

SECOND TREATISE OF THE GREAT SETH (NHC VII, 2)

A **Gnostic** revelatory monologue given by Jesus [Christ](#) to a congregation of “perfect and incorruptible ones.” The title, given in Greek at the end, is curious because no mention is made in the text of **Seth**. The text, containing polemics against Christians who are identifiably orthodox, features a **docetic** [interpretation](#) of Jesus’ Crucifixion that has the spiritual [Savior](#) laughing above at the folly of those below crucifying his fleshly body.

The *Second [Treatise](#) of the [Great Seth](#)*, extant only in Coptic, was originally composed in Greek, probably in late second-century Egypt.

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