

EUGNOSTOS THE BLESSED (NHC III, 3; NHC V, 1)

A revelatory **Gnostic** treatise composed in the form of a letter by “Eugnostos, the Blessed, to those who are his.” The text deals with the heavenly world and its various emanations. It is a non-Christian work, probably of Jewish Gnostic origin. The text of Eugnostos was subsequently “Christianized” with additional material in which the risen Christ reveals gnosis to his disciples in another **Nag Hammadi** tractate, the ***Sophia of Jesus Christ*** (NHC III, 4; BG, 3). Extant only in Coptic, Eugnostos was originally composed in Greek as early as the late first century, probably in **Alexandria**. It was probably known to the Gnostic teachers **Basilides** and Valentinus, active in Alexandria in the early second century.

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