



# **The Gospel of Thomas**

Compared To

# **The Book of Ecclesiastes**

Two Books and Two Perspectives.

Compare the words of Jesus to those of Solomon:

Contrast The Experience of Emptiness and Vanity Without God  
With The Fulfilment of Following Jesus and Finding True Meaning

These two books are scrolled sequentially side by side for ease of comparison.

As these two books scroll similar or contrasting thoughts are often highlighted with colour, sometimes identifying common themes that consistently and sequentially reappear throughout the books of scripture.

Consider "**The words** of **the Preacher**,  
**the son of David**, **king** in **Jerusalem**," Ecclesiastes 1:1.

**The Gospel of Thomas**

**The Sayings of Jesus**

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**The Book of Ecclesiastes**

**The Words of the Preacher**

Solomon, the son of David  
KJV

## *Prologue*

These are **the hidden sayings** that **the living Jesus spoke** and **Didymos** Judas **Thomas** wrote down.

*( C.f. Both Didymos & Thomas mean "The Twin" or two from One )*

## *Introduction*

1:1 **The words** of **the Preacher, the son of David, king** in **Jerusalem.**

*( C.f. Jerusalem means "The city of peace," or the place two become One )*

## *Saying 1: True Meaning*

And he said, "**Whoever discovers the meaning of these sayings** won't **taste death.**"

## *No Meaning*

1:2 **Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; vanity of vanities, all is vanity.**

## *Saying 2: Seek and Find*

Jesus said,

**"Whoever seeks shouldn't stop until they find.**

**When they find, they'll be disturbed.**

**When they're disturbed, they'll be [...] amazed, and reign over the All."**

## *Searching In Vain*

**1:3 What profit hath man of all his labor wherein he laboreth under the sun?**

**1:4 One generation goeth, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth for ever. 1:5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to its place where it ariseth.**

### *Saying 3: Looking Within*

Jesus said, "If your leaders tell you, 'Look, the kingdom is **in heaven**,' then **the birds of heaven will precede you**. If they tell you, '**It's in the sea**,' then **the fish will precede you**. Rather, the kingdom is within you and outside of you.

"When you know yourselves, then you'll be known, and you'll realize that you're the children of the living Father. But **if you don't know yourselves**, then **you live in poverty, and you are the poverty**."

### *Looking Without*

1:6 **The wind** goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; **it turneth about continually in its course**, and **the wind** returneth again to its circuits. 1:7 All **the rivers run into the sea**, yet **the sea** is not full; **unto the place whither the rivers go**, thither they go again.

1:8 **All things are full of weariness; man cannot utter [it]: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.**

*Saying 4: First and Last*

Jesus said, "**The older person** won't hesitate to ask **a little seven-day-old child** about **the place** of life, and they'll live, because **many who are first will be last**, and **they'll become one.**"

*Past and Future*

1:9 **That which hath been is that which shall be**; and **that which hath been done is that which shall be done**: and there is no **new thing** under the sun.

1:10 Is there a thing whereof it may be said, See, **this is new**? **it hath been long ago**,

*Saying 5: Hidden and Revealed*

Jesus said, "**Know** what's **in front of your face**, and **what's hidden from you will be revealed to you**, because **there's nothing hidden that won't be revealed.**"

*Hidden and Forgotten*

in **the ages** which were **before us**. 1:11 There is **no remembrance** of **the former [generations]**; **neither shall there be any remembrance** of **the latter [generations]** that are to come, **among those that shall come after.**



### *Saying 6: The Wasted Efforts*

His disciples said to him, "**Do you want us to fast?** And **how should we pray?** **Should we make donations?** And what food should we avoid?"

Jesus said, "**Don't lie**, and **don't do what you hate**, because everything is revealed **in the sight of heaven**; for **there's nothing hidden that won't be revealed**, and **nothing covered up that will stay secret.**"

### *The Sore Travail*

1:12 I the Preacher was king **over Israel in Jerusalem.**

1:13 And I applied my heart **to seek and to search out by wisdom** concerning **all that is done under heaven**: it is a **sore travail** that **God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith.**

1:14 **I have seen all the works that are done under the sun**; and, **behold, all is vanity** and a **striving after wind.**

*Saying 7:*

*The Blessed & Cursed*

Jesus said, "**Blessed** is **the lion** that's eaten by **a human** and then becomes **human**, but **how awful for the human** who's eaten by **a lion**, and **the lion** becomes **human**."

*The Crooked & Straight*

1:15 **That which is crooked cannot be made straight**; and **that which is wanting cannot be numbered**.

*Saying 8: Searching the Deep -  
Choosing Bigger and Better*

He said, "The human being is like **a wise fisher who cast a net into the sea** and drew it up from the sea full of little fish.

Among them **the wise fisher found a fine large fish** and cast all the little fish back down into the sea, **easily choosing the large fish**.

**Anyone who has ears to hear should hear!"**

*Communing With My Heart -  
Knowing Wisdom & Knowledge*

1:16 **I communed with mine own heart**, saying, Lo, **I have gotten me great wisdom** above all that were before me in Jerusalem; yea, my heart hath **had great experience of wisdom** and knowledge.

1:17 And **I applied my heart to know wisdom**, and to know madness and folly: **I perceived that this also was a striving after wind**.

*Saying 9:*

*Good Earth Is Identified By  
The Growth of The Seed*

Jesus said, "**Look**, a sower went out, took **a handful of seeds**, and scattered them. Some fell on the roadside; the birds came and gathered them. Others fell on **the rock**; **they didn't take root** in **the soil** and ears of grain **didn't rise toward heaven**. Yet others fell on **thorns**; they choked **the seeds** and worms ate them. Finally, others fell on **good soil**; **it produced fruit up toward heaven**, some sixty **times as much** and some a hundred and twenty."

*( C.f . Mark 4:16-20 )*

*My Heart Is Proven By  
Sorrow And Mirth*

1:18 For in **much wisdom** is much **grief**; and he that **increaseth knowledge** increaseth **sorrow**.

2:1 I said in **my heart**,  
Come now, **I will prove thee** with **mirth**; therefore **enjoy pleasure**: and, **behold**, this also was vanity.

2:2 I said of **laughter**, It is mad; and of **mirth**, **What doeth it?**

*Saying 10:  
Observing The Influence*

Jesus said, "**I've cast fire**  
on **the world**, and **look,**  
**I'm watching over it until**  
**it blazes.**"

*( C.f. Sending fire - Luke  
12:49 )*

*Seeing The Effect*

2:3 I searched in my heart how  
to **cheer my flesh with wine,**  
**my heart yet guiding [me]**  
**with wisdom,** and how to **lay**  
**hold on folly, till I might see**  
what it was good for **the sons**  
**of men** that they should do  
**under heaven all the days of**  
**their life.**

*Saying 11:*

*Those Who Are Living Won't Die*

Jesus said, "**This heaven will disappear, and the one above it will disappear too. Those who are dead** aren't alive, and **those who are living won't die**. In the days **when you ate what was dead, you made it alive.**

When you're in the light, **what will you do?** On the day when you were one, **you became divided**. But when **you become divided, what will you do?**"

*The Dead Are Made Alive*

2:4 **I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards;**

2:5 **I made me gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit;**

2:6 **I made me pools of water, to water** therefrom **the forest where trees were reared;**

2:7 **I bought men-servants and maid-servants,**

and had servants **born in my house;**

## *Saying 12: James The Just*

The disciples said to Jesus, "**We know** you're going to leave us. **Who will lead us** then?"

Jesus said to them, "**Wherever you are, you'll go to James the Just, for whom heaven and earth came into being.**"

( C.f. The Wisdom of James the Just as treasure and delight for the sons of men, rejoicing in heaven and earth - Proverbs 8:19, 21-23, 25, 27, 29, 31, James 1:5, 3:15-19 )

## *Leaders In Jerusalem*

also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all that were **before me in Jerusalem;**

2:8 **I gathered** me also silver and gold, and **the treasure of kings** and of **the provinces; I gat me men-singers and women-singers, and the delights of the sons of men,** musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

*Saying 13:*

*The Master Says Compare Me to Someone*

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you were to **compare me to someone, who would you say I'm like?**"

Simon Peter said to him, "You're like a just angel."

Matthew said to him, "**You're like a wise philosopher.**"

Thomas said to him, "Teacher, I'm completely unable to say **whom you're like.**"

Jesus said, "**I'm not your teacher.** Because you've drunk, **you've become intoxicated by the bubbling spring I've measured out.**"

He took him aside and told him three things.

When Thomas returned to his companions, they asked, "What did Jesus say to you?"

Thomas said to them, "If I tell you one of the things he said to me, you'll pick up stones and cast them at me, and **fire will come out of the stones** and **burn you up.**"

*The King Says Wisdom Excels Folly*

2:9 So **I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in**

**Jerusalem:** also **my wisdom remained**

**with me.** 2:10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them; **I withheld**

**not my heart from any joy;** for my heart rejoiced because of all my labor; and this

was my portion from all my labor. 2:11

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all was

vanity and a striving after wind, and **there was no profit under the sun.** 2:12 And **I**

**turned myself to behold wisdom,** and madness, and folly: for **what [can] the man [do] that cometh after the king?**

[even] that which hath been done long ago. 2:13 Then **I saw that wisdom excelleth**

**folly,** as far as **light excelleth darkness.**



*Saying 14: Harm Your Spirit -  
Out Of Your Mouth*

Jesus said to them, "If you fast, **you'll bring guilt upon yourselves;** and if you pray, you'll be condemned; and if you make donations, **you'll harm your spirits.**

"If they welcome you **when you enter any land and go around in the countryside,** heal those who are sick among them and eat whatever they give you, because it's not what goes into your mouth that will defile you. **What comes out of your mouth is what will defile you."**

*Perceived In The Mind -  
Spoken From The Heart*

2:14 **The wise man's eyes are in his head,** and **the fool walketh in darkness:** and yet **I perceived that one event happeneth to them all.** 2:15 **Then said I in my heart,** As it happeneth to the fool, **so will it happen even to me;** and why was I then more wise? **Then said I in my heart, that this also is vanity.** 2:16 For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no remembrance for ever;

*Saying 15:*

*Remember When You See -  
Fall Down and Serve*

Jesus said, "**When you see  
the one who wasn't born  
of a woman, fall down on  
your face and worship** that  
person. **That's your  
Father.**"

*Seeing In Forgotten Days -  
Work Under The Sun*

**seeing that in the days to  
come all will have been  
long forgotten.** And **how  
doth the wise man die** even  
as the fool! 2:17 So **I hated  
life**, because **the work that  
is wrought under the sun**  
was grievous unto me;

*Saying 16: They Don't Know  
They Will Stand Up & Be One*

Jesus said, "**Maybe people think** that I've come to cast peace on the world, **and they don't know** that **I've come to cast divisions on the earth: fire, sword, and war.**

**Where there are five in a house, there'll be three against two and two against three, father against son and son against father. They'll stand up and be one."**

*Who Knoweth Whether  
He Will Have Rule*

for **all is vanity and a striving after wind.**

2:18 And **I hated all my labor wherein I labored under the sun**, seeing that **I must leave it unto the man that shall be after me.**

2:19 And **who knoweth whether he will be a wise man or a fool?** yet will he have rule over **all my labor wherein I have labored,**

*Saying 17:*

*A Divine Gift Human  
Minds Never Considered*

Jesus said, "I'll give you what **no eye has ever seen**, no ear has ever heard, **no hand has ever touched**, and **no human mind has ever thought.**"

*Vain Labour Causing The  
Heart To Despair*

and wherein **I have showed myself wise under the sun**. This also is vanity. 2:20 Therefore **I turned about to cause my heart to despair** concerning **all the labor wherein I had labored** under the sun.

*Saying 18:*

*Stand Up In The Beginning  
And Know The End*

The disciples said to Jesus,  
"**Tell us about our end. How  
will it come?**"

Jesus said, "**Have you  
discovered** the beginning so  
that **you can look** for the end?  
Because the end **will be where**  
the beginning is. **Blessed is  
the one who will stand up in  
the beginning. They'll know  
the end, and won't taste  
death.**"

*Labor With Wisdom  
And With Knowledge*

2:21 For **there is a man whose  
labor is with wisdom, and  
with knowledge, and with  
skilfulness; yet to a man that  
hath not labored therein  
shall he leave it** for his  
portion. **This also is vanity  
and a great evil.** 2:22 For  
what hath a man of all his  
labor, and of **the striving of  
his heart, wherein** he laboreth  
**under the sun?**

*Saying 19:*

*Blessed Is He Who Knows -  
He Won't Taste Death*

Jesus said, "**Blessed is the one who came into being before coming into being. If you become my disciples and listen to my message, these stones will become your servants; because there are five trees in paradise which don't change in summer or winter, and their leaves don't fall. Whoever knows them won't taste death.**"

*Enjoy The Fruits Of Your  
Labor - Eat And Drink*

2:23 **For all his days are [but] sorrows, and his travail is grief; yea, even in the night his heart taketh no rest.** This also is vanity.

2:24 **There is nothing better for a man [than] that he should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it is from the hand of God.**

*Saying 20: The Kingdom Of God Is Like A Mustard Seed*

The disciples asked Jesus, "**Tell us, what can the kingdom of heaven be compared to?**" He said to them, "It can be compared to **a mustard seed**. Though it's **the smallest of all the seeds**, **when it falls** on **tilled soil** it makes a plant so large that it shelters **the birds** of heaven."

*( C.f. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink," Romans 14:17 )*

*God Gives Wisdom And Knowledge And Joy*

2:25 **For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?**

2:26 For to **the man that pleaseth him [God]** giveth **wisdom, and knowledge, and joy**; but **to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up**, that he may give to him that pleaseth God.

This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

## *Saying 21: What You're Expecting Will Come So Prepare*

Mary said to Jesus, "Whom are your disciples like?"

He said, "They're like **little children living in a field** which isn't theirs. When the owners of the field come, **they'll say, 'Give our field back to us.'** **They'll strip naked in front of them to let them have it and give them their field.**

**"So I say** that **if the owner of the house realizes the bandit is coming, they'll watch out beforehand** and **won't let the bandit break into the house of their domain and steal their possessions.** You, then, watch out for the world! **Prepare to defend yourself so that the bandits don't attack you,** because what you're expecting will come. **May there be a wise person among you!**

**"When the fruit ripened,** the reaper came quickly, sickle in hand, **and harvested it.** **Anyone who has ears to hear should hear!"**

## *A Time For Every Purpose Under Heaven*

3:1 **For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:** 3:2 **a time to be born,** and **a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;** 3:3 **a time to kill,** and a time to heal; **a time to break down, and a time to build up;** 3:4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 3:5 **a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;** a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 3:6 **a time to seek,** and **a time to lose; a time to keep,** and a time to cast away; 3:7 a time to rend, and a time to sew; **a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;**



*Saying 22: Make Two Into One -  
Enter The Kingdom*

Jesus saw some **little children nursing**. He said to his disciples, "**These nursing children** can be compared to those who **enter the kingdom**."

They said to him, "**Then we'll enter the kingdom** as **little children**?"

Jesus said to them, "**When you make the two into one**, and **make the inner like the outer and the outer like the inner**, and **the upper like the lower**, and so **make the male and the female a single one** so that the male won't be male nor the female female; **when you make eyes in the place of an eye, a hand in the place of a hand, a foot in the place of a foot, and an image in the place of an image; then you'll enter [the kingdom]**."

*He Hath Made  
Everything Beautiful In Its Time*

3:8 **a time to love**, and a time to hate; a time for war, **and a time for peace**. 3:9 **What profit hath he that worketh** in that wherein he laboreth? 3:10 **I have seen the travail which God hath given to the sons of men** to be exercised therewith. 3:11 **He hath made everything beautiful in its time: also he hath set eternity in their heart**, yet so that **man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning even to the end**. 3:12 I know that there is nothing better for them, than to rejoice, and to **do good so long as they live**. 3:13 And also that **every man should eat and drink**,

*Saying 23: Jesus Chooses*

Jesus said, "**I'll choose you**, one out of a thousand and two out of ten thousand, and **they'll stand as a single one.**"

*We Labour*

and enjoy **good in all his labor**, is the gift of God.

3:14 I know that, **whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever:**

*Saying 24: Light Exists And Will Light Up The Whole World*

His disciples said, "**Show us the place where you are**, because we need to look for it."

He said to them, "Anyone who has ears to hear should hear! **Light exists within a person of light, and they light up the whole world. If they don't shine, there's darkness.**"

*It Is Hath Been And Is To Be*

**nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it;** and God hath done it, that men should fear before him. 3:15 **That which is hath been long ago; and that which is to be hath long ago been: and God seeketh again that which is passed away.**

*Saying 25: Protect Them  
Like The Pupil Of Your Eye*

Jesus said, "Love your  
brother as **your own soul**.

**Protect them** like **the pupil  
of your eye**."

*I Saw The Place Of Justice*

3:16 And moreover **I saw  
under the sun**, in **the place  
of justice**, that wickedness  
was there; and in **the place  
of righteousness**, that  
wickedness was there.

3:17 I said in **my heart**,

*Saying 26: Judging Rightously*

Jesus said, "**You see** the speck that's in **your brother's eye**, but **you don't see** the beam **in your own eye**."

**When you get the beam out of your own eye, then you'll be able to see clearly to get the speck out of your brother's eye.**"

*God Will Judge The Righteous*

**God will judge the righteous and the wicked;** for **there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.**

3:18 I said **in my heart**, [It is] because of **the sons of men**, that God may prove them, and **that they may see** that **they themselves are [but as] beasts.**

*Saying 27:*

*Fasting & Resting*

"If you don't **fast from the world, you won't find the kingdom.**

If you don't **make the Sabbath into a Sabbath, you won't see the Father.**"

*Falling and Dying*

3:19 For **that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other;** yea, they have all one breath; and **man hath no preeminence above the beasts:** for all is vanity.

*Saying 28: Changing The Heart  
And The Soul Of Humanity*

Jesus said, "**I stood in the middle of the world** and **appeared to them in the flesh**. I found them all drunk; I didn't find any of them thirsty.

**My soul ached for the children of humanity**, because **they were blind in their hearts** and **couldn't see**.

**They came into the world empty and plan on leaving the world empty**. Meanwhile, they're drunk. **When they shake off their wine, then they'll change.**"

*Bringing Back The Dust  
And The Spirit Of Man?*

3:20 **All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.** 3:21 **Who knoweth the spirit of man**, whether it goeth upward, and **the spirit of the beast**, whether **it goeth downward to the earth?** 3:22 Wherefore **I saw** that **there is nothing better**, than that a man should rejoice in his works; **for that is his portion**: for **who shall bring him [back] to see** what shall be after him?

## *Saying 29: The Poverty of the Flesh*

Jesus said, "If **the flesh came into existence** because of **spirit**, that's amazing. If **spirit came into existence** because of **the body**, that's really **amazing!** But **I'm amazed** at how [such] **great wealth has been placed** in **this poverty.**"

## *The Oppression Under The Sun*

4:1 Then **I returned** and saw **all the oppressions that are done under the sun:** and, **behold**, the tears of **such as were oppressed**, and they had no **comforter**; and **on the side of their oppressors there was power**; but they had no **comforter.**

*Saying 30:*

*The Divine Presence*

Jesus said, "Where there are three deities, **they're divine**. **Where there are two** or one, **I'm with them**."

*(C.f. I am [the] Alpha and Omega... which is, which was, and which is to come, Revelation 1:8)*

*The Presently Living*

4:2 Wherefore I praised the dead that have been long dead more than **the living that are yet alive**; 4:3 yea, better than **them both** [did I esteem] **him that hath not yet been,**



*Saying 31: The Prophet And The Doctor*

Jesus said, "**No prophet is welcome in their own village. No doctor heals those who know them.**"

( C.f. "**The skill** of the physician," Ecclesiasticus 38:3 )

*The Seer And The Skillful Worker*

**who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.** 4:4 Then **I saw all labor and every skilful work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbor.** This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

*Saying 32: Building the Fortified City*

Jesus said, "**A city built and fortified on a high mountain** can't fall, nor can it be hidden."

*Folding the Hands and Hunger*

4:5 **The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.**

*Saying 33: Listen And  
See The Light*

Jesus said, "**What you hear with one ear, listen to with both**, then proclaim from your rooftops. **No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket or in a hidden place.** Rather, **they put it on the stand so that everyone who comes and goes can see its light.**"

*Quietness But Vanity  
Under the Sun*

4:6 Better is a handful, **with quietness, than two handfuls with labor and striving after wind.** 4:7 **Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun.** 4:8 **There is one that is alone,** and **he hath not a second;** yea, he hath neither son nor brother;

*Saying 34: The Blind Who  
Can't See*

Jesus said, "**If someone who's  
blind leads someone else  
who's blind, both of them  
fall into a pit.**"

*( C.f. "Lay not up... treasures  
on earth... If... thine eye be  
single thy whole body shall be  
full of light," Matthew 6:10-  
22 )*

*The Covetous Eyes  
Are Never Satisfied*

yet is **there no end of  
all his labor, neither  
are his eyes satisfied  
with riches. For  
whom then, [saith  
he], do I labor, and  
deprive my soul of  
good? This also is  
vanity, yea, it is a sore  
travail.**

*Saying 35: They Can Loot  
The House*

Jesus said, "**No one can break into the house of the strong** and take it by force without **tying the hands of the strong**. **Then they can loot the house.**"

*Two Can Have  
A Good Reward*

4:9 **Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.** 4:10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but **woe to him that is alone when he falleth**, and hath not another to lift him up.

*Saying 36:*

*What Will You Wear From Evening to Morning*

Jesus said, "Don't be anxious **from morning to evening or from evening to morning about what you'll wear.**"

*They Have Warmth If Two Lie Together*

4:11 Again, **if two lie together, then they have warmth**; but **how can one be warm** [alone]? 4:12 And if a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him;

*Saying 37: A little Child  
Seeing Jesus*

His disciples said, "When will you appear to us? **When will we see you?**"

Jesus said, "**When you strip naked without being ashamed, and throw your clothes on the ground and stomp on them as little children would, then [you'll] see the Son of the Living One and won't be afraid.**"

*A Wise Youth  
Coming Forth Out Of The Prison*

and **a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

4:13 **Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king,** who knoweth not how to receive admonition any more. 4:14 For **out of prison he came forth to be king;** yea, even in his kingdom he was born poor. 4:15 **I saw all the living that walk under the sun, that they were with the youth,** the second, that stood up in his stead.

*Saying 38:*

*Hear The Message That  
You've Wanted To Hear*

Jesus said, "**Often you've wanted to hear this message that I'm telling you, and you don't have anyone else from whom to hear it. There will be days when you'll look for me, but you won't be able to find me.**"

*An Imprisoned & Released  
Youth Is Made King*

4:16 **There was no end of all the people, even of all them over whom he was: yet they that come after shall not rejoice in him.** Surely **this also is vanity and a striving after wind.**

*Saying 39:*

*The Scholars Took  
The Keys of Knowledge*

Jesus said, "**The Pharisees and the scholars have taken the keys of knowledge and hidden them.** They haven't entered, and haven't let others enter who wanted to. **So be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.**"

*They Know Not  
That They Do Evil*

5:1 **Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they know not that they do evil.**



*Saying 40:*

*A Grapevine Planted  
Outside Of The Father*

Jesus said, "**A grapevine has been  
planted outside of the Father.**

Since **it's malnourished, it'll be  
pulled up by its root and  
destroyed.**"

( C.f. "In the beginning God  
created the heaven and the earth...  
And God said," Genesis 1:1-2,  
"Whosoever shall say... he shall  
have whatsoever he saith," Mark  
11:23 )

*Don't Be Hasty To Utter  
Anything Before God*

5:2 Be not rash with thy  
mouth, and **let not thy heart be  
hasty to utter anything before  
God**; for God is in heaven, and  
**thou upon earth**: therefore let  
thy words be few.

5:3 For a dream [or **a  
nightmare] cometh with a  
multitude of business**, and a  
fool's voice with a multitude of  
words.

*Saying 41:  
Have Something In Hand*

Jesus said, "**Whoever has something in hand** will be given more, but **whoever doesn't have anything will lose** even what little they do have."

*Pay That Which Thou Vowest*

5:4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, **defer not to pay it**; for he hath no pleasure in fools: **pay that which thou vowest.**

*Saying 42: Not Tied Down*

Jesus said, "**Become passersby.**"

*Free From Obligation*

5:5 **Better is it that thou shouldst not vow**, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.

*Saying 43:*

*Who Are You To Say -  
You Don't Realize*

His disciples said to him,  
"**Who are you to say these  
things to us?**"

"**You don't realize who I am**  
from what I say to you, but  
you've become like those  
Judeans who either love the  
tree but **hate its fruit**, or love  
the fruit but **hate the tree.**"

*Silence Thy Mouth  
In The Multitude Of Dreams*

5:6 **Suffer not thy mouth to  
cause thy flesh to sin; neither  
say thou before the angel, that  
is was an error: wherefore  
should God be angry at thy  
voice, and **destroy the work** of  
thy hands?**

5:7 For **in the multitude of  
dreams there are vanities**, and  
in many words: but fear thou  
God.

*Saying 44:*

*Blasphemy & Forgiveness*

Jesus said, "**Whoever blasphemes the Father** will **be forgiven**, and **whoever blasphemes the Son** will **be forgiven**, but **whoever blasphemes the Holy Spirit** will not **be forgiven, neither on earth** nor in heaven."

*Violence & Justice*

5:8 **If thou seest the oppression** of the poor, and **the violent taking away of justice and righteousness** in a province, **marvel not at the matter**: for **one higher than the high** regardeth; and there are **higher** than they. 5:9 Moreover **the profit of the earth is for all**: **the king** [himself] is served by the field.

*Saying 45: An Evil Person -  
Their Heart Is Full Of Evil*

Jesus said, "**Grapes** aren't harvested from thorns, nor are **figs** gathered from thistles, because **they don't produce fruit**. [A person who's good] brings good things out of their treasure, and **a person who's [evil] brings evil things out of their evil treasure**. They say evil things because **their heart is full of evil**."

*He That Loveth Silver -  
This Also Is Vanity*

5:10 **He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver**; nor **he that loveth abundance**, with increase: **this also is vanity**. 5:11 **When goods increase, they are increased that eat them**; and **what advantage is there to the owner thereof**, save the beholding [of them] with his eyes?

*Saying 46: Know The Kingdom  
Like John & Become Greater*

Jesus said, "From **Adam to John the Baptizer**, no one's been born who's so much greater than **John the Baptizer** that they shouldn't avert their eyes. But I say that **whoever among you will become a little child** will **know the kingdom** and **become greater** than **John**."

*( C.f. "John was clothed with camel's hair," Mark 1:6 )*

*Much Riches Are Kept To  
The Owners Own Hurt*

5:12 **The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much**; but **the fulness of the rich will not suffer him to sleep**. 5:13 **There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun, [namely], riches kept by the owner thereof to his hurt:**

*Saying 47: Serving Two Masters -  
Burst, Spoil, Or Tear Apart*

Jesus said, "It's not possible for anyone to mount two horses or **stretch two bows**, and **it's not possible for a servant to follow two leaders**, because they'll respect one and despise the other.

**"No one drinks old wine and immediately wants to drink new wine.** And new wine isn't put in **old wineskins, because they'd burst.** Nor is old wine put **in new wineskins, because it'd spoil.**

"A new patch of cloth isn't sewn onto an old coat, **because it'd tear apart.**"

*Riches Perish By Evil -  
This Is A Grievous Evil*

5:14 **and those riches perish by evil adventure;** and if he hath **begotten a son, there is nothing in his hand.**

5:15 As he came forth from **his mother's womb**, naked shall he go again as he came, and **shall take nothing for his labor**, which **he may carry away in his hand.**

5:16 And **this also is a grievous evil**, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and **what profit hath he that he laboreth** for the wind?

5:17 **All his days also he eateth in darkness,**

*Saying 48:*

*Peace In A Single House*

Jesus said, "**If two make peace** with each other **in a single house**, they'll say to **the mountain**, 'Go away,' and it will."

*Good For One*

and **he is sore vexed**, and hath **sickness and wrath**.

5:18 Behold, that which I have seen to be **good** and to be comely is **for one to eat and to drink**,



*Saying 49: Blessed Are Those  
Who Find The Kingdom*

Jesus said, "**Blessed are those who are one – those who are chosen**, because **you'll find the kingdom. You've come from there and will return there.**"

( C. f. **Return there** - "Of him, and through him, and to him, are all things," Romans 11:36. )

*Enjoy Good In All -  
God Given Riches & Wealth*

and to **enjoy good in all his labor, wherein he laboreth** under the sun, all the days of his life which **God hath given him: for this is his portion.**

5:19 **Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof,**

*Saying 50:  
Our Origin And Identity*

Jesus said, "**If they ask you,** '**Where do you come from?**' **tell them,** 'We've come from the light, the place where light came into being by itself, [established] itself, **and appeared** in their image.'

"**If they ask you,** '**Is it you?**' **then say,** 'We are its children, and we're chosen by our living Father.'

"**If they ask you,** '**What's the sign of your Father in you?**' **then say,** '**It's movement and rest.**'"

*He Will Not Much Remember  
The Days Of His Life*

and to **take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor-this is the gift of God.** 5:20 For **he shall not much remember the days of his life;** because **God answereth [him]** in the joy of his heart.

6:1 **There is an evil** which **I have seen under the sun,** and **it is heavy upon men:** 6:2 **a man to whom God giveth riches, wealth, and honor, so that he lacketh nothing for his soul of all that he desireth,** yet **God giveth him not power to eat thereof,** but **an alien eateth it; this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.**

*Saying 51: The New World  
Has Already Come*

His disciples said to him,  
"**When will the dead have  
rest**, and **when will the new  
world come?**"

He said to them, "**What  
you're looking for has  
already come**, **but you don't  
know it.**"

*(C.f. **Have rest** or "When will  
the dead be resurrected ?" )*

*An Untimely Birth  
Comes In Vanity*

6:3 **If a man beget a  
hundred children, and  
live many years**, so that  
**the days of his years are  
many**, **but his soul be not  
filled with good**, and  
**moreover he have no  
burial**; I say, that **an  
untimely birth is better  
than he**: 6:4 **for it  
cometh in vanity**,

*Saying 52: Ignored The Living One Right In Front Of You*

His disciples said to him, "Twenty-four prophets have spoken **in Israel**, and **they all spoke of you.**"

He said to them, "**You've ignored the Living One right in front of you**, and **you've talked about those who are dead.**"

*He Hath Not Seen The Sun Nor Known It*

and departeth **in darkness**, and **the name thereof is covered with darkness**; 6:5 moreover **it hath not seen the sun nor known it**; **this hath rest rather than the other**: 6:6 yea, **though he live a thousand years** twice told, and yet enjoy no good, **do not all go to one place?**

*Saying 53: True Circumcision  
In Spirit Became Profitable*

His disciples said to him, "**Is  
circumcision useful, or not?**"

He said to them, "**If it were  
useful, parents would have  
children who are born  
circumcised.** But **the true  
circumcision in spirit has  
become profitable in every  
way.**"

*The Poor Man Who Knows  
The Beneficial Walk*

6:7 **All the labor of man  
is for his mouth, and yet  
the appetite is not filled.**

6:8 **For what advantage  
hath the wise more than  
the fool?**

*(C.f. "The poor man **knows**  
how to walk," Eccl 6:8)*

*Saying 54: The Poor Are  
Blessed With The Kingdom*

Jesus said, "**Blessed are those  
who are poor, for yours is the  
kingdom of heaven.**"

*( C.f. Not only do the thoughts,  
words and rhetoric within the  
sayings of Thomas connect  
horizontally, but also vertically.  
[https://www.angelfire.com/dc2/  
universalism/sevenseals.html](https://www.angelfire.com/dc2/universalism/sevenseals.html) )*

*The Poor Man Sees And  
Knows The Living*

[or] what hath **the poor  
man, that knoweth how  
to walk before the  
living?**

6:9 **Better is the sight  
of the eyes** than the  
wandering of the desire:  
**this also is vanity and a  
striving after wind.**

*Saying 55:  
Become My Disciple...  
Take Up The Cross*

Jesus said, "**Whoever doesn't hate their father and mother can't become my disciple**, and **whoever doesn't hate their brothers and sisters and take up their cross like I do isn't worthy of me.**"

*Know  
What Makes A Man Better*

6:10 **Whatsoever hath been**, the name thereof was given long ago; and **it is known that it is man; neither can he contend with him that is mightier than he.** 6:11  
Seeing there are many things that increase vanity, **what is man the better?**

*Saying 56: Whoever has known has found*

Jesus said, "**Whoever has known the world has found a corpse. Whoever has found a corpse**, of them **the world isn't worthy.**"

*Whoever knows can tell*

6:12 For **who knoweth what is good for man in [his] life**, all the days of **his vain life** which **he spendeth as a shadow?** for **who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?**



*Saying 57: The Day Of The Harvest*

Jesus said, "**My Fathers' kingdom can be compared to someone who had [good] seed.** Their enemy came by night and sowed weeds among the **good seed.**

The person didn't let anyone **pull out the weeds**, 'so that you don't pull out **the wheat** along with the weeds,' they said to them. 'On **the day of the harvest**, the weeds will be obvious. **Then they'll be pulled out and burned.**"

*The Day Of Death That Is The End Of All Men*

7:1 **A [good] name is better than precious oil**; and **the day of death**, than the day of one's birth.

7:2 It is better to go to **the house of mourning** than to go to **the house of feasting**: for **that is the end of all men**; and **the living** will lay it to his heart.

( *C.f. Darnel contains an bitter fixed oil.*  )

*Saying 58: Happiness & Trouble In Life*

Jesus said, "**Blessed is the person who's gone to a lot of trouble. They've found life.**"

*( C.f. Going to a lot of trouble - "Whoever discovers the meaning of these sayings won't taste death," Thomas 1. )*

*Laughter & Sorrow In The House Of Mourning*

7:3 **Sorrow** is better than **laughter**; for by the **sadness** of the countenance **the heart is made glad.**

7:4 The heart of the wise is in **the house of mourning**; but **the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.**

*Saying 59: Look For  
The Living One*

Jesus said, "**Look for the Living One while you're still alive. If you die and then try to look for him, you won't be able to.**"

*Hear the Rebuke Of  
The Wise*

7:5 **It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.**

7:6 **For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.**

*Saying 60: He Will Kill The Lamb So Find A Place of Refuge*

They saw a Samaritan carrying a lamb to Judea. He said to his disciples, **"What do you think he's going to do with that lamb?"**

They said to him, **"He's going to kill it and eat it."**

He said to them, **"While it's living, he won't eat it, but only after he kills it and it becomes a corpse."**

They said, "He can't do it any other way."

He said to them, **"You, too, look for a resting place, so that you won't become a corpse and be eaten."**

*It Destroys The Wise Man So Be Patient In Spirit*

7:7 **Surely extortion maketh the wise man foolish; and a bribe destroyeth the understanding.**

7:8 **Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof;** [and] **the patient in spirit** is better than the proud in spirit.

7:9 **Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.**

7:10 Say not thou, **What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.**

*Saying 61: If Undivided Then Two Will Rest On A Couch*

Jesus said, "**Two will rest on a couch. One will die, the other will live.**"

Salome said, "**Who are you, Sir**, to climb onto my couch and eat off my table as if you're from someone?"

Jesus said to her, "**I'm the one who exists in equality (or from the undivided).**

**Some of what belongs to my Father was given to me.**"

"**I'm your disciple.**"

"**So I'm telling you, if someone is /equal\ (or undivided), they'll be full of light; but if they're divided, they'll be full of darkness.**"

( C.f. "I am the one who exists from the undivided" the fulness, Colossians 1:19. )

*God Made The One Side by Side With The Other*

7:11 **Wisdom is as good as an inheritance; yea, more excellent is it for them that see the sun.**

7:12 For **wisdom is a defence, even as money is a defence**; but the excellency of knowledge is, that **wisdom preserveth the life of him that hath it.**

7:13 **Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?**

7:14 In the day of **prosperity** be joyful, and in the day of **adversity consider**; yea, **God hath made the one side by side with the other**, to the end **that man should not find out anything [that shall be] after him.**

*Saying 62: The Secrets of The Right Hand*

Jesus said, "**I tell my mysteries to [those who are worthy of my] mysteries. Don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.**"

*( C.f. "Don't throw pearls to the pigs," lest they trample them under their feet and turn again and **rend you**, Thomas 93, Matthew 7:6, Ecclesiastes 7:16. )*

*A Righteous Man Perisheth In His Righteousness*

7:15 **All this have I seen in my days of vanity: there is a righteous man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth [his life] in his evil-doing.**

*( C. f. Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thyself overwise: why shouldst **thou destroy thyself**? Ecclesiastes 7:16. )*

*Saying 63:*

*He Died That Very Night -  
What Was He Thinking*

Jesus said, "**There was a rich man who had much money.**

He said, '**I'll use my money to sow, reap, plant, and fill my barns with fruit, so that I won't need anything.**' That's what he was thinking to himself, **but he died that very night.** Anyone who has ears to hear should hear!"

*Why Die Early -  
Neither Be Thou Foolish*

7:16 **Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thyself overwise: why shouldst thou destroy thyself?** 7:17 **Be not overmuch wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldst thou die before thy time?** 7:18 **It is good that thou shouldst take hold of this;**

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yea, also from that withdraw not thy hand: for **he that feareth God shall come forth from them all.**  
7:19 **Wisdom is a strength to the wise man more than ten rulers** that are in a city. 7:20 Surely **there is not a righteous man upon earth, that doeth good,** and sinneth not. 7:21 Also **take not heed unto all words that are spoken,** lest thou hear **thy servant** curse thee; 7:22 for oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that **thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.**

*Saying 64: Call The Visitors And Bring Whomever You Find*

**Jesus said,** "Someone was planning on having guests. When dinner was ready, **they sent their servant to call the visitors.**

**"The servant went to the first** and said, **'My master invites you.'**

"They said, 'Some merchants owe me money. They're coming tonight. I need to go and give them instructions. **Excuse me** from the dinner.' **"The servant went to another one** and said, **'My master invites you.'** "They said, "I've just bought a house and am needed for the day. **I won't have time.'** **"The servant went to another one** and said, **'My master invites you.'** "They said, 'My friend is getting married and I'm going to make dinner. **I can't come. Excuse me** from the dinner.' **"The servant went to another one** and said, **'My master invites you.'** "They said, "I've just bought a farm and am going to collect the rent. **I can't come. Excuse me.'**

**"The servant went back** and told the master, **'The ones you've invited to the dinner have excused themselves.'**

"The master said to **their servant,** **'Go out to the roads** and **bring whomever you find** so that they can have dinner.'

**"Buyers and merchants won't [enter] the places of my Father."**

*( C.f. Jesus said, "I'll choose you, one out of a thousand," Thomas 23. )*



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7:23 All this have I proved in wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. 7:24 That which is, is far off and exceeding deep; **who can find it out?** 7:25 I turned about, and **my heart [was set] to know and to search out, and to seek** wisdom and the reason [of things], and to know that wickedness is folly, and that foolishness is madness.

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7:26 And **I find** more bitter than death **the woman whose heart is snares and nets, [and] whose hands are bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.**

7:27 Behold, **this have I found**, saith the Preacher, [laying] one thing to another, **to find out the account**; 7:28 which **my soul still seeketh**, but **I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found**; but **a woman** among all **those have I not found**.

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Saying 65:

*Maybe They Just Didn't Know But They Knew*

He said, "**A [certain king** or creditor or **a man]** owned a vineyard. **He leased it out to some sharecroppers to work it so he could collect its fruit.**

"**He sent his servant** so that the sharecroppers could give him the fruit of the vineyard. They seized his servant, **beat him, and nearly killed him.**

"**The servant went back** and told his master. His master said, '**Maybe he just didn't know them.**' **He sent another servant**, but **the tenants beat that one too.**

"**Then the master sent his son, thinking,** '**Maybe they'll show some respect to my son.**'

"Because **they knew that he was the heir of the vineyard, the sharecroppers seized and killed him.** Anyone who has ears to hear should hear!"

( C.f. Alternatively "**A certain king,**" Matthew 22:1-14 or "**a certain man,**" Luke 14: 15-24 owned a vineyard. )

*Who Knoweth The Interpretation Of A Thing*

7:29 Behold, this only have I found: that **God made man upright**; but **they have sought out many inventions.**

8:1 Who is as the wise man? and **who knoweth the interpretation of a thing?** **A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine,** and **the hardness of his face** is changed.

8:2 I [counsel thee], Keep **the king's command**, and that in regard of **the oath of God.**

8:3 **Be not hasty to go out of his presence; persist not in an evil thing:** for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

8:4 For **the king's word** [hath] power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

( C.f. Jesus said, "**Whoever discovers the interpretation** these sayings won't experience death.")

*Saying 66: Show Me The  
Stone and The Rejection*

Jesus said, "**Show me the  
stone the builders rejected;**  
that's **the cornerstone.**"

*Discern The  
Commandment & The Evil*

8:5 **Whoso keepeth the  
commandment shall  
know no evil thing;** and **a  
wise man's heart  
discerneth time and  
judgment:**

*Saying 67: Knowing  
Isn't Everything*

Jesus said,  
"**Whoever knows  
everything**, but is  
**personally lacking**,  
lacks **everything**."

*He Knoweth Not  
That Which Shall Be*

8:6 for to **every purpose  
there is a time** and  
judgment; because **the  
misery of man is great  
upon him**: 8:7 for **he  
knoweth** not **that which  
shall be**; for **who can tell  
him how it shall be?**

*Saying 68:*

*When You're Hated & Persecuted*

Jesus said, "**Blessed are you**  
**when you're hated and**  
**persecuted**, and **no place will be**  
**found where you've been**  
**persecuted.**"

*The Day Of Death*

8:8 There is **no man that**  
**hath power over the spirit to**  
**retain the spirit**; neither hath  
he power over **the day of**  
**death**; and **there is no**  
**discharge in war: neither**  
**shall wickedness deliver him**  
**that is given to it.**

*Saying 69: Those Who  
Are Persecuted In Their  
Own Hearts*

Jesus said, "Blessed are  
**those who've been  
persecuted in their own  
hearts.** They've truly  
known the Father.

**Blessed are those who  
are hungry,** so that their  
stomachs may be filled."

*I Applied My Heart To  
Every Work That Was  
Done*

8:9 All this have I seen,  
and **applied my heart  
unto every work** that is  
done under the sun:

**[there is] a time  
wherein one man hath  
power over another to  
his hurt.**

*Saying 70: What You Have  
Within You Will Save You*

Jesus said, "If you **give birth to what's within you, what you have within you will save you**. If you don't have that within [you], **what you don't have within you [will] kill you.**"

*The Forgotten Righteous  
Within The City*

8:10 So **I saw the wicked buried**, and they came [to the grave]; and **they that had done right went away from the holy place**, and **were forgotten in the city: this also is vanity.**



*Saying 71:*

*No One Will Be Able To  
Build It*

Jesus said, "**I'll destroy [this] house**, and **no one will be able to build it [...]**"

*( C.f. "Destroy this temple,  
and in three days I will raise  
it up," John 2:19. )*

*Though A Sinner Do Evil A  
Hundred Times*

8:11 **Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily,** therefore **the heart of the sons of men is fully set** in them **to do evil.**

8:12 **Though a sinner do evil a hundred times,** and prolong his [days],

*Saying 72: Tell My Brothers To Divide - Really?*

[Someone said to him], "**Tell my brothers** to **divide our inheritance** with me."

He said to him, "**Who made me a divider?**"

He turned to his disciples and said to them, "**Am I really a divider?**"

*Them That Fear Him & Them That Fear Not*

yet surely **I know that it shall be well with them that fear God**, that **fear before him**:

8:13 but **it shall not be well with the wicked**, neither shall he prolong [his] days, **[which are] as a shadow**; because he **feareth not before God**.

8:14 **There is a vanity** which is done upon the earth,

*Saying 73: The Lord Will  
Send Workers*

Jesus said, "**The harvest really is plentiful**, but **the workers are few**. So pray that **the Lord will send workers** to the harvest."

*The Work Of  
The Righteous*

that **there are righteous men unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked**; again, **there are wicked men** to whom it happeneth according to **the work of the righteous**: I said that this also is vanity.

*Saying 74: The Empty Well:  
There's Nothing To Drink*

He said, "Lord, **many are gathered around the well,** but **there's nothing to drink.**"

*A Man Has No Better Thing  
Than To Eat & Drink*

8:15 Then I commended mirth, because **a man hath no better thing** under the sun, **than to eat, and to drink,** and to be joyful: for that shall **abide with him in his labor** [all] the days of his life which God hath given him under the sun.

*Saying 75: Those Who Are One -  
Enter The Bridal Chamber*

Jesus said, "**Many are waiting** at the door, but **those who are one** will **enter the bridal chamber.**"

*( C.f. The Light of Illumination in  
the Bridal Chamber*

*<https://www.angelfire.com/dc/universalism/bridalchamberstudy.html> )*

*Know Wisdom... See The  
Business That Is Done*

8:16 **When I applied my heart to know wisdom,** and to **see the business that is done upon the earth** (for also there is that **neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes**),

*Saying 76: The Kingdom Is Like Finding A Pearl: Look*

Jesus said, "**The Father's kingdom can be compared to a merchant with merchandise who found a pearl. The merchant was wise; they sold their merchandise and bought that single pearl for themselves.**

**"You, too, look for the treasure that doesn't perish but endures, where no moths come to eat and no worms destroy."**

*Man Is Not Be Able To Find It: Seek & Explore*

8:17 then **I beheld all the work of God**, that **man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun**: because **however much a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it**; yea moreover, **though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.**

9:1 For all this **I laid to my heart, even to explore all this**: that **the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God**; whether it be love or hatred, **man knoweth it not**;

*Saying 77: I Am the All. All Comes from Me & Returns to Me*

Jesus said, "**I'm the light that's over all. I am the All. The All has come from me and unfolds toward me.**

**"Split a log; I'm there. Lift the stone, and you'll find me there."**

*( C.f. "Unfolds toward me" or returns, Romans 11:36. )*

*All Things Come Alike To All*

**all is before them.**

9:2 **All things come alike to all: there is one event** to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean and to the unclean; to **him that sacrificeth** and to him that sacrificeth not; as is the good, so is the sinner; [and] he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.

*Saying 78: What Did You Go Out Into The Desert To See*

Jesus said, "**What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind? A [person] wearing fancy clothes, [like your] rulers and powerful people? They (wear) fancy [clothes], but can't know the truth.**"

*This Is An Evil In All That Is Done Under The Sun*

9:3 **This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event unto all:** yea also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that **[they go] to the dead.**



*Saying 79: Blessed Are Those Who Listen To The Message*

A woman in the crowd said to him, "**Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nourished you.**"

He said to [her], "**Blessed are those who have listened to the message of the Father and kept it**, because there will be days when you'll say, '**Blessed is the womb that didn't conceive and the breasts that haven't given milk.**'"

*The Living Know That They Shall Die*

9:4 **For to him that is joined with all the living there is hope**; for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

9:5 **For the living know that they shall die**: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

9:6 As well **their love**, as their hatred and their envy, **is perished long ago**;

*Saying 80: Of Those Who Find The World Isn't Worthy*

Jesus said, "Whoever has **known the world** has **found the body**; but whoever has **found the body**, **of them the world isn't worthy.**"

*They Have No Portion In Anything Under The Sun*

**neither have they any** more a **portion** for ever **in anything that is done under the sun.**

9:7 Go thy way, **eat thy bread** with joy, and **drink thy wine** with a merry heart; for God hath already accepted thy works.

*Saying 81: Renounce Power -  
Become A Ruler*

Jesus said, "Whoever has **become rich** should **become a ruler**, and **whoever has** power **should renounce it.**"

*Live Joyfully -  
Let Not Thy Head Lack Oil*

9:8 Let thy garments be always white; and **let not thy head lack oil.**

9:9 **Live joyfully with the wife** whom thou lovest all the days of thy life of vanity,

*Saying 82:*

*Near The Fire or Far From  
The Kingdom*

Jesus said, "**Whoever is near me is near the fire,** and **whoever is far from me is far from the kingdom.**"

*( C.f. Jesus said, "I've cast fire on the world," Thomas 10. )*

*Under The Sun  
or Days Of Vanity*

which **he hath given thee under the sun, all thy days of vanity: for that is thy portion in life,** and in thy labor **wherein thou laborest under the sun.**

*Saying 83:*

*Hidden In The Image  
Of The Father's Light*

Jesus said, "**Images are revealed to people**, but the **light** within them is **hidden in the image of the Father's light**. He'll be revealed, but **his image will be hidden by his light**."

*There Is No Knowledge,  
Nor Wisdom, In Sheol*

9:10 **Whatever thy hand findeth to do**, do [it] with thy might; for **there is no** work, nor device, nor **knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol**, whither thou goest.

*Saying 84:*

*When You See How Much  
You'll Have To Bear*

Jesus said, "**When you see your likeness**, you rejoice. But **when you see your images that came into being before you did – which don't die, and aren't revealed – how much you'll have to bear!**"

*I Saw Time And Chance  
Happeneth To Them All*

9:11 **I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong**, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but **time and chance happeneth to them all.**

9:12 For **man also knoweth not** his time:

*Saying 85:*

*Adam Experiences Death*

Jesus said, "**Adam came into being** from **a great power and great wealth**, but he didn't **become worthy** of you. **If he had been worthy, [he wouldn't have tasted] death.**"

*( C.f. Who is the greatest "from Adam to John the Baptist... but... a little child will know the kingdom," Thomas 46. )*

*The Sons Of Men Are Snared*

as **the fishes** that **are taken in an evil net**, and as **the birds** that **are caught in the snare**, even so are **the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.**

9:13 **I have also seen wisdom** under the sun on this wise, and **it seemed great unto me:**

*Saying 86:*

*Foxes & The Birds &  
The Son Of Man*

Jesus said, "[**The foxes have dens**] and the **birds have nests**, but **the Son of Humanity has nowhere** to lay his head and rest."

*A King & Few Men & A Poor  
Wise Man*

9:14 **There was a little city**, and **few men within it**; and there came **a great king** against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it.

9:15 Now **there was found in it a poor wise man**,



*Saying 87:*

*Soul And Body*

Jesus said, "How miserable is **the body** that depends on a **body**, and **how miserable** is **the soul** that depends on **both**."

*( C.f. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of heaven," Thomas 54. )*

*Wisdom And Strength*

and he by his wisdom **delivered the city**; yet no man remembered **that same poor man**.

9:16 Then said I, **Wisdom** is better than **strength**: nevertheless **the poor man's wisdom is despised**,

*Saying 88:*

*Prophets Will Give You  
What Belongs To You*

Jesus said, "**The angels** and **the prophets will come to you** and **give you what belongs to you**. You'll give them what you have and ask yourselves, '**When will they come and take what is theirs?**'"

*The Words Of The Wise  
Are Heard In Quiet*

and (**the poor man**) **his words are not heard**.

9:17 **The words of the wise heard in quiet** are better than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

9:18 **Wisdom is better than weapons of war**; but one sinner destroyeth much good.

*Saying 89:*

*Why Do You Wash The  
Outside Of The Cup*

Jesus said, "**Why do you wash the outside of the cup?** Don't you know that whoever created the inside created the outside too?"

*A Little Folly Sends  
Forth An Evil Odor*

10:1 **Dead flies cause the oil of the perfumer to send forth an evil odor;** [so] doth a little folly outweigh wisdom and honor.

*Saying 90: Jesus'  
Requirements Are Light*

Jesus said, "**Come to me,**  
because **my yoke is easy**  
**and my requirements**  
**are light. You'll be**  
**refreshed.**"

( C.f. "A wise man's heart  
leads him to do right,"  
*Ecclesiastes 10:2 The*  
*Living Bible.* )

*A Wise Man's Heart  
Leads Him To Do Right*

10:2 **A wise man's**  
**heart is at his right**  
**hand;** but a fool's heart  
at his left.

10:3 Yea also, when  
**the fool walketh by**  
**the way, his**  
**understanding faileth**  
**him,**

*Saying 91: Tell Us  
Who You Are*

They said to him, "**Tell us who you are** so **that we may trust you.**"

He said to them, "**You read the face of the sky and the earth, but you don't know the one right in front of you, and you don't know how to read the present moment.**"

*He Saith To Every One  
That He Is A Fool*

and **he saith to every one [that] he is a fool.**

10:4 **If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for gentleness allayeth great offences.**

10:5 **There is an evil which I have seen under the sun,**

*Saying 92: Look And  
You'll Find*

Jesus said, "**Look and  
you'll find. I didn't  
answer your  
questions** before.  
Now **I want to give  
you answers**, but **you  
aren't looking for  
them.**"

*I Have Seen Servants  
Upon Horses*

as it were **an error which  
proceedeth from the  
ruler:**

10:6 folly is set in great  
dignity, and the rich sit in a  
low place.

10:7 **I have seen servants  
upon horses, and princes  
walking like servants  
upon the earth.**

*Saying 93: The Dogs  
Who Show Disrespect*

"Don't give what's holy to **the dogs**, or else it **might be thrown on the manure pile**. Don't throw pearls to **the pigs**, or else they might" [...]

( C.f. "Neither cast ye your pearls before **swine**, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and **rend you**," Matthew 7:6. )

*He that Diggeth A Pit  
Shall Fall Into It*

10:8 **He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it;** and whoso breaketh through a wall, **a serpent shall bite him.**

*Saying 94: Keep Looking  
And Knock On Wood*

Jesus [said], "**Whoever  
looks will find, [and  
whoever knocks], it will be  
opened for them.**"

*( C.f. "Split a log; I'm there.  
Lift the stone, and you'll  
find me there," Thomas  
77. )*

*Lift Up The Stone  
And Split A Log*

10:9 **Whoso heweth out  
stones** shall be hurt  
therewith; [and] **he that  
cleaveth wood is  
endangered thereby.**

*( C.f. "Nothing buried  
will remain uncovered,"  
Thomas 6. )*



*Saying 95:*

*Give Money To One  
Who Won't Return It*

[Jesus said], "**If you have money, don't lend it at interest.** Instead, **give [it to] someone from whom you won't get it back.**"

*If There Is No Advantage -  
Wisdom Is Profitable*

10:10 **If the iron be blunt,** and one do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but **wisdom is profitable to direct.**

10:11 If the serpent bite before it is charmed, then is **there no advantage in the charmer.**

*Saying 96:*

*Anyone Who Has Ears To Hear Should Hear*

Jesus [said], "The Father's kingdom can be compared to a woman who took **a little yeast and [hid] it in flour.**

She made it into large loaves of bread. **Anyone who has ears to hear should hear!"**

*The Words Of A Wise Man's Mouth Are Gracious*

10:12 **The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious;** but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

10:13 The beginning of **the words** of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of **his talk** is mischievous madness.

10:14 A fool also **multiplieth words:**

*Saying 97:  
She Didn't Know,  
& Didn't Realize*

Jesus said, "The Father's kingdom can be compared to a woman carrying a jar of flour. While **she was walking down [a] long road**, the jar's handle broke **and the flour spilled out behind her on the road**. **She didn't know it**, and **didn't realize there was a problem** until **she got home**, put down the jar, and found it empty."

*Man Knoweth Not  
& Who Can Tell Him*

[yet] **man knoweth not what shall be; and that which shall be after him, who can tell him?**

10:15 The labor of fools wearieth every one of them; for **he knoweth not** how to **go to the city**.

*Saying 98:*

*The Father's Kingdom  
Is Like A Man*

Jesus said, "**The Father's kingdom can be compared to a man who wanted to kill someone powerful. He drew his sword in his house and drove it into the wall to figure out whether his hand was strong enough.** Then he killed the powerful one."

*Woe To Thee, O Land,  
When Thy King Is A Child*

10:16 **Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!**

10:17 **Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!**

10:18 **By slothfulness the roof sinketh in; and through idleness of the hands the house leaketh.**

*Saying 99: Those Who  
Enter The Kingdom*

The disciples said to him, "**Your brothers and mother are standing outside.**"

He said to them, "**The people here who do the will of my Father** are my brothers and mother; **they're the ones who will enter my Father's kingdom.**"

( *C.f. "Two will rest on a **bed**,"  
Thomas 61. )*

*The King And The Rich  
In the Bedchamber*

10:19 **A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh glad the life; and money answereth all things.**

10:20 **Reville not the king**, no, not in thy thought; and **revile not the rich in thy bedchamber:**

*Saying 100: Give What Is Appropriate -  
And See*

**They showed Jesus a gold coin** and said to him, "**Those who belong to Caesar** demand **tribute** from us."

He said to them, "**Give** to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, **give** to God what belongs to God, and **give** to me what belongs to me."

*( C.f. "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light... Ye cannot serve God & mammon," Matthew 6:22-24, Thomas 22. )*

*Give A Portion -  
And Thou Shalt Find It*

for **a bird of the heavens shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.**

11:1 **Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.**

11:2 **Give a portion** to seven, yea, even unto eight;

*Saying 101: Become My Disciple -  
Give Life*

**"Whoever doesn't hate their [father] and mother as I do** can't **become my [disciple]**, and whoever [doesn't] love their [father] and mother **as I do** can't **become my [disciple]**. For my mother [...], but [my] true [Mother] gave me **Life**."

*( C.f. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are **life**," John 6:63. "Except a corn of wheat **fall into the ground** and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit," John 12:24. )*

*Thou Knowest Not -  
Full Clouds Disperse*

for **thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.**

11:3 **If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth;** and if **a tree fall** toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where **the tree falleth**, there shall it be.

*Saying 102:*

*The Pharisees Are Sleeping  
& Do Not Eat*

Jesus said, "**How awful for the Pharisees who are like a dog sleeping in a feeding trough for cattle**, because **the dog doesn't eat**, and **[doesn't let] the cattle eat** either."

*( C.f. "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation," Luke 17:20. Thomas 51 & 113. )*

*He That Observeth Knowest Not  
& Shall Not Reap*

11:4 **He that observeth the wind shall not sow**; and **he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap**.

11:5 As **thou knowest not what is the way** of the wind, [nor] **how the bones [do grow] in the womb of her that is with child**; even so **thou knowest not the work of God** who doeth all.



*Saying 103: Knowing - Get Up Before The Bandits Come*

Jesus said, "**Blessed is the one who knows** where **the bandits are going to enter**. [He can] **get up to assemble his defenses and be prepared** to defend themselves before they arrive."

*( C.f. They will say, 'Give our field back to us,' Thomas 21. )*

*Knowing Not - Close Not Thy Hand In The Evening*

11:6 **In the morning sow thy seed**, and **in the evening withhold not thy hand**; for **thou knowest not which shall prosper**, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

*Saying 104: Then People  
Should Fast And Pray*

They said to [Jesus],  
"Come, **let's pray and fast  
today.**"

Jesus said, "**What have I  
done wrong? Have I  
failed?**"

"Rather, **when the groom  
leaves the bridal chamber,  
then people should fast  
and pray.**"

*If A Man Live Many Years...  
The Days Of Darkness*

11:7 Truly the light is sweet,  
and **a pleasant thing it is** for  
the eyes to behold the sun.

11:8 Yea, **if a man live  
many years, let him rejoice**  
in them all; but **let him  
remember the days of  
darkness**, for they shall be  
many. **All that cometh** is  
vanity.

11:9 **Rejoice,**

*Saying 105:*

*Whoever Knows  
Will Be Labelled*

Jesus said, "**Whoever knows their father and mother will be called a bastard.**"

*You Know*

*You Will Be Judged*

**O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee** in the days of **thy youth**, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and **in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou**, that for all these things **God will bring thee into judgment.**

*Saying 106:*

*Make The Two Into One  
& Become Children*

Jesus said, "**When you make the two into one**, you'll **become Children of Humanity**, and if you say '**Mountain, go away!**', it'll **go.**"

( *C.f. "Become the sons of man."* Jesus said to them, "When you make the two into one... then you'll enter the kingdom," Thomas 22. )

*Remember thy Creator in Youth  
& the Dawn of Life*

11:10 **Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh**; for **youth and the dawn of life are vanity.**

12:1 **Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come**, and **the years draw nigh**,

*Saying 107:*

*He Left & Looked &  
He Found The Lost Sheep*

Jesus said, "The kingdom can be compared to a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. **The largest one strayed. He left the ninety-nine and looked for that one until he found it. Having gone through the trouble,** he said to the sheep: **'I love you more than the ninety-nine.'**"

*Darkness & Light &  
The Clouds Return*

when thou shalt say, **I have no pleasure in them;**  
12:2 **before the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, are darkened, and the clouds return after the rain;**

*Saying 108:*

*Becoming Like Jesus*

Jesus said, "**Whoever drinks from my mouth will become like me, and I myself will become like them; then, what's hidden will be revealed to them.**"

*The Strong Men Shall Bow Themselves*

12:3 in the day **when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves**, and the grinders cease because they are few, and **those that look out of the windows shall be darkened,**

*Saying 109: The Kingdom's Treasure  
Hidden In The Field*

Jesus said, "**The kingdom can be compared to** someone who had **a treasure [hidden] in their field.** **[They] didn't know about it. After they died, they left it to their son. The son didn't know it either. He took the field and sold it.**

**"The buyer plowed the field, [found] the treasure, and began to loan money at interest to whomever they wanted."**

*( C.f. "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth," Romans 10: 8,14. "The doors shall be shut," Ecclesiastes 12:4. )*

*His Everlasting Home  
Hidden In The Street*

12:4 and **the doors shall be shut in the street;**  
when **the sound of the grinding is low,** and **one shall rise up at the voice of a bird,** and **all the daughters of music shall be brought low;**

12:5 yea, they shall be afraid of [that which is] high, and terrors [shall be] in the way; and the almond-tree shall blossom, and **the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail;** **because man goeth to his everlasting home,** and the mourners go about the streets:

*Saying 110:*

*Renouncing The World*

Jesus said, "**Whoever has found the world and become rich should renounce the world.**"

*( C.f. Jesus said, "There was a rich man who had much money... but he died," Thomas 63 )*

*Before Death*

12:6 **before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern,**



*Saying 111:*

*Whoever Lives From The  
Living One Won't Die*

Jesus said, "**The heavens  
and the earth will roll up in  
front of you, and whoever  
lives from the Living One  
won't see death.**"

Doesn't Jesus say, "**Whoever  
finds themselves, of them  
the world isn't worthy**"?

*The Spirit Returneth Unto  
God Who Gave It*

12:7 and **the dust returneth  
to the earth as it was, and  
the spirit returneth unto  
God who gave it.**

12:8 Vanity of vanities, saith  
the Preacher; **all is vanity.**

12:9 And further, because **the  
Preacher was wise, he still  
taught the people  
knowledge;**

*Saying 112: How Awful For  
The Flesh And Soul*

**Jesus said, "How awful** for  
**the flesh that depends on**  
**the soul. How awful** for **the**  
**soul that depends on the**  
**flesh."**

*( C.f . Jesus said, "I have yet  
many things to say unto you,  
but ye cannot bear them  
now," John 16:12. )*

*The Preacher Sought To  
Find Acceptable Words*

yea, **he pondered, and**  
sought out, [and] **set in**  
**order many proverbs.**  
12:10 **The Preacher**  
**sought to find out**  
**acceptable words,** and  
that which was written  
uprightly, [even] **words**  
**of truth.**

*Saying 113: The Kingdom Won't  
Come By Looking For It*

His disciples said to him, "When will the kingdom come?"

**Jesus said, "It won't come by looking for it.** They won't say, 'Look over here!' or 'Look over there!' Rather, **the Father's kingdom is already spread out over the earth,** and **people don't see it."**

*The Words Of The Wise  
Are As Goats*

12:11 **The words of the wise are as goats; and as nails well fastened are [the words of] the masters of assemblies, [which] are given from one shepherd.**

12:12 And furthermore, **my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end;**

*Saying 114: I Shall Lead Her  
Into The Kingdom Of Heaven*

Simon Peter said to them,  
"**Mary should leave us,**  
because **women aren't worthy  
of life.**"

Jesus said, **I myself shall lead  
her** in order **to make her male,**  
so that **she may become a  
living spirit** too, just like you  
males. For **every woman who  
will make herself male will  
enter the kingdom of heaven.**"

*God Will Bring Every  
Hidden Thing In The End*

and much study is **a  
weariness of the flesh.**  
12:13 **[This is] the end of  
the matter;** all hath been  
heard: **fear God, and keep  
his commandments;** for **this  
is the whole [duty] of man.**  
12:14 For **God will bring  
every work into judgment,  
with every hidden thing,  
whether it be good, or  
whether it be evil.**

## Addendum

Using the Original Gospel Received by Jesus Christ

Discover and Interpret

The Hidden Messages Within The Hebrew Bible

Similar or contrasting phrases within scripture are highlighted, encouraging us to compare spiritual with spiritual, that we might be strengthened and grow into maturity.

The basis of this side by side comparison of scripture was the realization that the Gospel scribed by Thomas could be the original Gospel of Jesus Christ.

(C.f. [takethescroll.blogspot.ca](http://takethescroll.blogspot.ca) )

Thomas introduces this gospel as “the secret sayings of the living Jesus.” Though presented openly to all who might listen, this gospel appears to be a more spiritually-minded message with hidden insights for those who will seek diligently and is tailored primarily for those who forsake all to follow Christ.

Specifically, this gospel appears to be a training manual for those who would follow Jesus in his way.

Jesus said, "Whoever does not... become a disciple to me. And... does not... take up his cross in my way will not be worthy of me," Thomas 55.

As we are exhorted in Joshua, "This book (or scroll)... shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success," Joshua 1:8.

This is the promise of Jesus: Whoever lives the meaning of these sayings will not experience death, Thomas 1.

May we rightly divide the scriptures, give attendance to reading, and meditate upon these words of Jesus that our profiting may appear to all. Compare spiritual with spiritual.

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This Gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world. May God prosper his word that it may be published among all nations, and may God send forth messengers.

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