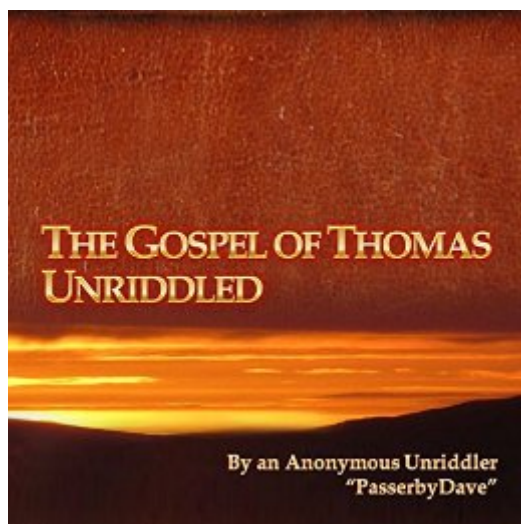


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Unlock the hidden meaning in the Gospel of ThomasThe Gospel of Thomas is a beautiful book if you can decipher it, but many of its passages are cryptic, baffling riddles. This, however, tells us something important ~ that the Gospel of Thomas was intended to lead us on a quest for meaning. This in turn tells us something else ~ that there is a deeply rewarding message concealed within its passages. The challenges of this quest for meaning intensify and deepen the impact of the hidden message once it is uncovered. Unfortunately, because of those same challenges, many published interpretations of this gospel range from iffy to outlandish. Yet, the true meaning ~ as it was originally intended ~ can be found. In The Gospel of Thomas Unriddled, you will find all the clues you need to decipher this message. Here, the 114 puzzling, cryptic sayings of the Gospel of Thomas come together purposefully and with elegance, revealing a message that is lucid, right-minded, and profound.

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Customer Reviews

The Gospel of Thomas had always been known, excerpts from which appeared in the early centuries of the Common Era. It was known enough for Bishop Eusebius, most famous for his history of early Christianity, to declare the contents as a heresy.This edition of the Gospel of Thomas

dispels Eusibiushatm opinion. The contents of this book are arranged in three columns. In the first column is a translation of the Gospel; in the second column are references of the sayings which correspond to passages from the New and Old Testaments. The third column features the translatoratms own commentary. Nearly all of the sayings of Jesus have corresponding passages to the New and Old Testaments. Sometimes those passages match the sayings in the Gospel of Thomas verbatim. So much for heresy. The charge of heresy perhaps originated from the approach taken in the gospel. As the author/translator, PasserbyDave, notes, the Gospel of Thomas does not teach through parable. These are the sayings of Jesus, statements that speak to the heart of Christianity. Parables not only are intended to reach a predominately uneducated mass of people, but can be more easily tweaked and spun by a better educated clergy. Here, the sayings of Thomas are unvarnished pearls of wisdom that reveal the mystic essence of Jesusatm message. Speaking of which, PasserbyDave also features another gnostic scripture, The Hymn of the Pearl, which further explain Thomasatm message. This is truly the definitive edition of the gospel. The identity of the author/translator, PasserbyDave, is unknown, and from his self-description is perhaps a householder and a non-academic, or, as he says, "just a soul on earth." If that is the case, if he is a householder, this book is even more remarkable.

I really like this guy. Passerby Dave has got the idea of the higher self that Thomas is about and carries it through consistently with some brilliant insights although he misses some sayings with their historical context. In saying 15 about not worshipping anyone born of women he even very boldly states about the spiritual self that it is "your real Father, God, within you". In the obscure "if two make peace with each other in the same house" of Saying 48 and 106 doublet he has no problem identifying this with the higher self and lower self in seeing correctly the "son of man" as special terminology for the higher self. Where many commentators choke on Saying 71: "Jesus said: I will destroy this house, and no one will be able to rebuild it.", Dave forthrightly nails it: "The house to be destroyed is the false self and its domicile in the world. It will not be rebuilt but will be succeeded by the true self that dwells in the Kingdom of Heaven". While he understands Saying 97 about the broken jar losing the meal as a failure of a lower self, he misses the point, though, that itatms a generic failure of the human capacity to contain the spirit" which he totally understands in Saying 98. Here, the "true self" practices with "the sword" which "symbolizes the truth" to slay "the false self" so "he can pierce through the sturdy facade of his false but unyielding physical identity." Though Dave mentions the Holy Spirit in a Protestant sense he misses it as spiritual practice in Thomas. The Holy Spirit-Divine

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