach to faith is a sacred quest for greater knowledge, understanding, and wisdom—a deeper penetration of the Mystery. This path leads to a higher degree of the enlightenment experience or gnosis. The Gnostic Gospel of St. Thomas reveals how the reader can use each verse in this scripture as a source of daily contemplation and spiritual growth, while exploring the secrets of resurrection and ascension, the true role of St. Mary Magdalene in the early church, and other mystical and magical teachings.

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Customer Reviews

Wow! There is something about this book that is saying far more than the scholars and modern academia is saying. Not only is it stylistically more interesting to read, it's practically and directly spiritual!! I'd been looking for a way to find SPIRITUALITY in the West, rather than stale dogmas, and real methods to feel connected with God, Divine Spirit, or whatever you want to call it in a practical and meaningful way. This book addresses those needs quite directly, unlike the scholars writing about Gnosticism who, at best, address those issues indirectly. I used to look up to the Eastern

systems of metaphysics because they had a rich tradition of meditation and spiritual contemplation that I always felt I needed, but couldn't really connect with. But this author is coming to show me that such a spiritual richness and depth may also exist in the West! The best part about the book is its practical use! The chapters are direct responses to each line of the Gospel of St. Thomas. There is a contemplation following each of St. Thomas' 114 sayings. This allows me to read in order, out of order, re-read sections in a nice, relaxing way as it fits into my busy schedule. Plus, each contemplation is good spiritual food for thought, so that I can read a contemplation, look back on Thomas' line and contemplate it myself to glean a little more on my own. It's the perfect book for anyone that has been looking for something more directly spiritual about Gnosticism, and more practically useful as good, solid food for one's truly spiritual considerations.

At last! While there is so much gratitude we owe to scholars who've made available English translations of Gnostic texts, I find their academic commentaries often reach only so far. Even more gratitude is owed to Tau Malachi for picking up where such academics leave off, guiding in a meditative and introspective voice that opens up the reader to spectacular vistas within the Gospel of St. Thomas. As a devout Christian who once had issues with there being any other scripture than my Old and New Testament, I've become not only intrigued by the bigger questions and contemplations Tau Malachi gently weaves around these 114 sayings, I'm surprised by how much benefit for my faith the Gnostic messages in this book have inspired!

The Truth spoken in the Gospel of Thomas has many subtle layers. Tau Malachi takes these subtle sayings and peels them open enabling one to more penetrate the Mysteries. The method and approach Tau Malachi takes is complex in its simplicity. In his writing style he draws from the unspeakable and grounds it making the subtle Truth speakable. I am very grateful that finally a book that goes into the depth of Christian Gnosticism exists! Thank You Tau Malachi!!

One of the Nag Hammadi manuscripts, the Gospel of St. Thomas is non-canonical gospel. In this gospel, Jesus is a mystical teacher--never as a savior. No miracles here, just an emphasis on his words as teaching. It professes the achievement of enlightenment through realization of self, a most Eastern twist on things. The text itself is mainly in the form of, "Jesus said xxx." Interestingly enough, very much like the set of "Confucius Said"'s from the Analects. It is generally rejected by mainstream Christians but it is a most interesting read for sure. This particular copy that I read has commentary and expansion on each of the verses of the gospel. I would give it four stars.

As author Tau malachi exclaims, "There is a need for a new gospel, a gospel of the Cosmic Christ-one that restores the mystical and magical elements to Christianity..." In the Gnostic Gospel of St. Thomas, Tau Malachi inspires us to look with new eyes, hear with new ears and open our hearts and minds to experience a living gnosis born from the Holy Spirit within. Whether your new to Gnostic Christianity or a fellow seeker of the Mysteries, this book will open new vistas that will deepen your Spirituality and understanding of Gnostic Christianity.

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Tau Malachi brilliantly weaves his comentary on the Gospel of st. Thomas with very esoteric and subtle insights, as well as grounding it in practicality. His knowlege as well as his ability to speak to a wide range of people is stunning, and his use of language, elegant. There are few books today that not only serve to uplift one, but offer a ground for contemplation if one wishes. I would encorage those who are already well versed in the Kabbalah and the gospel of st. Thomas, and those who may not know anything about the subject to read this text. no doupt it will prove extremely insightful and beneficial to anyone who so choses to read this delightfully beautiful interpretation of the gospel of st. Thomas.

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