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The Tradition of John (1)

Chapter One

The Word of life was from the beginning. We've heard him, seen him with our own eyes, looked at him and touched him with our own hands! ²The life was revealed; we've seen, and testify, and announce to you the eternal life which was with the Mother, and was revealed to us. ³We proclaim to you what we've seen and heard so that you also may partner with us. Our partnership is with the Mother and with her Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We're writing this to you so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we've heard from him and announce to you: Godde is light, and there's no darkness at all in her. ⁶If we say that we're partners with her and yet live in the darkness, we lie and don't live out the truth. ⁷But if we live in the light as she's in the light, we're partners with each other and the blood of Jesus, her Son, exonerates us from all wrongdoing. ⁸If we say that we don't do anything wrong, we deceive ourselves and the truth isn't in us. ⁹If we confess our wrongdoings, she's trustworthy and just to forgive us and to exonerate us from all injustice. ¹⁰If we say that we haven't done anything wrong, we make her a liar and her word isn't in us.

Chapter Two

My little children, I'm writing this to you so that you won't do what's wrong. If anyone does wrong, we have an Advocate with the Mother – Jesus Christ – who's just. ²He forgives our wrongdoings, and not just ours, but the whole world's too. ³We know for sure that we've known him if we keep his precepts. ⁴Whoever says "I've known him" but doesn't keep his precepts is a liar, and the truth isn't in them. ⁵But Godde's love has truly been completed in whoever keeps their word. This is how we know that we're in him: ⁶Whoever says they remain in him should also live just like he did.

⁷Beloved, I'm not writing to you with a new precept, but with an old precept that you had from the beginning. The old precept is the message that you heard from the beginning. ⁸However, I'm writing to you with a new precept, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹Whoever says they're in the light yet hates their sister or brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves their sister or brother remains in the light, and there's no reason they should trip up. ¹¹But whoever hates their sister or brother is in the darkness, lives in the darkness, and doesn't know where they're going, because the darkness has blinded their eyes.

¹²I'm writing to you, little children, because your wrongdoings have been forgiven for his name's sake.

¹³I'm writing to you, mothers and fathers, because you've known the one who's from the beginning. I'm writing to you, young women and men, because you've overcome evil.

I've written to you, little children, because you've known the Mother.

¹⁴I've written to you, mothers and fathers, because you've known the one who's from the beginning.

I've written to you, young women and men, because you're strong, the word of Godde remains in you, and you've overcome evil.

¹⁵Don't love the world or anything in the world. The love of the Mother isn't in anyone who loves the world, ¹⁶because all that's in the world – the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the pride of life – isn't from the Mother, but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desire is passing away, but whoever does Godde's will remains forever.

¹⁸Children, this is the last hour, and as you've heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. That's how we know that it's the last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they didn't belong to us, because if they belonged to us, they would've remained with us. By leaving they showed that none of them belong to us. ²⁰But you've been anointed by the Holy One, and you know everything. ²¹I haven't written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you do know it, and no lie is of the truth. ²²Who's the liar? It's whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Mother and the Son. ²³Whoever denies the Son doesn't have the Mother. Whoever acknowledges the Son has the Mother too. ²⁴What you've heard from the beginning should remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you'll remain in the Son and in the Mother too. ²⁵This is what he promised us: eternal life.

²⁶I've written this to you concerning those who would deceive you. ²⁷As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you don't need anyone to teach you. But as that anointing teaches you about everything – and as it's true, and is no lie, and as it has taught you – remain in him.

²⁸And now, little children, live in him, so that when he's revealed we may have confidence and won't be ashamed before him at his coming. ²⁹If you know that Godde is just, you know that everyone who pursues justice is born of her.

Chapter Three

See how much love the Mother has lavished on us, that we should be called Godde's children! Because of this the world doesn't know us, because it didn't know her. ²Beloved, we're Godde's children now, but it's not yet clear what we will be. We do know that when she's revealed, we'll be like her, because we'll see her just as she is. ³Everyone who hopes in her is purified, even as she is pure.

⁴Everyone who does wrong also commits crime. Wrongdoing is crime. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away wrongdoings, and in him there's no wrongdoing. ⁶Whoever remains in him doesn't do wrong. Whoever does wrong has neither seen him nor known him. ⁷Little children, don't let anyone deceive you. Whoever pursues justice is just, even as he is just. ⁸Whoever does wrong is of the devil, because the devil has been doing wrong from the beginning. That's why the Son of Godde was revealed, to destroy the deeds of the devil. ⁹Whoever's been born of Godde doesn't do wrong because Godde's nature remains in them; they can't do wrong, because they're born of Godde. ¹⁰This is how we can tell who are the children of Godde and who are the children of the devil: whoever doesn't pursue justice is not of Godde, nor is anyone who doesn't love their sister or brother.

¹¹Because this is the message which you heard from the beginning: We should love one another, ¹²not like Cain who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. Why did he murder him? Because his deeds were evil and his brother's were just. ¹³Don't be amazed, my sisters and brothers, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we've passed from death into life because we love the sisters and brothers. Whoever doesn't love remains in death. ¹⁵Whoever hates their sister or brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in them.

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: He laid down his life for us. And we should lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers. ¹⁷If someone who has worldly possessions sees their sister or brother in need yet closes their heart against them, how can the love of Godde remain in them? ¹⁸Little children, we shouldn't just love in word or speech, but in deed and truth.

¹⁹This is how we'll know that we're of the truth and will persuade our hearts before her ²⁰if our heart condemns us: Godde is greater than our heart, and she knows all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart doesn't condemn us, we're confident toward Godde, ²²and we'll receive whatever we ask from her, because we keep her precepts and do what pleases her. ²³This is her precept, that we trust in the name of her Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other, just as she instructed. ²⁴Whoever keeps her precepts remains in her, and she in them. This is how we know that she remains in us: We know it by the Spirit she gave us.

Chapter Four

Beloved, don't trust every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they're of Godde, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you know the Spirit of Godde: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of Godde, ³but every spirit that doesn't acknowledge Jesus isn't of Godde. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you've heard is coming. Now it's in the world already. ⁴You're of Godde, little children, and you've overcome them, because the one who's in you is greater than the one who's in the world. ⁵They're of the world, so they speak of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶We're of Godde. Whoever knows Godde listens to us; whoever isn't of Godde doesn't listen to us. This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, we should love each other, because love is of Godde, and everyone who loves has been born of Godde and knows Godde. ⁸Whoever doesn't love doesn't know Godde, because Godde is love. ⁹This is how we know that Godde's love was revealed in us: Godde has sent her only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved Godde, but that she loved us and sent her Son so that our wrongdoings might be forgiven. ¹¹Beloved, if Godde loved us in this way, we should love each other too. ¹²No one has seen Godde at any time. If we love each other, Godde remains in us and her love has been completed in us.

¹³This is how we know that we remain in her and she in us: She's given us of her Spirit. ¹⁴We've seen and testify that the Mother has sent the Son as the Life-Giver of the world. ¹⁵Godde remains in whomever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of Godde, and they remain in Godde. ¹⁶We've known and have trusted the love which Godde has for us. Godde is love. Whoever remains in love remains in Godde, and Godde remains in them. ¹⁷This is how love has been completed among us: We may be confident in the day of judgment, because as she is, we are in this world too. ¹⁸There's no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear because fear involves punishment. Whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because she loved us first. ²⁰If anyone says "I love Godde" yet hates their sister or brother, they're a liar, because whoever doesn't love their sister or brother, whom they have seen, cannot love Godde, whom they haven't seen. ²¹The precept we have from her is this: Whoever loves Godde should also love their sister or brother.

Chapter Five

Whoever trusts that Jesus is the Christ has been born of Godde. Whoever loves the one who's given birth loves the child who's born of her too. ²This is how we know that we love Godde's children: when we love Godde and keep her precepts. ³For the love of Godde is this, that we keep her precepts. Her precepts don't weigh us down, ⁴because whatever has been born of Godde overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world: our trust. ⁵Who overcomes the world, if not the one who trusts that Jesus is the Son of Godde?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not just with the water, but with the water and the blood. It's the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷There are three who testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of mortals, Godde's testimony is greater, because this is Godde's testimony which she's given about her Son. ¹⁰Whoever trusts in the Son of Godde has the testimony within. Whoever doesn't trust Godde has made her a liar, because they haven't trusted in the testimony that Godde has given about her Son. ¹¹This is the testimony: Godde gave us eternal life, and this life is in her Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has this life. Whoever doesn't have Godde's Son doesn't have this life.

¹³I've written this to you who trust in the name of Godde's Son so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence which we have in him: If we ask anything according to her will, she hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that she hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we've asked of her.

¹⁶If anyone sees their sister or brother committing an offense that doesn't lead to death, they'll pray, and Godde will give life to those who don't commit an offense that leads to death. There is an offense that leads to death; I'm not saying that you should pray about that. ¹⁷All injustice is wrong, and there are offenses that don't lead to death.

¹⁸We know that whoever has been born of Godde doesn't continue to do wrong, but the one who has been born of Godde protects them and the evil one doesn't touch them. ¹⁹We know that we're of Godde and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. ²⁰We know that Godde's Son has come and has given us understanding so that we may know the one who's true, and we're in the one who is true, in her Son Jesus Christ. This is the true Godde and eternal life. ²¹Little children, keep yourselves from idols.