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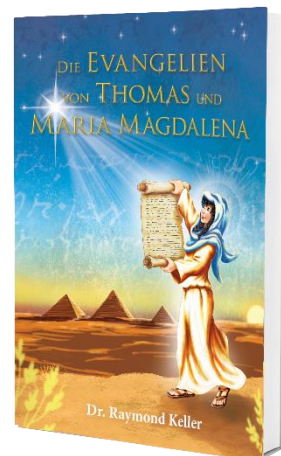
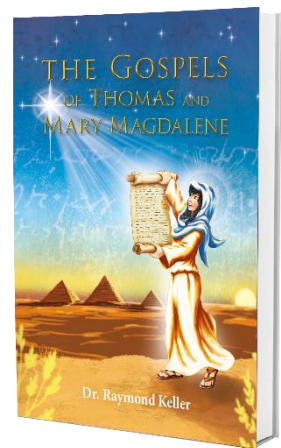
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## Gospel of Thomas

### Chapter 22: Jesus in the Secret Place

The disciples of Jesus wanted to know the place where he was coming from. “Show us the place where you are, since it is needful for us to seek it,” they said to the Master.

Jesus replied, “Whoever has ears, let them hear. There is a divine light in the hearts and minds of the illuminated ones. It is a light that brings radiance to the entire world. **If the light in that one burns out, then those around the other one also shall find themselves in darkness.**”

How can the light in THAT ONE ever be burnt out? This sounds so threatening or frightening.

### Chapter 38: Identity of Jesus

Then his disciples inquired of him, “Who are you, that you should say these things to us?”

Jesus answered them, “You do not realize who I am from what I say to you; but you have become like most of the Jews; for these are the ones that either love the tree and hate its fruit, or love the fruit and hate the tree, not realizing that the tree and its fruit are inseparable.

“Whoever blasphemes against the Father will be forgiven; and whoever blasphemes against the Son will be forgiven; but **whosoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven**, either on Earth or in the heavenly realms.”

Again it sounds so frightening. And who can not be forgiven? Isn't there forgiveness ALWAYS?

### Chapter 43: “Solitary and Elect”

Jesus further enlightened his disciples, declaring that, “Blessed are the solitary and elect; for you will find the Kingdom. For you are from it; and to it you will return.”

Jesus said, “If they ask you, ‘Where do you come from?’, reply thusly: ‘We come from the Light, the place where the Light came into being on its own accord and established itself, becoming manifest through the image of the Elohim.’

“If they say to you, ‘Is it you?’, say “We are its children; and we are the elect of the Living Father.’

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“And if they ask you, ‘What is the sign of the Father in you?’, say to them, “**It is movement** and ultimately resting in the assurance of having found my place in unification with God and his will.””

Upon hearing these words, the disciples wanted to know when such a repose would come about, and when they should expect the end of the world. To this, the Master replied that, “What you look forward to has already come; but you do not recognize it.”

What is meant by movement?

### Chapter 44: Words of the Prophets

Jesus’ disciples said to him, “Twenty-four prophets spoke in Israel; and all of them have **spoken through you.**”

Then Jesus replied, “It is well that you have recognized the words of truth spoken by the prophets of Israel. But you have omitted the one living in your presence, having spoken only of the dead.”

I do not understand the meaning of “all of them have spoken through you”.

### Chapter 45: On Circumcision

Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Is circumcision beneficial or not?”

Jesus answered, “If there were any benefit in it, their father would beget them already circumcised from their mother. Rather, the true circumcision in spirit has become completely profitable.”

\*circumcision of the heart, in the spirit - what does this mean?

### Chapter 47: Taking up the Cross

\* General meaning: Does "taking up the cross" mean non-attachment or self-responsibility?

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## Chapter 56: Dinner Invitations

Then Jesus related another parable, saying: “A man had received visitors. And when he had prepared the dinner, he sent his servant to invite the guests. He went to the first one and said to him, ‘My master in-vites you.’”

\* First visitors received - then dinner prepared - then invitations? I wonder about the sequence of happenings here.

## Chapter 95: Fate of the Enlightened

When speaking of the end of life in the material world, the Master explained, “At that time, the heavens and the Earth will roll up as a scroll in your presence. And from your dying material body will emerge your indestructible spirit.”

**Clearly, Jesus was teaching us that the world and all that is in it can never be worthy enough for the one who has attained enlightenment, touching, as it were, the Light of Christ that dwells in every human heart.**

\*I do not understand

## Acts of Thomas

### Chapter 2: Arrangements for the Journey

The Master tarried with us through the night; and on the following day it happened that a merchant named Abban, who had come from India, was present in the city, being dispatched there by Gundapho-rus, a king of that far country. As Jesus and I were walking in the market at noon, the Master caught sight of Abban, immediately identifying him as Indian by his distinctive clothing, walked over to him and **asked him in the language of the Indians**, “Do you wish to contract the services of a carpenter?”

He replied, “Yes, I certainly do. My king Gundaphorus sent me here to bring a carpenter to him, to do some work in the royal court.”

Then Jesus said, “That is good, for I would like you to consider contracting with me for my brother Judas Thomas’ service, **insofar as I can understand your tongue** and we can reach an equitable agreement.”

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\* language - tongue (Jesus) - and later Thomas: How does Thomas communicate with the King in India?

## Chapter 6: Song of Thomas

Humbled by the attention of the flute girl, my eyes were fixed upon the ground, when one of the cup bearers stretched forth his hand and struck me. Raising my eyes, I looked upon the face of the man who **struck me**, and said, “My God will forgive you for this in the world to come; but in this world, He will manifest His wonders; and I shall soon see that very hand that struck me dragged along the street by dogs.”

\* WHY struck him? Without any reason? Or is just "touch" meant? Then why such a curse after an innocent touch?

\* Meaning of song hard to understand in German

## Chapter 93: Hidden Treasure

Jesus said, “The kingdom resembles a man who possessed a hidden treasure in his field, without being aware of it. Upon his death, he bequeathed the field to his son. The son also did not know about the hidden treasure. After assuming ownership of the field, the son sold it. The purchaser of the field then started to plow it and discovered the treasure, whence he began to lend out money at interest **to whomever he wished**, thus multiplying his riches.”

\*he wished? or whoever wished to borrow money?

## Chapter 26: Three Sources of Iniquity

I, Judas Thomas, in fulfillment of my calling as an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, ceased not to preach unto all who were willing to hear me:

“Ye men and women, boys and girls, young men and maidens, strong men and aged, whether bond or free, abstain from intercourse outside the bonds of marriage, and covetousness, and gluttony; for it is from these three that all manner of iniquity cometh about. For intercourse with other than one’s spouse blinds the mind and darkens the eyes of the soul\*, and is an impediment to the life of the body, turning one’s whole being unto weakness and casting the whole body into sickness. And greed puts the soul into fear and shame. Being within the body,

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it seizes upon the goods of others, and causes that soul to remain under fear until that one brings about a restoration of others' goods to their owners. And the service of the belly, or to say gluttony, casts the soul into many diverting thoughts and cares and vexations. Let not this one waste their body on the fruitless pursuit of attempting to fulfill self-appetites, which shall never be sated.

\* WOW

### Chapter 30: Serpent Race

Knowing somewhat of the other worlds spoken of by my brother and wishing to confirm my suspicions, I inquired of the serpent being, "Tell me of what seed and of what race thou art."

And he said unto me: "I am a reptile of the reptile nature you associate with the constellation of Orion, a noxious son of the noxious father, in the tradition of Nimrod, the Mighty Hunter, of him that hurt and ...

### Chapter 39: Transmigration of the Soul

Following the death of the material body, and based upon one's actions carried out in their prior life, whether for good or evil, a new body may be assumed, being either animal, human or angelic (spiritual).\*

\* angelic?

### Chapter 56: King Misdaeus' Captain

Now it chanced that there was a wedding in our city, and they that made the marriage feast were well beloved of me: they came in therefore and bade me to it, bidding also my wife and our daughter. Forasmuch then as they were my good friends I could not refuse: I sent her therefore, though she desired not to go, and with them I sent also many servants. Therefore, they departed, both she and our daughter, decked with many ornaments.

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Why did he not go with his wife and daughter?

### Chapter 57: Wife and Daughter Assaulted

And the same hour the women fell down, gnashing their teeth and beating their heads upon the earth; and seeing this, we came to tell you of it.

That's symbolic?

### Chapter 64: Animals Called to Service

Glorious art thou, God of truth and Lord of all natures, for Thou didst will with Thy will, and make all Thy works and finish all Thy creatures, and bring them to the rule of their nature, and lay upon them all Thy fear that they might be subject to Thy command.

"FEAR": Is there another meaning of FEAR? It's not a "negative fear", right, so how to explain this term?

### Chapter 64: Animals Called to Service

And every one of them came and pressed to be yoked: there were then four stronger than the rest, which also were yoked.

They could technically yoke more than four?

### Chapter 65 At the Captain's Door

And he said to me, "Thou thyself knows that we stand before the doors, and these which by thy commandment are come with thee know it better than I."

Better than I?

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## Chapter 76: Wife of Charisius Seeks the Apostle

Now it came to pass that a certain woman, the wife of Charisius, that was next unto the king, whose name was Mygdonia, came to see and behold the new name and the new God who was being proclaimed, and the new apostle who had come to visit their country

What is meant with the new name?

## Chapter 78: Shun Evil; Strive for Holiness

After the multitude had seated themselves round about me, I began my sermon:

“Abstain therefore first from adultery, for this is the beginning of all evils, and next from theft, which enticed Judas Iscariot, and brought him unto hanging; and cease from covetousness, for as many as yield unto covetousness see not that which they do; and from vainglory and from all foul deeds, especially them of the body, whereby cometh eternal condemnation. For this is the chief city of all evils; and likewise, it bringeth them that hold their heads high in haughtiness unto tyranny, and draws them down unto the deep, and subdues them under its hands that they see not what they do; wherefore the things done of them are hidden from them.

Why exactly is adultery the beginning of all evils?  
What exactly is meant with chief city of all evils?

(I would love to understand this deeper. I mean, many people have been forced to marry someone they did not love, and marriage has not been between natural couples or even soul mates or twin flames, and people did fall in love with someone else or/and did not know what to do with their lust or wanted to have different experiences with others. However, saying it's evil makes guilt feelings without understanding what is really the "evil" in this.)

## Chapter 95: Siphor Stands Before the King

And when King Misdaeus his friend heard this he saith to him, “Be not grieved nor heavy, for I will send for him and avenge thee, and thou shalt have thy wife again, and the others that cannot I will avenge.”

Who are these others? The others that cannot come (word missing or who is meant?)

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## Chapter 98: King Dispatches Soldiers

but Mygdonia he found not, for she had withdrawn herself unto her house, having learnt that it had been told her husband that she was there.

In this context, I do not understand the term "unto her house", because she was not at home, but in Siphor's house where she felt safe from her husband Charisius.

## Chapter 99: Apostle Thomas Arrested

And Charisius said unto me, “Up, thou wicked one and destroyer and enemy of mine house: for me thy sorcery harms not, for I will visit thy sorcery on thine head.”

Do not understand "visit thy sorcery on thine head"

## Chapter 100: Psalm of the Soul

Gold of Beth-Ellaya, and silver of Gazak the Great, And rubies of India,  
and agates from Kushan,

Is Gazak a person or a land? cannot find on maps. I found this text as Psalm of the Pearl on the internet - is it the same text?

## Chapter 117: Charisius Decides on Course of Action

And I said unto Mygdonia, “My daughter Mygdonia, insofar as ye are not of the House of Israel, and that your life may go well with you, obey that which Charisius saith, should you find it in your heart to continue in your marriage with him. Nevertheless, ye are free in Christ, an agent unto yourself in this matter.”

House of Israel - what is meant by that?

## Chapter 130: Thomas' Revelation Inspires a Vision of the Christ

His mother Mary and he was known as the son of Joseph the carpenter:

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His mother WAS Mary? Sentence?

### Chapter 142: Mysterious Voice

And for the gall which Thou didst drink for our sakes let the gall of the devil be removed from us: and for the vinegar which Thou hast drunk for us, let our weakness be made strong: and for the spitting which Thou didst receive for us, let us receive the dew of thy goodness:

Spitting?

### Chapter 143: Parting Words for the Women

for I go up unto my Lord and God Jesus Christ, unto Him that sold me, unto that Lord that humbled himself even unto me the little, and brought me up unto eternal greatness, that vouchsafed to me to become His servant in truth and steadfastness:

sold me?

### Chapter 144: Look Forward for Jesus' Return

“Look for the coming of Christ, for He shall come and receive you, and this is how He shall appear, He Whom ye shall see, when He cometh, for I am his twin brother born but minutes after Him.”

this is how He shall appear = He will look like me? Meaning?

### Chapter 147: Jesus' Power Transcends Death

And Misdaeus saith to me, “How didst thou run away and come into this country?”

And I explained, “I was sold hither by my master, that I might save many, and by thy hands depart out of this world.”

run away = escape? other word?

sold = other word?

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## Chapter 150: Thomas Prays for the Work of the Ministry

I have become a bondman; therefore, today do I receive my freedom.

Bondman = Slave? Other word?

## Chapter 152: Ministry of an Angel

“Know ye now that I am not here in the material world, but I have gone up and received all that I was promised. But rise up and go down hence; for after a little time ye also shall be gathered unto me.”

What is meant with "go down" here? And with rise up = ascend?

## Gospel of Mary Magdalene

Jesus said, “There is no sin, per se, to be found in the natural order of the world. But when we stray from the illumined path by committing adultery or other actions contrary to the Decalogue, we retard our own spiritual progress.

- 1) Why is adultery such a commitment/sin?
- 2) What is Decalogue? Short footnote?

## Gospel of Mary Magdalene

Those not finding the Flame of Truth have been buffeted by disturbances to their natural body. This is why they have experienced sickness and eventually death.

sickness meaning? physical or mental sickness?

## Gospel of Mary Magdalene

Do not lay down any rules beyond that which I have appointed for you; and do not give a law like the lawgiver, lest you be constrained by it.

give a law? Meaning? = pass a law? or force laws on others?

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