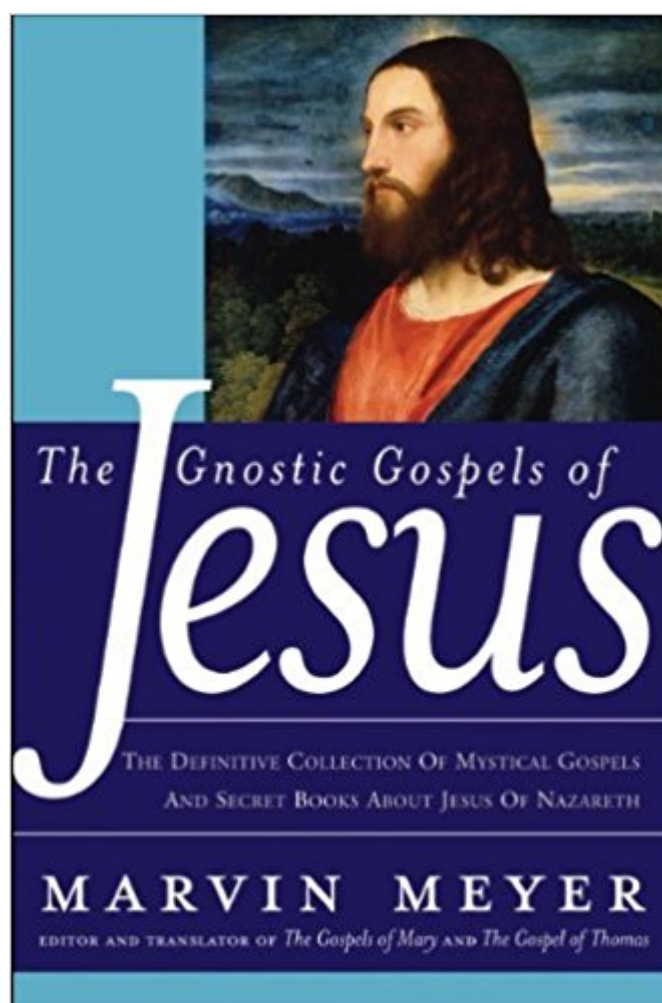


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The Gnostic Gospels Of Jesus: The Definitive Collection Of Mystical Gospels And Secret Books About Jesus Of Nazareth



Synopsis

For all those readers curious to read the actual texts of the Gnostic Gospels, here is the definitive collection of all the Gnostic Gospels and Gospel-like texts. o Marvin Meyer, premier scholar of Gnostic and other Christian literature outside the New Testament, presents every Gnostic Gospel and Jesus text with a brilliant overall introduction, introductions to each text, and notes that explain everything the reader needs to know to understand the text. He includes his latest translations of not only the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Philip, the Gospel of Mary, but other texts such as the Secret Book of John, which some scholars regard as the second part of the New Testament Gospel of John. The material is largely from the discovery at Nag Hammadi, freshly translated and introduced, but also includes texts found elsewhere. The texts, especially taken together, present an image of Jesus as the ultimate wisdom teacher, a kind of mysterious Jewish Zen master, who scandalized listeners by his radical egalitarianism (regarding women, slaves, the poor, the marginalized as of equal status, or more, with establishment male believers) and his insistence on living the message, spiritual experience, vs. outer observance only. o For those wanting to learn more after reading The Da Vinci Code. This book provides the definitive next book for those looking for expert presentation of the alternative Gnostic stream of Christianity, in which there is no talk of crucifixion and Mary Magdalene is presented as the disciple that Jesus loved best. "Marv is one of the original secret gospels scholars who has done an enormous amount of work to bring these texts to light. All of his research on the Nag Hammadi texts is having an incredible impact on our knowledge of early Christian history. It is virtually redefining it." o Dr. Elaine Pagels, Princeton University

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Marvin Meyer is one of the foremost scholars on early Christianity and texts about Jesus outside the New Testament. He is Grisct Professor of Bible and Christian Studies at Chapman University in Orange, California. Among his recent books are *The Gospel of Judas*, *The Gnostic Gospels of Jesus*, *The Gospels of Mary*, *The Gospel of Thomas*, and *The Nag Hammadi Scriptures*.

Marvin W. Meyer's *The Gnostic Gospels of Jesus* takes up twelve of the Nag Hammadi scrolls and a few other sources; for example, the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Mary, and the Gospel of Philip. Each is treated to an introduction, of course, in English. This is all very satisfactory and interesting, but why not go for the WHOLE of the Nag Hammadi scrolls?--as edited by James M. Robinson, *The Nag Hammadi Library in English*, 1990, Harper, revised edition. Approximately FORTY scholars contributed to that particular book which also has introductory material and takes up more than forty gospels, acts, teachings, apocalypses, testimonies and fragments. To choose Meyer or Robinson might involve how much time you have to assign to your reading activities on this subject. Myself, I'd go with Robinson (in which you can pick and choose) rather than Meyer who has already chosen to concentrate on a dozen texts.

This book reveals that the Christian church was not an all-agreeing, lock-step entity at its inception. This book contributes to the reader's understanding of the socio-political and the religious environment that produced a variety of beginnings of Christianity. Also, the book functions as a catalyst for change in the way the reader perceives the canonized, Holy Bible. This book answers the why and the how the Bible includes what it includes. The why and the how as to the rejection, suppression, and the attempts at the destruction of the gnostic books are also given.

Very interesting. Its more in line with what I believe about Jesus. Of course who says what I believe is who Jesus was. Has a metaphysical bend that can't be denied. The New Age Jesus. A more adult and human Jesus that I can believe in. The son of God who allows we are all sons of God.

This book made me fall in love with Jesus. In the contemporary narrative of Christianity, I was losing faith, this book made me long for more and gave me renewed strength. Somebody needs to make

this an audiobook.

This book is a great introduction to the gnostic gospels, especially if followed up by "The Nag Hammadi Scriptures: The International Edition" also by Marvin Meyer. Anyone who is reading these books in search of truth is on the path of true discovery. There are many translations of the Nag Hammadi Scriptures and the gnostic gospels readily available, and while some may be good, others are not. That being said, you won't go wrong here. This book, which is easy and accessible, is a good place to start for anyone who is just becoming familiar with these gospels and texts. For those who are already familiar with these texts, I highly recommend Meyer's other book: "The Nag Hammadi Scriptures."

As I stated in other posts, I sense there is more than stated in the bible. This book ties things together, with dialogues of Jesus that is either left out, or translated to fit the beliefs of a king. For those who know there is more, but may be afraid to talk about it, read this book, retain the words within, and believe according to what you know inside to be true. Do not believe because a religion tells you to, nor believe in the manner they say. Trust yourself that you are doing the right thing, and find peace in this turbulent world. Jesus said this, but I paraphrased it. It's in the book.

The Book is first hard to understand. The more I read it I started to understand it. I can't put it down. I am making notes from it on how to live my life. It is so sad that this information was not given to us 2,000 years ago. Paul and the Romans did not have the right to take this information away from us. Anne Author of mylordmyheart.net I bought this book on .com

Finally answers I have been seeking my entire life. These are the are presented in an easy to understand format with Marvin Meyer introducing each book with a well written summary of the gnosis you are about to receive. An eye opener to say the least. I have ordered two more books and I am on the edge of my seat waiting for them. Thank you Mr Meyer and thanks to 'Gnosis.org' for leading me in this direction.

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