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Greetings, my brethren. Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. What this holy day represents is the revelation of the divine nature of Jesus to the Gentiles, represented by the three Magi in today's Gospel reading from Matthew 2. In our Epistle, Paul tells the Ephesians plainly, "The Gentiles are to be joint-heirs, and a joint-body, and joint-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." And according to our Gnostic doctrine, the "Gentiles" are those who have been "called" as opposed to the "elect." In other words, this refers to the psychica. Paul is telling us that the Church is both psychic and pneumatic, just as Jesus Christ is; and furthermore, that the one is to be reconciled to the other. It is, in fact, the duty of the pneumatic Church to help lift up the psychic Church to the level of spiritual enlightenment.

In this very epistle, Paul continues, "To me...was given the grace to proclaim to the Gentiles...to enlighten all men as to what is the stewardship of the mystery that has been hidden for ages in God." In other words, the occult truth of the divine is the inheritance of all. It is the very birthright of Man. And if there was any question to whether the psychics were being referred to here, Paul makes this ever clearer by continuing: "that through the Church, the multifaceted wisdom of God might be made known now to the heavenly rulers and authorities." These heavenly rulers and authorities are, of course, the archontic forces; the rulers and operators of the psychic plane. And are we told to destroy these impure and imperfect forces? No, we are told to make Wisdom known to them, that they might be cooperators and co-workers in the accomplishment of God's plan. Paul tells us as much, continuing: "This was according to the plan of the Aeons, which he made known in Jesus Christ our Lord."

Therefore, our sacramental and theurgical works are never destructive, but transformative. We need not destroy the agents of darkness, but merely to bring the Light of Christ to them that they might be transformed into the agents of the Light. Likewise, the psychic Church must be slowly transmuted. Even now we can see the roots of this transformation. And we can aid this effort with theurgical prayer and frequent participation in the sacramental rites. Let us take a few moments now to meditate upon these things.

(Begin period of silent meditation.)