

Society in Los Angeles. The Gnostic Society was founded with the purpose of studying Gnosticism and the Western Esoteric Tradition in general. The Gnostic Society has since been united with the Ecclesia Gnostica whose presiding Bishop, Stephan Hoeller, is a well-known lecturer and writer for the Theosophical Society today.

We are indeed coming into a renaissance of Gnostic thought in the twentieth century. To find examples of Gnostic influence we need look no farther than the science fiction of Phillip K. Dick, the art of Salvador Dali or the psychology of C. G. Jung, who went so far as to write his own Gnostic Gospel, "The Seven Sermons to the Dead," which he wrote under the name, Basilides. In a closing note, we must remember that in a sense, Gnosticism is not a religion that can be extinguished by terror and repression, but rather it is a Tao or way that is already inherently archetypal within us all, patiently lying dormant, awaiting the day of the great awakening.

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