

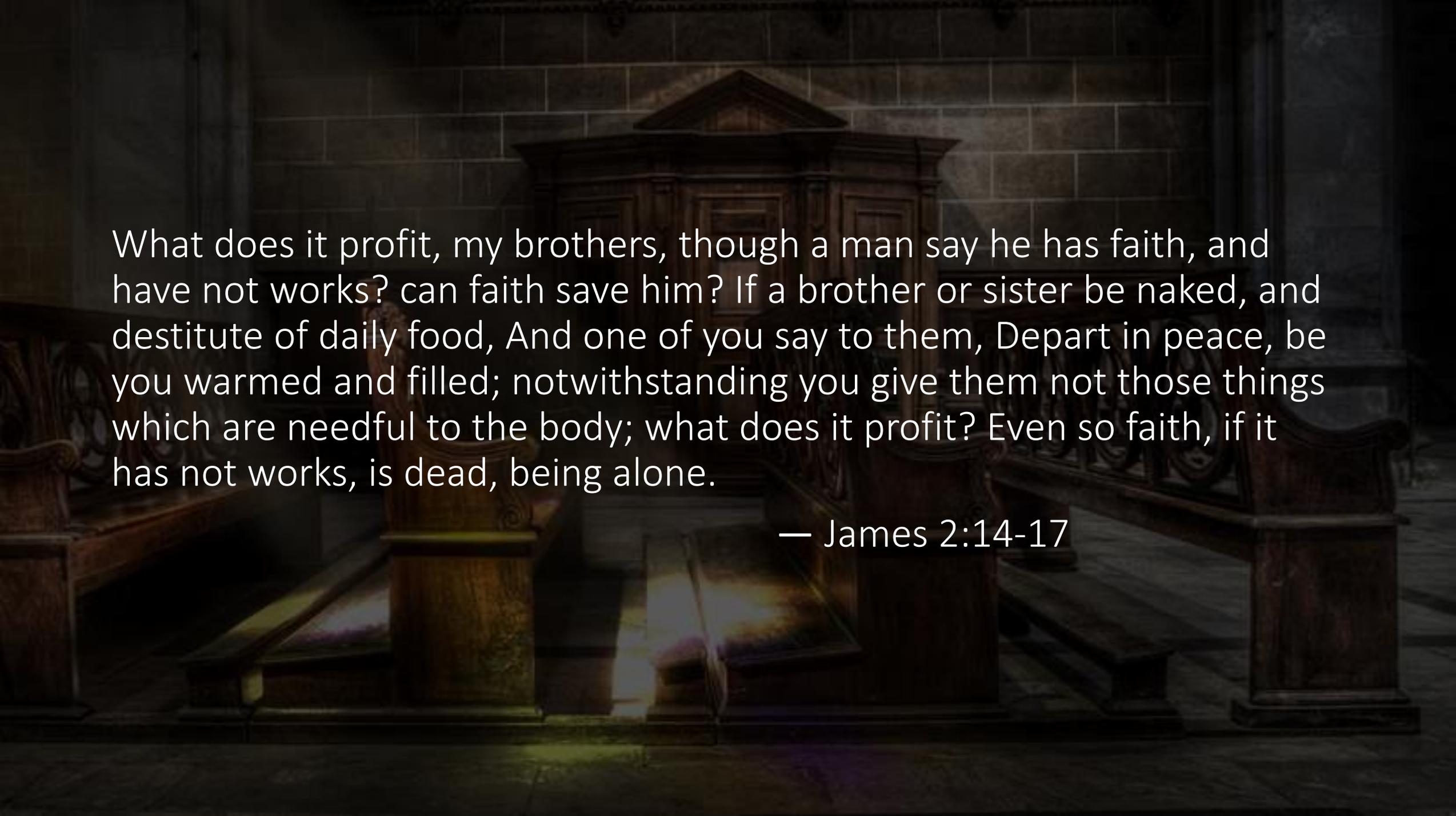
Psychological Death

Introduction to Gnostic Studies



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What does it profit, my brothers, though a man say he has faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say to them, Depart in peace, be you warmed and filled; notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body; what does it profit? Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone.

— James 2:14-17

Arcanum 13

True Identity

- Common and ordinary people do not have a true identity, because only those phantoms of the pluralized “I” are expressed through them. Thus, after death each human is a legion.

Soul

- Whosoever incarnates their Soul acquires true identity and thus already IS. Present humans are not Self-realized beings.

Willpower

- Present humans confuse the force of desire with willpower. We need to engender Christ-Will.

—Samael Aun Weor, *Alchemy and Kabbalah in the Tarot*

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Immortality

“Life and death
are two
phenomena of
the same
thing.”

—Samael Aun Weor,
*Alchemy and Kabbalah in
the Tarot*





For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and
whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 16:25



Renunciation

Without pure renunciation, there is no way to end
This striving for pleasant results in the ocean of life.
It is because of their hankering life as well that beings
Are fettered, so seek renunciation first.

Leisure and fortune are hard to find, life is not long;
Think it constantly; stop desire for this life.
Think over and over how deeds and their fruits never
fail,
And the cycle's suffering: stop desire for the future.

When you have meditated thus and feel not even
A moment's wish for the good things of cyclic life,
And when you begin to think both night and day
Of achieving freedom, you have found renunciation.

—Tsong Khapa, *Three Principle Paths*