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Topic: "Gnosticism"

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Thesis Statement: In this research paper I'm going to focus on the subject of Gnosticism and the many false teachings that came forth from this group some are

unrelated to Christianity, others considered themselves a higher type of Christian.

Here are some of the questions I will be asking and answering to give understanding of this teaching of Gnosticism during the early church.

Also, I will attempt to look at how this subject matter applies to the 21st Century Church. By the end of this research paper readers will know the answers to the following questions:

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References

These are the resources for references that I will be using to formulate this research paper.

- Logos Bible Software
- WordSearch Bible Software
- A History of Christian Thought by Justin Gonzales
- Youtube
- JSTOR.org

- Christianity.com
- Among Many other resources