



“Abandon the search for God and the creation
and other matters of a similar sort”

The Gnostic Gospels Part II

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The Homework

How are the teachings in the Gnostic Gospels similar to the philosophy of Eastern religions?

The Gnostics

“A huge chasm separates God from Man”(p.8)

“Self- knowledge is knowledge of God; the self and the divine are identical.”(p.8)

“Instead of coming to save us from sin, he comes as a guide who opens access to spiritual understanding.” (p.8)

The Gnostics

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of sin and repentance.

“When the disciple attains enlightenment, Jesus no longer serves as his spiritual master: the two have become equal--even identical.”(p.8)

The Gnostics

Orthodox Christians believe that Jesus is Lord and Son of God in a unique way

He remains forever distinct from the rest of humanity whom he came to save.

"I am not your master. Because you have drunk, you have become drunk from the bubbling stream which I have measured out"

The Gospel of Judas

What do you remember about Judas Iscariot's
betrayal of Jesus Christ?

What if that wasn't the whole story?

The Gospel of Judas

I've sent you a link and some group assignments

You're going to watch a video clip that details a conversation between Judas and Jesus

The Romans have been looking for Jesus

This take place just before the last supper

The Gnostics

What are some different paths that Christianity might have followed had the Gnostics been able to maintain their influence, and if their ideas hadn't been buried by the Roman church?

No Homework