

Prologue to the Gospel of Thomas

What I
Judas Didymus Thomas
record here
are things that were hidden from us
until the living Jesus spoke them to us.

He said to us:
Whoever searches
to discover the meaning of what I say
will not be tasting death.

If you begin to search,
do not stop searching till you discover.
When you do discover,
you will be disturbed.
But when you are disturbed,
you will be filled with wonder.
You will share the creating presence
of the Source of all things.

If your leaders tell you:
Look! This presence is in the skies!
Remember,
birds who fly the skies
have known this all along.

If they say: *It is in the seas!*
Remember,
dolphins and fish have always known it.
This presence is not apart from you.
It wells up within each and surrounds all.

If you but knew
what sort of being you are;
if you but knew how you are known,
you would understand how you are a child
among the children of the Source of all life,
rooted in the creating presence of that Source.

But if you are unaware of what you are,
then you live in destitution;
indeed, you are destitution itself.

An old person who does not hesitate
to seek the meaning of life
from a seven-day-old child
is a person fully alive.

Such a one, once first, is now last.

But in enlightenment,
that person has become one
with all the beings that share
the creative present of the Source.

If you listen attentively
to each being that you meet,
if you open your eyes to see,
if you come to know what is happening
there in front of you,
then the secret of life
and the meaning of everything
will become clear to you.

There is nothing hidden
That will not be unveiled.

