

## **MARSANES (NHC X, 1)**

A **Sethian** Gnostic revelatory work written by, or in the name of, the **Gnostic** prophet Marsanes. Very poorly preserved, it is the only tractate in the codex, which is extremely fragmentary. The title is partially preserved on a fragment from the last page.

[Marsanes](#) recounts an ascent to heaven and visions seen along the way. Heavily influenced by second- and third-century Platonism, [Marsanes](#) may have been one of the Gnostic “apocalypses” read in Plotinus’ school in [Rome](#) in the mid-third century (VP 16). Extant only in Coptic, it was originally composed in Greek, probably in the third century, either in [Syria](#) or in Egypt.

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