Gnostic Mysteries of Chastity

The Gnostic Gospels
And [Jesus] said, “Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

(Matthew 18:3-4)
Kabbalah & Alchemy
Two Esoteric Sciences of Gnostic Christianity
Kabbalah: India

- Hebrew: וּדּ הֹ Hodu
- ה Hei, ד Daleth, ו Vav

ה+ד+ו = 5+4+6 = 15

“...within sex is a major force that can liberate the human being, but also a major force that can enslave the human being.”
—Samael Aun Weor, Tarot and Kabbalah
Alchemy: Indus River

• Sanskrit: सिन्धु Sindhu
  • “a large body of water; river, ocean”
  • derived from “Cintu:” date palm tree

“And from the fruits of date palm trees and grapevines you derive intoxicants as well as wholesome provision. Surely in this is a sign for those who understand.”
(Quran 16:67)
“The sexual act is the real consubstantiation of love in the tremendous psycho-physical reality of our Nature. Something is created when a man and a woman unite sexually.”

—Samael Aun Weor, The Perfect Matrimony
Acts of Thomas

- Judas Thomas
  - carpenter, slave of Jesus Christ
  - Semitic *thoma* means “twin”
- Act 1: Wedding Feast of King’s Daughter
  - A reluctant Thomas is sold as a slave to build a palace for a king in India
  - He is compelled to attend a wedding feast for the local king’s daughter
  - Thomas and Jesus, as his twin, teach the mystery of chastity in the bridal chamber
The Teaching in the Bridal Chamber
Verily, father, I am in great love, and I pray my Lord that the love which I
have perceived this night may abide with me, and I will ask for that husband
of whom I have learned today: and therefore I will no more veil myself,
because the mirror (veil) of shame is removed from me; and therefore am I
no more ashamed or abashed, because the deed of shame and confusion is
departed far from me; and that I am not confounded, it is because my
astonishment hath not continued with me; and that I am in cheerfulness
and joy, it is because the day of my joy hath not been troubled; and that I
have set at naught this husband and this marriage that passes away from
before mine eyes, it is because I am joined in another marriage; and that I
have had no intercourse with a husband that is temporal, whereof the end
is with lasciviousness and bitterness of soul, it is because I am yoked unto a
true husband.

(The Response of the Bride)
I give thee thanks, O Lord, that hast been proclaimed by the stranger, and found in us; who hast removed me far from corruption and sown life in me; who hast rid me of this disease that is hard to be healed and cured and abides forever, and hast implanted sober health in me; who hast shown me thyself and revealed unto me all my state wherein I am; who hast redeemed me from falling and led me to that which is better, and set me free from temporal things and made me worthy of those that are immortal and everlasting; that hast made thyself lowly even down to me and my littleness, that thou mayest present me unto thy greatness and unite me unto thyself; [...] hast shown me how to seek myself and know who I was, and who and in what manner I now am, that I may again become that which I was: whom I knew not, but thyself did seek me out: of whom I was not aware, but thyself hast taken me to thee: whom I have perceived, and now am not able to be unmindful of him: whose love burns within me...  
(The Response of the Groom)
The Groom: Christ

If men loved God as much as they love one another, they would ask of him all things and receive them, and there would be nothing which would not obey them. (Acts of Thomas 128:9)
Christ and the Church

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:25-32)
The Bride of Christ

For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:2)
It is particularly fitting for you to live in holy chastity, for that is favored in God’s eyes and it leads to eternal life. It is the capital city of all good things in the eyes of God. Those who don’t compete in Christ’s stadium won’t receive the prize of holy chastity. Holy chastity was revealed by God: it destroys sexual immorality, overturns the enemy and pleases God, for it is an unconquered athlete, having honor from God and esteemed by many. It is the ambassador of peace, proclaiming peace; if anyone acquires it, that person remains carefree, pleasing the Lord, expecting the time of redemption. It does nothing improper but affords life, rest, and joy to all who acquire it. (Acts of Thomas 85:3-8)