

chief archon wanted ³⁰ to bring her out of his rib. ¹ But the Epinoia of the light cannot be grasped. ¹ Although darkness pursued her, it did not catch her. And ¹ he brought a part of his power ¹ out of him. And he made another creature ³⁵ in the form of a woman according to the likeness of the Epinoia ¹ which had appeared to him. And he brought **23** the part which he had taken from the power ¹ of the man into the female creature, ¹ and not as Moses said, ¹ 'his rib-bone.'

“And he (Adam) saw the woman beside ⁵ him. And in that moment ¹ the luminous Epinoia appeared, and she lifted ¹ the veil which lay over his mind. ¹ And he became sober from the drunkenness of darkness. ¹ And he recognized his counter-image, and he said, ¹⁰ ‘This is indeed bone of my bones ¹ and flesh of my flesh.’ Therefore ¹ the man will leave his father and his ¹ mother and he will cleave to his wife and they will ¹ both be one flesh. For they ¹⁵ will send him his consort, ¹ and he will leave his father and his mother. { . . . } ²⁰

“And our sister ¹ Sophia (is) she who came down in innocence ¹ in order to rectify her deficiency. ¹ Therefore she was called Life, which is ¹ the mother of the living, by the foreknowledge ²⁵ of the sovereignty of heaven (IV 36, 18-20: and [] to him [].) And through her ¹ they have tasted the perfect Knowledge. I appeared ¹ in the form of an eagle on ¹ the tree of knowledge, which is the Epinoia ¹ from the foreknowledge of the pure light, ³⁰ that I might teach them and awaken ¹ them out of the depth of sleep. For they ¹ were both in a fallen state and they ¹ recognized their nakedness. The Epinoia ¹ appeared to them as a light (and) she awakened ³⁵ their thinking.

“And when Yaldabaoth ¹ noticed that they withdrew from him, ¹ he cursed his earth. He found the woman as she was **24** preparing herself for her husband. He was lord ¹ over her though he did not know the mystery ¹ which had come to pass through the holy decree. ¹ And they were afraid to blame him. And ⁵ he showed his angels his ¹ ignorance which is in him. And ¹ he cast them out of paradise and ¹ he clothed them in gloomy darkness. And the ¹ chief archon saw the virgin who stood ¹⁰ by Adam, and that the luminous ¹ Epinoia of life had appeared in her. ¹ And Yaldabaoth was full of ignorance. ¹ And when the foreknowledge of the All ¹ noticed (it), she sent some and they snatched ¹⁵ life out of Eve.

“And the chief archon ¹ seduced her and he begot in her ¹ two sons; the first and the second ¹ (are) Eloim and Yave. Eloim has a bear-face ¹ and Yave has a cat-face. The one ²⁰ is righteous but the other is unrighteous. (IV 38, 4-6: Yave ¹ is righteous but Eloim is ¹ unrighteous.) ¹

Yave he set ¹ over the fire and the wind, and Eloim he set ¹ over the water and ¹ the earth. And these he called with the names ²⁵ Cain and Abel with a view to deceive. ¹

“Now up to the present day ¹ sexual intercourse continued due to the chief archon. ¹ And he planted sexual desire ¹ in her who belongs to Adam. And he produced through ³⁰ intercourse the copies of the bodies, ¹ and he inspired them with his counterfeit spirit. ¹

“And the two archons he set ¹ over principalities so that ¹ they might rule over the tomb. ³⁵ And when Adam recognized the likeness of his own ¹ foreknowledge, he begot the likeness ²⁵ of the son of man. He called him Seth ¹ according to the way of the race in the aeons. Likewise ¹ the mother also sent down her spirit ¹ which is in her likeness and a ⁵ copy of those who are in the pleroma, for she will ¹ prepare a dwelling place for the aeons which will come ¹ down. And he made them drink water of forgetfulness, ¹ from the chief archon, in order that they might not ¹ know from where they came. Thus ¹⁰ the seed remained for ¹ a while assisting (him) in order that, when ¹ the Spirit comes forth from ¹ the holy aeons, he may raise up and ¹ heal him from the deficiency, that the ¹⁵ whole pleroma may (again) become holy and ¹ faultless.”

And I said to the savior, ¹ “Lord, will all the souls then be brought safely ¹ into the pure light?” He answered ¹ and said to me, “Great things ²⁰ have arisen in your mind, for it is ¹ difficult to explain them to others ¹ except to those who are from ¹ the immovable race. Those on whom the Spirit of life ¹ will descend and (with whom) he will be with the power, ²⁵ they will be saved and become perfect ¹ and be worthy of the greatness and ¹ be purified in that place from ¹ all wickedness and the involvements in evil. ¹ Then they have no other care than ³⁰ the incorruption alone, to which they direct their attention ¹ from here on, without anger or envy or jealousy ¹ or desire and greed of ¹ anything. They are not affected by ¹ anything except the state of being in ³⁵ the flesh alone, which they bear while looking expectantly ¹ for the time when they will be met ²⁶ by the receivers (of the body). Such ¹ then are worthy of the imperishable, ¹ eternal life and the calling. For they endure ¹ everything and bear up under ⁵ everything, that they may finish ¹ the good fight and inherit ¹ eternal life.”

I said to him, “Lord, ¹ the souls of those who did not do these works, ¹ (but) on whom the power and Spirit ¹⁰ descended, (IV 40, 24-25: will they be rejected?” He ¹ answered and said to me, “If the ¹ Spirit (IV 40, 24-25: descended upon them), they will in any case be saved ¹ and they will change (for the better). For the ¹ power will descend on every