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# Appendix:

## The Good News According to the Tradition of Mary

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“Then will matter <sup>2</sup>be destroyed, or not?”

The Life-Giver said, <sup>3</sup>“All natures, all forms, and all living beings <sup>4</sup>are interdependent, <sup>5</sup>but they’ll all dissolve again into <sup>6</sup>their original state, because the <sup>7</sup>nature of matter dissolves into <sup>8</sup>the original state of its nature. If anyone has <sup>9</sup>ears, listen up!”

<sup>10</sup>Peter said, “Since you’ve <sup>11</sup>explained everything to us, tell us one more thing. <sup>12</sup>What’s the offense of the world?”

<sup>13</sup>The Life-Giver answered, “Offense doesn’t exist in and of itself, <sup>14</sup>but you’re the ones who offend when <sup>15</sup>you act in accordance with the nature of <sup>16</sup>unfaithfulness, which is called ‘offense.’ <sup>17</sup>That’s why the Good has come <sup>18</sup>among you, approaching every nature <sup>19</sup>in order to reunite it with <sup>20</sup>its origin.”

Then he continued: <sup>21</sup>“That’s why you get <sup>22</sup>sick and die, because you love

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what tricks you. If anyone <sup>2</sup>can understand, they should understand!”

“Attachment to matter gives birth to a <sup>3</sup>passion that has no image <sup>4</sup>because it comes from what’s contrary to nature. <sup>5</sup>Then confusion arises in <sup>6</sup>the whole body. That’s why I told <sup>7</sup>you to be content at heart. <sup>8</sup>If you’re discontented, <sup>9</sup>find contentment in the presence of the various images <sup>10</sup>of nature. If anyone has ears, <sup>11</sup>listen up!”

<sup>12</sup>After the Blessed One said all this, he <sup>13</sup>greeted them all. He said, <sup>14</sup>“Peace be with you! Acquire my peace. <sup>15</sup>Be careful not to let anyone <sup>16</sup>mislead you by saying, <sup>17</sup>“Look over here!” or ‘Look <sup>18</sup>over there!’ Because the Son of Woman <sup>19</sup>exists within you. Follow <sup>20</sup>him! Those who seek him will <sup>21</sup>find him.

“So go and proclaim <sup>22</sup>the good news about Godde’s reign. Don’t

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lay down any precepts beyond what <sup>2</sup>I’ve given you, nor make a <sup>3</sup>law like the lawgiver, or else <sup>4</sup>you’ll be bound by it.” <sup>5</sup>After he said all this, he left.

But they <sup>6</sup>grieved and wept bitterly. They <sup>7</sup>said, “How can we go <sup>8</sup>to the Gentiles to proclaim <sup>9</sup>the good news about the reign of the Son <sup>10</sup>of Woman? If they didn’t <sup>11</sup>spare him, why would <sup>12</sup>they spare us?”

Then Mary <sup>13</sup>arose and greeted them all. <sup>14</sup>She said to her sisters and brothers, “Don’t weep <sup>15</sup>and grieve or doubt in your hearts, <sup>16</sup>because his grace will be <sup>17</sup>with you all and will protect <sup>18</sup>you. Rather we should <sup>19</sup>praise his greatness because he’s <sup>20</sup>prepared us and made us authentic human beings.”

After <sup>21</sup>Mary said all this, she turned their hearts <sup>22</sup>toward the Good and they started <sup>23</sup>to debate the words <sup>24</sup>of the Life-Giver.

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Peter said to Mary, “Sister, <sup>2</sup>we know the Life-Giver loved you <sup>3</sup>more than all other women. <sup>4</sup>Tell us the words of the Life-Giver that you <sup>5</sup>remember – the things which you know <sup>6</sup>that we don’t, and which we haven’t heard.”

<sup>7</sup>In response Mary said, <sup>8</sup>“I’ll tell you what’s hidden from you.” <sup>9</sup>So she started to tell them <sup>10</sup>these things. She said, “I <sup>11</sup>saw the Lord in a vision and I <sup>12</sup>said to him, ‘Lord, I saw you <sup>13</sup>in a vision earlier today.’

<sup>14</sup>In response he <sup>15</sup>said, ‘You’re blessed because you didn’t waver <sup>16</sup>at the sight of me. For where the mind <sup>17</sup>is, there lies the treasure.’

<sup>18</sup>I said, <sup>19</sup>“Lord, when someone sees a <sup>20</sup>vision, does their soul see it through the senses, or do they see it in <sup>21</sup>the Spirit?”

<sup>22</sup>In response the Life-Giver <sup>23</sup>said, ‘They don’t see through the soul <sup>24</sup>or in the Spirit, but the mind that’s <sup>25</sup>in between the two is what <sup>26</sup>sees the vision.’ ...

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<sup>1</sup>And Desire said, <sup>2</sup>I didn’t see you going down, <sup>3</sup>but now I see you’re going <sup>4</sup>up. So why are you lying, since you belong to <sup>5</sup>me?”

<sup>6</sup>In response the soul <sup>7</sup>said, ‘I saw you, but you didn’t see me <sup>8</sup>or know me. I was <sup>9</sup>to you just a garment, and you didn’t recognize my true Self.’ <sup>10</sup>After she said all this, she left, rejoicing <sup>11</sup>greatly.

<sup>12</sup>Again, she approached the <sup>13</sup>third power, which is <sup>14</sup>called ‘Ignorance.’ It <sup>15</sup>interrogated the soul: <sup>16</sup>“Where do you think you’re going? In <sup>17</sup>wickedness you’re bound. <sup>18</sup>Since you’re bound, don’t judge!”

<sup>19</sup>“The soul said, ‘Why are you judging <sup>20</sup>me, since I haven’t judged? Yes, I was bound, <sup>21</sup>even though I didn’t bind anything. They didn’t recognize <sup>22</sup>me, but I’ve recognized that <sup>23</sup>everything will dissolve – both on <sup>24</sup>earth

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and in heaven.’

<sup>1</sup>After the soul <sup>2</sup>had overcome the third power, <sup>3</sup>she went up and saw <sup>4</sup>the fourth power, which took <sup>5</sup>seven forms:

The first form <sup>6</sup>is Darkness;

The second, <sup>7</sup>Desire;

The third, <sup>8</sup>Ignorance;

The fourth, Zeal for <sup>9</sup>Death;

The fifth, the Reign of the Flesh;

<sup>10</sup>The sixth, the Foolish ‘Wisdom’ <sup>11</sup>of Flesh;

The seventh, the ‘Wisdom’ <sup>12</sup>of Anger.

These are the seven <sup>13</sup>powers of Wrath.

<sup>14</sup>They ask <sup>15</sup>the soul, ‘Where are you from, <sup>16</sup>you murderer, and where do you think you’re going, <sup>17</sup>conqueror of space?’

<sup>18</sup>In response the <sup>19</sup>soul said, ‘What bound <sup>20</sup>me has been killed, what surrounded <sup>21</sup>me has been overcome, my desire <sup>22</sup>is gone, and ignorance <sup>23</sup>has died. In a world I was released

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from a world, and in a <sup>2</sup>type from a heavenly type, <sup>3</sup>and from the chain of forgetfulness which <sup>4</sup>is temporary. From now on <sup>5</sup>I'll obtain the rest of the <sup>6</sup>time of the season in eternity in <sup>7</sup>silence."

After Mary said <sup>8</sup>all this, she fell silent because the Life-Giver <sup>9</sup>had spoken with her up to this point.

<sup>10</sup>In response Andrew said <sup>11</sup>to the sisters and brothers, 'Say what you will <sup>12</sup>about what she's said, <sup>13</sup>I for one don't believe that <sup>14</sup>the Life-Giver said such things, because these teachings seem like <sup>15</sup>different ideas."

In response <sup>16</sup>Peter spoke out with <sup>17</sup>the same concerns. He <sup>18</sup>asked about the Life-Giver, "Would <sup>19</sup>he really speak privately with a woman, <sup>20</sup>and not publicly with us? Are we supposed to <sup>21</sup>turn around and all listen <sup>22</sup>to her? Did he prefer her to us?"

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Then Mary wept and said to <sup>2</sup>Peter, "My brother Peter, what are you <sup>3</sup>saying? Do you really think that I <sup>4</sup>made all this up in my <sup>5</sup>heart, or that I'm lying about the Life-Giver?"

<sup>6</sup>In response Levi said to Peter, <sup>7</sup>"Peter, you've always been <sup>8</sup>angry. Now I see you're <sup>9</sup>debating with this woman just like <sup>10</sup>the adversaries. But if the <sup>11</sup>Life-Giver made her worthy, who are you <sup>12</sup>to reject her? Surely <sup>13</sup>the Life-Giver knows her <sup>14</sup>very well. That's why he loved her more than <sup>15</sup>us.

"Rather we should be ashamed of ourselves, <sup>16</sup>clothe ourselves with authentic humanity, <sup>17</sup>and acquire it for ourselves as he <sup>18</sup>instructed us. We should proclaim <sup>19</sup>the good news, not laying down <sup>20</sup>any precepts or laws <sup>21</sup>beyond what the Life-Giver has said."

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Levi said all this, they started to <sup>2</sup>go out to teach and proclaim:

<sup>3</sup>The Good News  
<sup>4</sup>According to the Tradition  
<sup>5</sup>of Mary