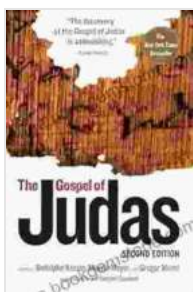


The Gospel of Judas: Second Edition - Unraveling the Secrets of the Lost Text

The discovery of The Gospel of Judas in 1978 sent shockwaves through the world of biblical scholarship and the broader religious community. This enigmatic text, written in Coptic and believed to date back to the second century, offers a startlingly different perspective on Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus in the canonical Gospels.



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Now, The Gospel of Judas: Second Edition presents an updated and expanded version of this remarkable text, offering readers a deeper understanding of its origins, content, and significance. Edited by Rodolphe Kasser, Marvin Meyer, and Gregor Wurst, this volume brings together the latest research and insights on this controversial and captivating document.

Origins and Discovery

The Gospel of Judas was discovered in Egypt's El Minya region in 1978. It is believed to have been part of a larger codex containing several other texts, including the Gospel of James and the Apocalypse of Peter. The codex was purchased by an antiquities dealer and eventually came into the possession of the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

The text was written in Coptic, a late form of the ancient Egyptian language. It consists of 13 complete pages and several incomplete ones. The incomplete state of the text has been a challenge for scholars, as it hinders the complete understanding of its content and structure.

Authorship and Date

The authorship and exact date of composition of The Gospel of Judas remain subjects of scholarly debate. The text itself does not explicitly name an author, but it claims to have been written by Judas Iscariot, Jesus' disciple who betrayed him.

Based on linguistic and historical analysis, scholars generally place the composition of the text in the second century CE. This dating is consistent with the style and content of other known Gnostic texts from that period.

Gnostic Origins and Content

The Gospel of Judas belongs to a group of texts known as the Gnostic Gospels, which offer alternative accounts of the life and teachings of Jesus. These texts emerged from diverse Gnostic sects that flourished in the early centuries of Christianity.

Unlike the canonical Gospels, The Gospel of Judas presents a more sympathetic portrayal of Judas Iscariot. It depicts Judas as a close and

trusted disciple of Jesus, who played a vital role in Jesus' plan for redemption.

The text contains a dialogue between Jesus and Judas, in which Jesus reveals his true nature as a heavenly being sent to initiate a process of spiritual awakening. Judas is portrayed as the only disciple who fully comprehends Jesus' teachings and agrees to betray him, knowing that it is necessary for Jesus' mission.

Controversy and Reception

The publication of The Gospel of Judas in 2006 sparked intense controversy within the Christian community and beyond. The text's portrayal of Judas as a hero challenged traditional beliefs about his role in Jesus' betrayal.

Some critics argued that the text was a forgery or a late invention that did not reflect the authentic teachings of Jesus. Others questioned the motivations of those involved in its publication and dissemination.

Despite the controversy, The Gospel of Judas has had a significant impact on biblical studies and religious thought. It has opened up new avenues for inquiry into the diversity of early Christian beliefs and practices.

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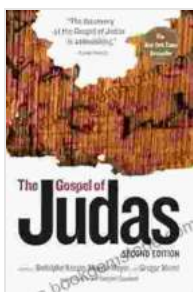
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- Revised translation and commentary
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- New essays exploring the historical, theological, and literary context of the text

The Second Edition provides readers with a more comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of The Gospel of Judas. It is an essential resource for scholars, students, and anyone interested in the history of Christianity and the diversity of religious experiences.

The Gospel of Judas: Second Edition is a testament to the enduring fascination with the lost texts and alternative perspectives that shed light on the origins and development of Christianity. By providing an updated and expanded version of this enigmatic text, this volume continues to contribute to the ongoing exploration of religious diversity and the search for a deeper understanding of the early Christian movement.



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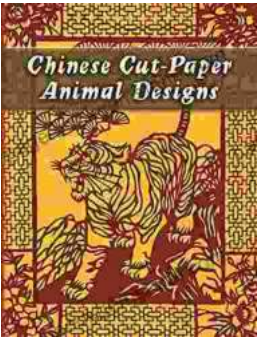
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