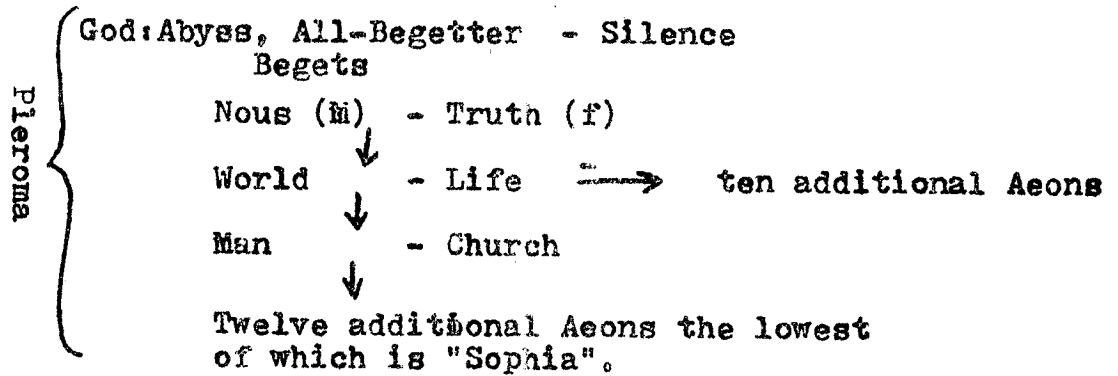


The Valentinian System (adapted from H. Jones The Gnostic Religion.)



Trial and Tribulations of Sophia

Sophia longs to beget, i.e., to procreate without her consort

Sophia → formless entity
(upon seeing what she has done:
shock
bewilderment
fear
grief)

Sophia encounter "Limit" which hold the primeval order in the Pleroma. He informs her about her true nature and the impossibility of being like her All-Begetting Father. The divine order is restored with the expulsion of the abortive formless entity.

Pleroma appeals to the Father

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Christos ↔ Holy Spirit

↓
informs the formless entity → Lower Sophia

Pleroma as a whole → Jesus (+ angelic escort)

↓
becomes the consort of L. Sophia

Sophia is in a bad way. She suffers greatly, but Jesus brings her the knowledge of her true origin and she turns back to the pleroma and in joy at the coming of Jesus, she ~~begets~~ "pneuma" in imitation of the angels with Jesus. *conceive*

pneuma (divine order)

"turning back"
↓
soul (psychical)
↓
Demiurge

"passion"
↓
matter (ignorance)

world →
(pneuma) soul/body

Ascheme by L. Sophia to return to the :
divine Pleroma

Christos + Jesus → HISTORICAL JESUS gifted with the "gnosis" overcoming ignorance

