

THOUGHTAUDIO



GNOSTIC PRINCIPLES

1. Gnosticism comes from the Greek word gnosis meaning knowledge
2. There exists a mysterious or secret knowledge reserved for those with true understanding, leading to the salvation of the soul
3. The God and Father of Jesus Christ is not the same being as the Creator-God of the Jewish faith but exists *prior to* and *above* the Creator-God.
4. This physical universe is a mistake, a corrupt and meaningless deception, and obliges its destruction
5. An individual finds True Salvation, not in freedom from the guilt of sin, but in freedom from ignorance through an intimate experience of the Divine, which is intensely personal and subjective
6. Jesus told Judas where to send the soldiers to arrest him, nullifying any sort of betrayal (gnostic gospel of Judas).
7. There is a 'divine spark' or light within every person, this is in contradiction to the Bible. Verses – 2 Corinthians 6:14 Isaiah 8:20. Only accepting the messiah gives you light.
8. Knowledge is reserved for the select few, in direct contradiction to the Bible that says the gospel is for every person (Romans 1:16).

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Versus Orthodox Principles of Faith

These principles represent less a matter of specific beliefs, but indicate true belief

1. Creation of a Biblical canon using only a limited selection of early Christian writings, now called the New Testament, including Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, the combination of which is the authoritative Scripture.
2. Adherence to the Rule of Faith as a trustworthy summary of the larger story the New Testament teaches
3. A church community led by a hierarchical clergy who safeguard the true teachings of Jesus and his apostles

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