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Brothers, today I wish to continue our conversation about the Logos, which we began last week. In our reading today, we find that the Logos, here identified as the Child of the Great One, is head of the twelve aeons. They are said to belong to him. The number twelve is commonly used to designate the twelve months of the year, the twelve constellations, etc. This places the Logos at the head of everything, including this base creation. Let us then understand that this is why it was the Logos who was sent to redeem man.

Our Second Reading conveys to us the unending love which God holds for us. It is a love so large that only his Son, his Child, was capable of coming forward, in the fallen form of a man, in order to bring us back to the path of redemption. He was at the right hand of God and interceded on our behalf. He came down to directly experience our fallen grace, and ultimately defeated death so as to light the way back to Life.

This pitiful existence of which we know, is not life. We cling to this material existence. Despite its pains, we revel in its pleasures. We love, not unlike God, our family and friends. This earthly existence is hard to give up. We can't really fathom an existence apart from this, even though we inherently desire it. Christ alone has experienced both the perfection of the Pleroma, and the joys and anguish of this world. He alone has consciously descended through the various planes, and thus can lead the way back through them.

However, lest we mistake his reason for redeeming man, this was not done simply as an obligation imposed upon him by God. Man, despite being in a fallen state of grace, is most loved by God, and by Christ as well. Our Second Reading is all about this love. In some ways, it appears, we are even more loved than all those perfect beings which surround and proceed directly from God. For we are a light lost in the darkness. We shine brightly, but oh so briefly. But for this reason we shine brightest. A lamp alone in the dark attracts more attention than a single bulb amidst the thousands in Time Square. Shine bright, my brothers. Like Christ, light the way for those who are to follow.