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Brethren, today's readings are primarily about the Life, or Spirit, which God gifted man so as to grant him a chance at rectification. However, hidden within these readings, our first reading in particular, is a reference to another gift granted to Man, that of time. For it reads, "Deficiency of matter is not from the infinity of the Father, who came to give time to deficiency."

Counted to what orthodox Christian sects teach, Gnostics do not believe that God the Father created the world. We teach that a spritually-deficient, perverted, and imperfect being, the Demiurge, created the world without the Father's help. This demiurge made Man in the image of the divine Anthropos, but could not make him truly live as he lacked the final creative essence which the Father alone possesses: Pure Spirit. The Father, in his infinite goodness, chose to rectify the world and Psychical Adam to Himself. He allowed His Spirit to diffuse through the world and enlived Man fully. This divine Spirit over time, will transform Man into a fully divine and spiritual being.

When we look at the world around us, we see chaos: natural disasters, hunger, poisonous and carnivorous animals, as well as regions completely uninhabitable to Man. We cannot be deceived into believing that the world was created for Man or in his best interest. Instead we have every indication that it is designed to keep us enslaved to our base needs and desires. All of our attention must be focused on feeding our bodies, keeping them cool or warm as the seasons demand, and sheltered from the weather and wildlife. This does nto sound like the creation of a loving and benevolent Father, but one of a petty and vindictive creator, intent upon reigning over an impoverished and enslaved people who must focus on surviving the world instead of sloughing off the shackles of ignorance and enforced servitude.

Now with the construct of time came life to Man. But where there's life, there's death. Time, life, and yes, even death, are gifts from God. By casting His Spirit int othe world and making Man live, He granted us the time needed to reunite through refining an imperfect and corse creation back into the fullness of the Pleroma. Before granting us life with time, there was no end in sight for our forced enslavement. Forever were we destined to be divorced from the Father's goodness, forever shut away from the Pure Light of His Spirit which is beautiful and lovely in its countenance. By granting us death in this world he opened a Path for our Return to that Light.

It is imperative that we take advantage of our time on this world. Through the Spirit gifted us from the Father we can accomplish great things. If you embrace that Spirit, and allow it to guide you and flow through you, great things will you accomplish. Death to this world will become then, not an ending, but a beginning.