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Being human is so  
inconvenient.

You never know when  
everything will suddenly  
stop happening.



# Marcus Borg

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"Takes the Bible back from the specialists and makes it available to the thoughtful reader in all its complexity and splendor: nothing short of a blessing, even a miracle!"

—PETER J. GOMES, author of *The Good Book*

TAKING  
THE BIBLE  
SERIOUSLY  
BUT NOT  
LITERALLY

# READING THE BIBLE AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME

MARCUS J. BORG

author of the bestselling *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*



# CONVICTIONS

HOW I LEARNED WHAT MATTERS MOST



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Author of *The Heart of Christianity*

*Ordinary Life*

LIVING OUR ANSWER  
TO *THE* QUESTION -  
What Matters Most?

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# MIND AND SPIRIT

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What is your favorite word?

What is your least favorite word?

What sound or noise do you  
like?

What sound or noise do you  
hate?

What is your favorite curse  
word?

What profession other than your  
own would you like to attempt?

What profession would you not  
like to do?



If heaven exists, what would  
you like to hear God say to  
you when you arrive at the  
pearly gates?

Are we there yet?

How long will this take?

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We will never, never, never,  
ever, ever, ever get to the  
end of anything!

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The goal is to convey and embrace these teachings in such a way that we don't -

Panic

Run away

And, that we stay the course.



What is your  
understanding of  
“God”?

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Your image of God creates you!

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We need a deeper  
understanding of what it  
means to understand.

People were not taught  
*how* to see but *what* to see.

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Yeshua asked his students,  
“Tell me, then, who am I like?  
To whom will you  
compare me?”

Simon Peter said,  
"You are like a just angel."

Matthew said,  
"You are a philosopher of wisdom."

Thomas said,  
"Master, I cannot find words to express  
who you really are."



Yeshua said,  
"Thomas, it is no longer necessary  
for me to be your Master  
for you are drinking from the gushing  
spring I  
have opened for you,  
and you have become intoxicated."

Then Yeshua took Thomas aside and  
spoke  
three sayings to him in private.  
When Thomas returned to the  
company of his  
companions, they, of course, asked him,  
"What  
did Yeshua say to you?"



"If I were to tell you even one of the things he spoke to me," Thomas replied, "you would pick up these rocks and stone me, and then fire would blaze out of them and burn you."

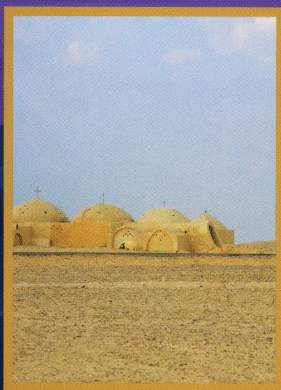


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One of  
the secret  
Gospels that  
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Code.

# The Gospel of Thomas

Annotated &  
Explained



The recently discovered  
mystical sayings of Jesus,  
with facing-page commentary  
that brings the text  
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Translation & Annotation by  
**Stevan Davies**

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*The Gnostic Gospel—Annotated and Explained*

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We have to have teachers

AND

we have to stand on our  
own

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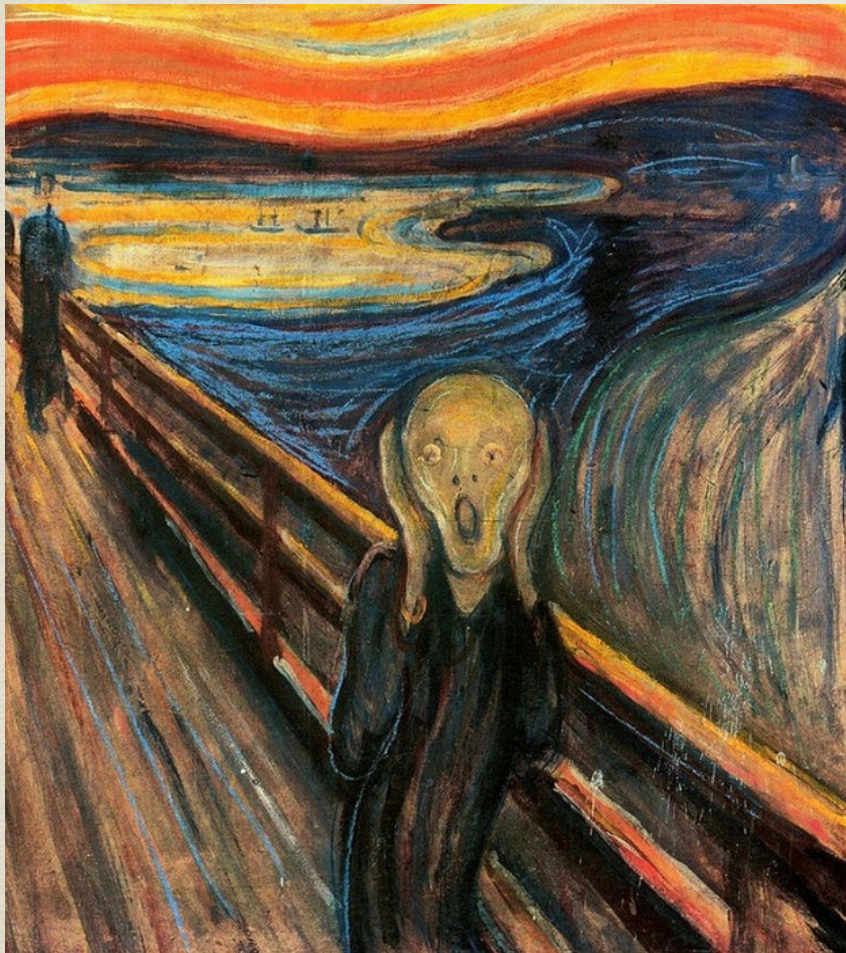
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# Transformation means:

That we become one like Jesus himself,  
one with him and one with his fiery  
source.

Uh-Oh!



Here comes  
material to  
contribute to  
religious  
literacy.

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Question the assumptions  
you make about Jesus and the  
origins of where this  
information comes from.

Jesus, Jewish mystical teacher,  
came out of his own mystical  
practice to teach by word and  
deed that not only was he one  
with Sacred Mystery but also so  
was everybody else.

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Life is not a secular  
problem to be solved.

Life is a “sacred mystery”  
to be entered into.

No matter where you go this week, no matter what happens, remember this: you carry precious cargo. So, watch your step.