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  - Breath
  - Angels
  - Demons
- spirit – πνεῦμα**
- Other non-corporeal bodies
  - the incorporeal part of the person
  - the Holy Spirit – 3rd member of the Trinity

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## 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

<sup>3</sup>But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be seduced from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. <sup>4</sup>For if a person comes and preaches another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or you receive a different spirit, which you had not received, or a different gospel, which you had not accepted, you put up with it splendidly!

## 2 Peter 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup>There were indeed false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and will bring swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup>Many will follow their depraved ways, and the way of truth will be maligned because of them.

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# John 16:32-33

**32** Indeed, an hour is coming, and has come, when each of you will be scattered to his own home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. **33** I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.”

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# John 16:7-11

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: <sup>9</sup>About sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; <sup>11</sup>and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

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# Spirit of Truth

- From God – Confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh
- Have conquered them
- Jesus in you in greater than the evil in them
- Anyone who is from God listens to us

# Spirit of Deception

- From the World – Does not confess Jesus
- Represent the spirit of antichrist
- What they say is from the World
- Do not listen to us



**BONUS**

# Gnostic Gospels

- The Gospel of Thomas
- The Gospel of Philip
- The Gospel of Judas
- The Gospel of Mary Magdalene
- The Gospel of the Egyptians
- The Gospel of Truth

Nag Hammadi  
(Egypt, 1945)

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# Luke 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us. <sup>3</sup>So it also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.

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