## New Thoughts on Old Teachings – The Aramaic Jesus

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The discovery of the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1950s, and research into the traditions of modern Aramaic-speaking Judeo-Christians, have given us a whole new opportunity to relook at the Bible and the teachings of Jesus. Let's take a mystical look at, "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with a question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

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From the deepest part of yourself, let love be born for the rays of the Oneness that shine within and around you ...

Let this come from your whole heart— the center of your life: your passion, courage, and audacity—and touch the deepest parts of your whole self—

From this place within, liberate your whole energy and life force to flood your entire grasping mind with love.

*This is the most important law of manifestation —the first creative movement that empowers all others.* 

The second is like it: Draw a breath of compassion for the one mysteriously drawn to be near you: love them as you love the self that dwells within and without.

## **DEEP DIVE DISCUSSION TODAY**

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Jesus said in Aramaic, "Ahebw labwheldbabaykhun."

From the place within, that may be hidden from yourself, you have auspiciously been brought together with another that feels out of rhythm with you. They seem to stop and start harshly; mindless, hollow, and vacant; illogically impeding you.

Bring yourself back into rhythm within. Unite with them from the inside. Find the rhythm that harmonizes theirs. Fill the inner void and find the movement that mates with theirs - like two lovers creating life from dust.

Do this work privately within you, with humility. There is opportunity to create new life.

> Matthew 5:43, Luke 6:27, Luke 6:35 Possible Translation from Aramaic Adopted from "Prayers of the Cosmos" & "The Hidden Gospel" Translations and Textual Notes, Neil Douglas-Klotz