

"You will not taste death: Jesus and Epicureanism" (Gospel of Thomas Thread)

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One last for now, on the positive things in Thomas or his teachings.

This is my summary, in my words. Some exaggeration, a pinch of mean, as support for the notion that all this is a matter of life and death really, to Thomas

We are dualised divided beings, separated, sick - and we need to Heal, become one again. For that we need to know our Selves, and we also must accept that this is the only Quest worthwhile: we are dead, all of us. Nothing else matters than this

From chosen we must become they who have chosen themselves: choose that the proverbial good great fish is an illusion, that all stories are fables, mere opinions.

Work on your fertile soil, don't be distracted by the Ego, continue to sow your seeds. Keep acting, remain in movement, and pursue

Let me close with the story that Thomas paints when we ignore all his warnings:

97. IS said: the kingdom of the [father] is comparable to a woman, she bears under a ja[r] full of flour. she walks [on a] beginning+, distant. the ear of the ja[r] broke, the flour poured after [her on] the beginning+. was she not knowing? did she not understand to toil? after that she split+ inward to her house, she placed the jar downward: she fell onto him empty

Notice the ambivalence, and the homonyms: the usual word is path here, homonymous with beginning - and everything goes wrong in and on either.

The woman indeed bears under the jar instead of embracing it. The ear malfunctions, oh my, disaster will ensue! The flour pours out, on the path of course. Did she not understand how to toil? Nothing comes for free, and in order to save your skin you must toil, hard, consistently. She approaches her house (and house is our illusion of our self, our inside, just as the World is our illusion of our outside) and evidently she will split there, after all this mayhem.

And then, suddenly, only at the end, the dumb ignorant woman discovers that the jar is empty. Yup, that's what you get when you don't pay attention!

There 😊