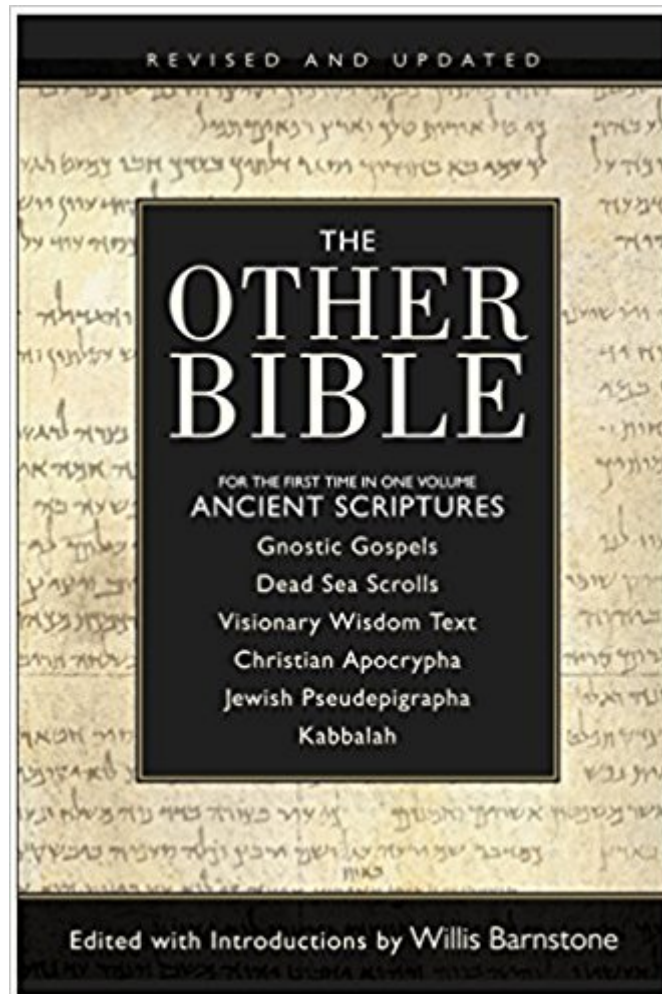




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# The Other Bible



## Synopsis

A new edition of our classic, *The Other Bible*, including a new index, new cover, and a new introduction from the author to bring *The Other Bible* up to date. *The Other Bible* gathers in one comprehensive volume ancient, esoteric holy texts from Judeo-Christian tradition that were excluded from the official canon of the Old and New Testaments, including the Gnostic Gospels, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Kabbalah, and several more. *The Other Bible* provides a rare opportunity to discover the poetic and narrative riches of this long-suppressed literature and experience firsthand its visionary discourses on the nature of God, humanity, the spiritual life, the world around us, and infinite worlds beyond this one. This new edition will include a full index and a new introduction from editor Willis Barnstone. The interest in Gnostic texts begun with *The Da Vinci Code* has spread to include many of the other "suppressed" early texts of Judaism and Christianity, and this book contains many of them in one volume.

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## Customer Reviews

Willis Barnstone is a poet and Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Comparative Literature at Indiana University. He is the author of *The Poetics of Ecstasy: From Sappho to Borges*; *The Poetics of Translation: History, Theory, Practice*; and *The Gnostic Bible*; and has been a Guggenheim Fellow and a Pulitzer Prize nominee.

This book is a wonderful collection of ancient stories that provide context and understanding into the

formation of modern day Christianity and Judaism.

Do you hunger to know and understand more about our human origin and destination? Many messages from God to ancient story-tellers, then passed down audibly and later recorded in ancient writings are stimulating and interesting to learn about, as well as testify to better clarification to God's Word. I enjoy it, and am amazed that formal religion suppresses the information. I find it illuminating and it provides new discussions as to heaven, earth, the entire creation and timelines, as well as knowledge to share the Gospel with answers to some un-resolved questions. Love it and glad to own it!! It takes time to absorb some parts, never comprehended before - so come hungry to learn and consider carefully. Not all is to be taken easily, not all is to be revealed to non-believers, not all is to be expressed out loud.

I first read this amazing compilation a decade ago and fell in love with it. In my opinion this is a must have for any serious student of Christian History and more importantly, what the political jockeys of the early church formation censored and manipulated what we were to know and understand "blindly". This collection includes a great contrast of both, logical and fantastic tales; stories that allow you to see a different kind of Jesus as well as those taller tales that make him something akin to a caricature than some kind of divine messenger. But even so, the reader will find this material challenging, enlightening and if you are like me, a valuable resource and reference.

This book is great in it's simplicity. Gathering the 'other' books together that were not put in the Bible, either by direction of the 'politicians', or because others didn't feel it necessary to include them. The Gnostic Gospels are included, as well as Jewish Psudepigrapha, early Kabbalah, Haggadah, Midrash, Christian Apocrypha, and other texts, provided to the ones who want insight into other thoughts of the early Judeo-Christian peoples. How God's nature was perceived, for instance, and the spiritual life, and even other worlds than ours. It is very interesting for anyone who has an open mind about religion and/or humanity.

have not read all of it yet, but it is quite interesting, the diversity of beliefs that formed around the time of Jesus and socially prevailed or politically failed. the other bible has chapters not found in the Nag Hammadi. you can read both at the same time, really fascinating, both books are well worth the cost and the time if your inclined to spiritual aspects of humanity and well if not their are other books.

I owned a copy of this in the past but lost it in one of my moves. I needed to get another copy to reread a few of the stories I found of interest. Some of them are a bit off the wall but others add texture to the stories in the Bible. My only caution is some of the stories just aren't factual. They were created to prove a point and it's clear why they weren't included in the real Bible.

Well written, fantastic reading and very illuminating. If you are interested in reading all the other books that never made it into the bible because one or two people didn't like them or they were hid to keep them from being burnt out of history by the church, then this is a great addition to your library, your mind, and potentially your soul.

a really good collection of texts. most of the gnostic texts have not been published much elsewhere. a good apocryphal read for seekers after post biblical writings but which either were rejected for uninclusion or had yet to be written.

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