

WORKSHOP

SECRET TEACHINGS OF THE LIVING JESUS

VOLUME 1: COUNCIL OF NICAEA, 325 AD



The goal of this workshop is to expose these limitations and to search the pre-Nicaean world for an alternative Christianity -a Mystical Christianity- that flourished before church and dogma came into being.

Among the questions we will be addressing:

- Is belief really necessary? And what are the psychological dangers of making belief a requirement for the spiritual life?
- How was Jesus known by his earliest followers? How and why did that understanding change in later generations?
- What clues can we find in non-canonical sources -"lost" gospels like the Gospel of Thomas or the Gospel of Truth- regarding the nature of early Christian life and practice?
- What methods did the Gnostics --the mystical Christians of ancient times-- use to achieve a direct awareness of divinity?
- Was there an ancient Christian concept of reincarnation, and what happened to it?

Date: **Saturday, Sept. 13**
Time: **1-4 pm**
Location: **Temple of Kriya Yoga**
2414 N Kedzie Blvd, Chicago
Lecturer: **John Pirog, M.S.O.M.**

In 325 AD, the emperor Constantine summoned Christian bishops from every corner of the Roman world to a great council in the city of Nicaea. The council's mission: to determine once and for all what Christians were required to believe about Jesus. The decisions made at Nicaea are among the most far-reaching in Church history because they codify the relationship between humanity and God. Is Jesus, as "God's Son", external to our being, perfect and eternally "other"? Or is Jesus really our twin brother, differing from us only in his degree of self-realization?

Regardless of where our spiritual quest has taken us; regardless of what we presently believe, we have all been psychologically affected -and to some extent delimited- by Christian ideas that can be traced to the Nicaean council.

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