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in 1945 a coptic document containing sayings attributed to jesus was discovered deep within an ancient egyptian cave this lost gospel the gospel of thomas was written at the same time as the canonical gospels of matthew mark luke and john and is now considered one of the greatest religious discoveries of the twentieth century it contains 150 sayings

approximately half of which are found in the new testament the other half of which are found only here these new sayings offer an original perspective on jesus message most notably they emphasize that the kingdom of heaven exists right before us in this present moment and all that we have to do is recognize it this edition includes an extensive foreword by andrew harvey as well as commentary that explains biblical terms philosophical concepts and historic contexts

in december 1945 at the base of cliffs that run along the nile river near the modern day town of nag hammadi an egyptian farmer discovered a sealed jar containing thirteen ancient coptic codices this discovery represented arguably the most significant manuscript discovery of the twentieth century for the study of the new testament and christian origins of all the texts found none has been more important than the gospel of thomas for our understanding of early christianity this classic book presents the best text and the best translation of thomas in user friendly form additional chapters provide a general introduction to the gospel of thomas and tell the fascinating story of that discovery itself by one who was directly involved in bringing this new gospel to light an annotated list for further reading completes the volume this new edition features updated material which takes account of recent research on the gospel of thomas the translation has been refined at points and the bibliographical material updated

the recently discovered mystical sayings of jesus with facing page commentary that brings the text to life for you the gospel of thomas really is i believe the clearest guide we have to the vision of the world s supreme mystical revolutionary the teacher known as jesus to those who learn to unpack its sometimes cryptic sayings the gospel of thomas offers a naked and dazzlingly subversive representation of jesus defining and most radical discovery that the living kingdom of god burns in us and surrounds us at all moments from the foreword by andrew harvey this ancient text can become a companion for your own spiritual journey in 1945 twelve ancient books were found inside a sealed jar at the base of an egyptian cliff one of those texts was the gospel of thomas one of the most important religious archaeological discoveries of the twentieth century while illuminating the origins of christianity it raises the question whether the new testament s version of jesus teachings is entirely accurate and complete written at the same time as the canonical gospels the gospel of thomas portrays jesus as a wisdom loving sage the aphoristic sayings emphasize the value of the present teaching that the kingdom of god is here and now rather than a future promise or

future threat it presents a new way of looking at the challenging and intriguing figure of jesus and reminds us that the divine can be found right here on earth now you can experience the gospel of thomas with understanding even if you have no previous knowledge of early christian history or thought this skylight illuminations edition offers insightful yet unobtrusive commentary that explains references and philosophical terms shares the inspiring interpretations of famous spiritual teachers and gives you deeper understanding of thomas s innovative message that self knowledge and contemplation of the nature of this world are the keys to the kingdom of heaven

for the first time this volume offers a commentary of the gospel of thomas which has previously been accessible only to theologians and scholars

the gospel of thomas a book of sayings and wisdom of jesus compiled as early or earlier than the new testament gospels can transform your spiritual life there are many academic commentaries on the gospel of thomas but this book has a different aim it is meant to be a guidebook that is a translation of the sayings into daily practice the goal of such practice is to become jesus s twin this does not of course mean becoming an olive skinned bearded mediterranean peasant wearing sandals it is more about manifesting in our lives the same christ consciousness revealed in the person we know as jesus of nazareth from the introduction in the decades since its discovery the gospel of thomas has intrigued people of all faiths around the world shedding new light on the origins of christianity the gospel of thomas raises questions about whether the new testament s version of jesus s teachings is entirely accurate and complete in the gospel of thomas we see jesus as a wisdom loving sage sharing aphorisms about the value of the present and each person s role in the creation of the kingdom of god here on earth but these inspiring sayings can leave you wondering what next now you can learn how to start applying jesus s wisdom to your own life and in turn to the world around you this unique guidebook leads you through thomas offering practices that help you translate jesus s wisdom into a more fulfilling enriching daily life including becoming a spiritual adult sorting out the old and the new being a healing presence daring to be a city on a hill god s reign calls for ready hands spirituality is not skygazing and much more

this book offers a detailed analysis of the gospel of thomas in its historic and literary context providing a new understanding of the genesis of the jesus tradition discovered in the

twentieth century the non canonical gospel of thomas is an important early text whose origins and place in the history of christianity continue to be subjects of debate aiming to relocate the thomasine community in the wider context of early christianity this study considers the gospel of thomas as a bridge between the oral and literary phases of the christian movement it will therefore be useful for religion scholars working on biblical studies coptic codices gnosticism and early christianity

these are the hidden sayings that the living jesus spoke and didymos judas thomas wrote down with this opening statement the gospel of thomas legendary apostle to the east introduces a startlingly profound list of jesus ancient wisdom sayings similar to the collections of quotations copied by the gospels of matthew and luke thomas gospel contains a hundred and fourteen sayings half of which don t appear in the new testament once known from only a handful of ancient sources third century greek fragments of this gospel first turned up at the end of the nineteenth century but it wasn t until the middle of the twentieth that a complete coptic manuscript was discovered the gospel of thomas a new translation for spiritual seekers not only cuts through the ensuing debate but also presents the very first public domain translation of this amazing discovery

discovered in egypt in 1945 as part of the nag hammadi library the gospel of thomas was long considered irrelevant to the study of jesus teachings stevan davies influential the gospel of thomas and christian wisdom overturned this view and enabled the gospel of thomas to be taken seriously as a source for the earliest christianity this bardic press edition brings a classic work of accessible scholarship back into print a entirely new forty page introduction discusses recent developments in scholarship looks at thomas independence from the new testament gospels discusses the role of mary magdalene in the gospel thomas and offers a variety of valuable insights a fascinating additional essay speculates that thomas may have been used as an oracle text in a similar way to the i ching

this revision of marvin meyer s masterful translation is the most complete up to date and literary version of the gospel of thomas meyer universally respected as the authority on thomas has refined his translation in light of the latest research and updated the notes and bibliography a new section has been added on the oxyrhynchus 1224 gospel the greek fragment of thomas which reproduces and translates the greek text the full coptic and greek texts are included along with their translations harold bloom s brilliant commentary adds a

unique and distinguished dimension to this definitive version marvin meyer is the foremost expert on the nag hammadi texts and the texts about jesus outside the new testament he is griset professor of bible and christian studies and co chair of the department of religious studies and director of the albert schweitzer institute at chapman university orange ca thomas tells us more about the historical jesus than all of the dead sea scrolls put together a superb presentation of the most important early christian text discovered in this century john dominic crossan author of the historical jesus

the gospel according to thomas commonly shortened to the gospel of thomas is a well preserved early christian non canonical sayings gospel which many scholars believe provides insight into the oral gospel traditions it was discovered near nag hammadi egypt in december 1945 in one of a group of books known as the nag hammadi library the gospel of thomas was found among a collection of fifty two writings that included in addition to an excerpt from plato s republic gospels claiming to have been written by jesus s disciple philip scholars have speculated that the works were buried in response to a letter from bishop athanasius who for the first time declared a strict canon of christian scripture 1 the coptic language text the second of seven contained in what modern day scholars have designated as codex ii is composed of 114 sayings attributed to jesus 2 almost half of these sayings resemble those found in the canonical gospels while it is speculated that the other sayings were added from gnostic tradition 3 its place of origin may have been syria where thomasine traditions were strong 4 the introduction states these are the hidden words that the living jesus spoke and didymos judas thomas wrote them down 5 didymus greek and thomas aramaic both mean twin some critical scholars suspect that this reference to the apostle thomas is false and that therefore the true author is unknown 6 it is possible that the document originated within a school of early christians possibly proto gnostics 7 some critics further claim that even the description of thomas as a gnostic gospel is based upon little other than the fact that it was found along with gnostic texts at nag hammadi 8 the name of thomas was also attached to the book of thomas the contender which was also in nag hammadi codex ii and the acts of thomas it is important to note however that while the gospel of thomas does not directly point to jesus divinity it also does not directly contradict it and therefore neither supports nor contradicts gnostic beliefs when asked his identity in the gospel of thomas jesus usually deflects ambiguously asking the disciples why they do not see what is right in front of them this is similar to passages in the canonical gospels like john 12 16 and luke 18 34 the text itself however continuously reflects gnostic teachings by continuously

referring to jesus s sayings as secret and mysterious which were common gnostic catchphrases

jesus style was to avoid giving straightforward answers even though his disciples kept asking for explanations his unique sayings are the beatitudes those about turning the other cheek and the injunction to love enemies but treat people in the way you want to be treated is closer to jesus perspective this book lists 114 secret sayings by jesus preserved by his twin brother judas jude thomas and discovered in 1945 near the egyptian town of nag hammadi author jerome rewrites the words into twenty first century english

the gospel of thomas a collection of words of jesus is one of the most significant extrabiblical texts of the early christian era this edition presents the texts in the classical languages and provides an english translation and a readily readable commentary it includes an introduction to the gospel of thomas the complete coptic text the text of the greek fragments and a greek retranslation of all logia with parallel texts from the canonical gospels an english translation an extensive commentary illustrations of the coptic manuscript an appendix with an index and bibliography the introduction and commentary do not assume knowledge of the classical languages making the gospel of thomas accessible to a broad audience dr uwe karsten plisch is a renowned specialist in extrabiblical texts of the early christian era 2nd 3rd centuries he participates in the german translation of the texts from nag hammadi

many scholars believe that the gospel of thomas the famous collection of jesus sayings found in nag hammadi in 1945 radically changes our understanding of the origins of christianity the gospel is generally studied closely for the new light it throws on pre canonical traditions and for the different world of wisdom it seems to represent by contrast risto uro seeks to locate the gospel of thomas on the map of early christian literature and history by comparing the gospel to other related writings and traditions of the period these include the writings ascribed to the mysterious apostle judas thomas other documents from nag hammadi paul and stoic teachers and the gospel of matthew uro argues that the conventional methods scholars have been using in their studies are in need of rethinking and refinement among many conclusions is the author s belief that thomas is an early second century work written by people who like many other first and second century christians understood jesus message in terms of the hellenistic belief in the divine origin of the self

the best text and the best translation of the gospel of thomas are presented in this user friendly form in addition two essays have been included for those who may be unfamiliar with this new gospel or with the events that led to its discovery and publ

the gospel of thomas is one of the most debated early christian writings discovered as a coptic translation in the nag hammadi library its date message and relation to the canonical gospels have been the subject of much divisive argument this book offers new perspectives on the gospel and demonstrates the various ways in which it sheds light on the ideological and social history of early christianity expert scholars go to the heart of current issues in thomasine studies such as the role of oral and written traditions in the composition of the gospel thomas relationship with the gospel of john and with gnostic and ascetic tendencies in early christianity the gospel s attitude to women followers of jesus and to jewish ritual practices

a new translation and analysis of the gospel that records the actual words of jesus explores the gnostic significance of jesus s teachings recorded in this gospel explains the true nature of the new man whose coming jesus envisioned translated and interpreted by the author of the bestselling the gospel of mary magdalene and the gospel of philip one of the cache of codices and manuscripts discovered in nag hammadi the gospel of thomas unlike the canonical gospels does not contain a narrative recording christ s life and prophecies instead it is a collection of his teachings what he actually said these 114 logia or sayings were collected by judas didymus thomas whom some claim to be jesus s closest disciple no sooner was this gospel uncovered from the sands of upper egypt than scholars and theologians began to bury it anew in a host of conflicting interpretations and polemics while some say it is a hodgepodge from the canonical gospels for others it is the source text from which all the gospel writers drew their material and inspiration in this new translation of the gospel of thomas jean yves leloup shows that the jesus recorded by the infinitely skeptical and infinitely believing thomas has much in common with gnostics of non dualistic schools like them jesus preaches the coming of a new man the genesis of the man of knowledge in this gospel jesus describes a journey from limited to unlimited consciousness the jesus of thomas invites us to drink deeply from the well of knowledge that lies within not so that we may become good christians but so we may attain the self knowledge that will make each of us

too a christ

in this new commentary on the controversial gospel of thomas simon gathercole provides the most extensive analysis yet published of both the work as a whole and of the individual sayings contained in it this commentary offers a fresh analysis of thomas not from the perspective of form criticism and source criticism but seeks to elucidate the meaning of the work and its constituent elements in its second century context with its lucid discussion of the various controversial aspects of thomas and treatment of the various different scholarly views this is a foundational work of reference for scholars not just of apocryphal gospels but also for new testament scholars classicists and patrologists

this commentary is opened by a study offering information about all aspects of the gospel of thomas especially about its relation to other texts of early christian literature including the canonical gospels the successive commentary is based upon the coptic version and discusses also all fragments of the original greek text the volume is divided into two parts the first discusses the function of each logion saying within the frame of piety and theology of the thomasine group for which the gospel is composed the second part discusses its literary shape and its history including its relation to the historical jesus the result is a portrait of the gospel as a radical interpretation of jesus heritage still preserving some forgotten features of his teaching

explores tough questions that have occupied scholars since the discovery of the gospel of thomas in the sands of nag hammadi egypt in the 1940 s where did this gospel come from when was it written who wrote it why was it composed what is its meaning this book examines these issues

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