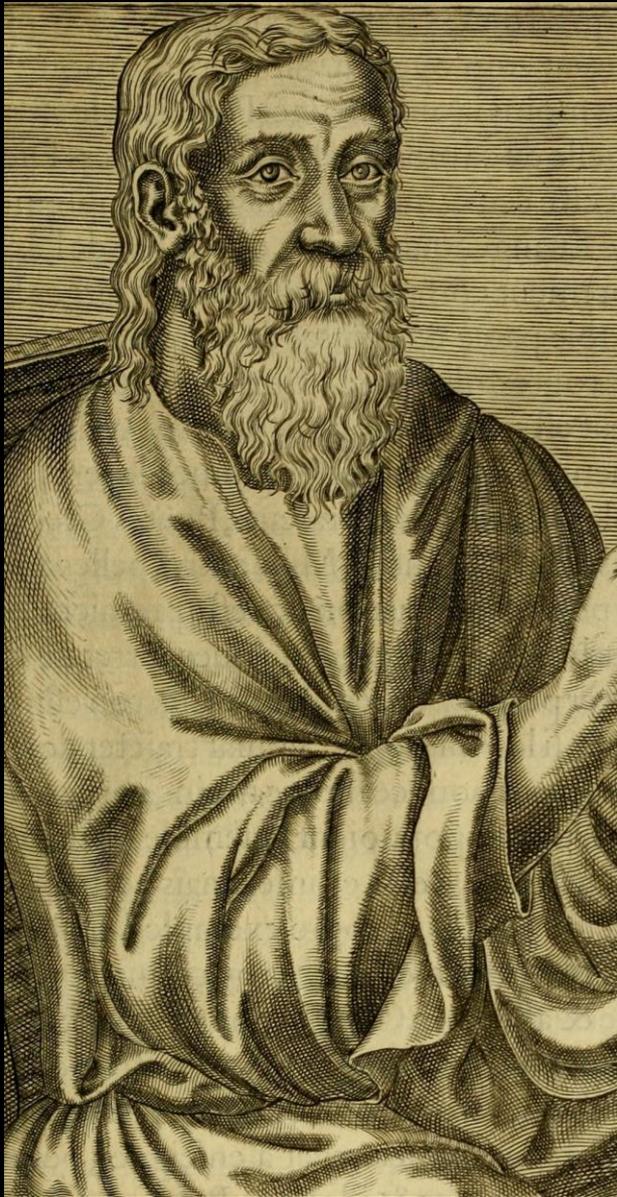




# Esoteric Christianity

Part I: Introduction



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**ECOTEPHKOC**  
**esoterikós**  
**esoteric**

- 1) Intended to be revealed only to the initiates of a group.
- 2) Understood by or meant for only the select few who have special knowledge or interest.
- 3) Belonging to the select few.



# Parables and the Secret Teaching

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<sup>10</sup> And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

<sup>11</sup> He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.”

Matthew 13

ΜΥΣΤΕΡΙΟΝ  
μυστήριον  
mustérion  
mystery

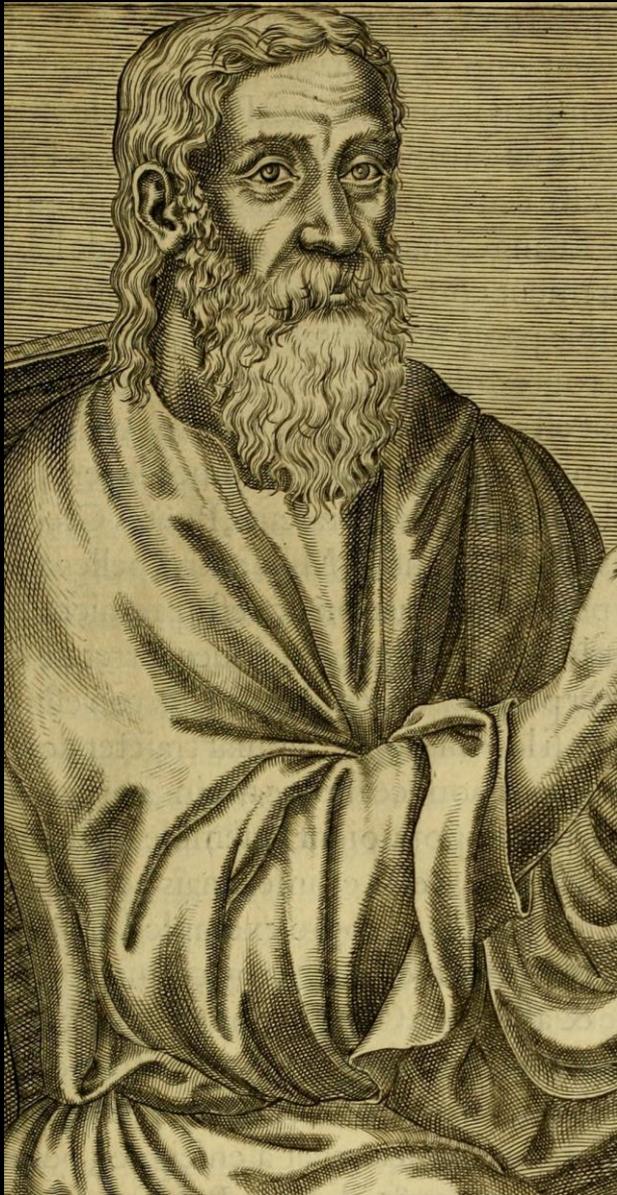
μυστήριον, *mustérion*: a mystery, secret, of which initiation is necessary; a mystery or secret doctrine; from *mustés* (one initiated)

All matters in the Torah are of a superior nature and are uppermost secrets.

Woe to those wicked who say that the Torah is merely a story and nothing more, for they look at the dress and no further.

Zohar, Bamidbar 152a





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But since this tradition is not published alone for him who perceives the magnificence of the word; it is requisite, therefore, to hide in a mystery the wisdom spoken, which the Son of God taught.”

— St. Clement of Alexandria, *The Stromata*, ch. 12 (circa 200 AD)



# Paul: Meat and Milk

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And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

I fed you with milk and not with meat; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able...

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ  
Χριστός  
christos  
Christ

Χριστός (Christ): Christos, “the Anointed One,” and Krestos, whose esoteric meaning is “fire.” The word Christ is a title, not a personal name.

“I [Christ] am come to send fire on the earth...” —Luke 12:49



“Woe unto you, you knowers of the Law [Torah]!  
for ye have taken away the key of knowledge  
[γνώσις, *gnosis*]: ye entered not in yourselves,  
and them that were entering in ye hindered.”

Luke 11:52



# Hidden Wisdom

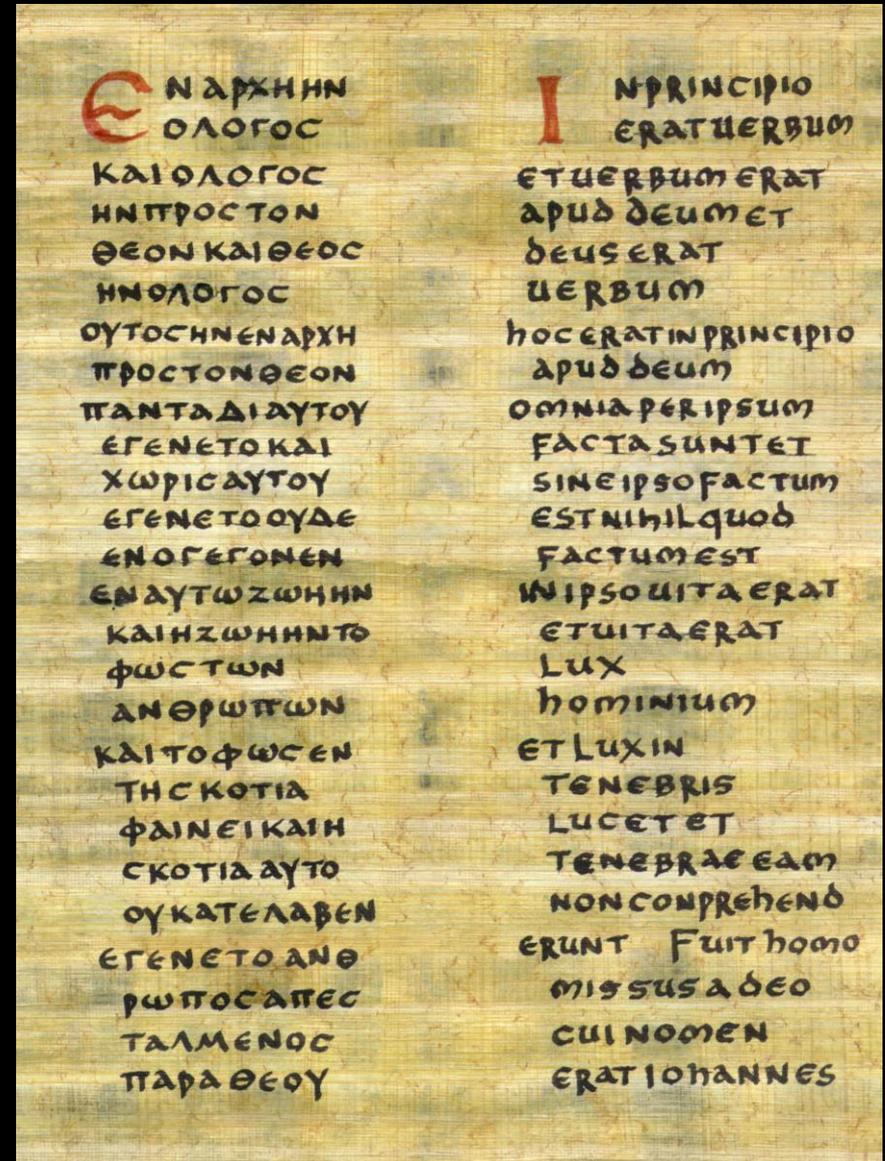
<sup>6</sup> Howbeit we speak wisdom [**σοφία**, *sophia*] among them that are perfect [**τελείοις**, *teleios*]: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

<sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery [**μυστήριον**, *mustérion*], even the hidden [**ἀποκρύπτω**, *apokruptó*] wisdom [**σοφία**, *sophia*], which God ordained before the world unto our glory...

1 Corinthians 2

In order to understand the Bible, one needs to be a Gnostic, because the Bible is a highly symbolic book, and if we try to read it in the Protestant style, like one who reads newspaper columns, we fall into the most terrible absurdities.

Samael Aun Weor, *The Seven Words*



# The Living Mysteries of the Gospels

These are the mysteries of the Gospels that must be lived here and now, within ourselves. The life, passion, and death of our Lord Jesus Christ is not something that is strictly historic as people believe. It is something of immediate actuality that each one must perform in his or her laboratory.

This is what the crude reality of Christ is. It is not something from the history of the past that occurred two thousand years ago, it is something to be lived here and now.

Samael Aun Weor, *The Archeus*

