

## **HERACLEON**

A pupil of **Valentinus** the **Gnostic** who was active during the mid-second century. He was referred to by [Clement](#) of **Alexandria** as “the most esteemed member of the [school](#) of Valentinus.” He wrote an important [commentary](#) on the [Gospel](#) of [John](#) that was excerpted by **Origen** in his own [commentary](#) on John.

Although he is reported by Hippolytus to have been a member of the “Western” or “Italic” branch of the Valentinian School, he was probably an Alexandrian, and his [commentary](#) was probably [composed](#) in Alexandria between 160 and 180.

**GAWDAT GABRA**

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