

## Characteristics of a True Gnostic Initiation

All true Gnostic initiation must include the following affirmations on the part of the aspirant:

1. Total break with the demiurge: the aspirant recognises that he has been under the dominion of a wrong god, the creator god or demiurge, who is not good and perfect but a fallible, inept and perishable satan, just like his creation. Henceforth, the aspirant rejects the demiurge's dominion and is beyond his control for all eternity.
2. Rupture with the work of the demiurge: the aspirant recognises that he has been wrong about the work of the demiurge, the universe, the body, the soul, and everything created by him. This creation is not pure and perfect but perverse and demonic.
3. The aspirant recognises the Unknowable and Eternal God as the True God, far above the lower god or demiurge.
4. The aspirant recognises the Spirit as the one pure and eternal entity, far above the perishable body and soul created by the demiurge and far superior to it. Henceforth the body and the soul will have no power over him.
5. Henceforth, the task of the initiate will be to liberate his Spirit, to reclaim his Self, to turn away from the satanic body and soul, to transmute himself into a virya, a Warrior of the Spirit, and to destroy the evil work of the creator god and his minions.

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