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## Judas and Jesus: Two Faces of a Single Revelation

By Jean-Yves Leloup

Inner Traditions Bear and Company. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Judas and Jesus: Two Faces of a Single Revelation, Jean-Yves Leloup, The familiar story of Judas, betrayer of Jesus, is striking because of its incomprehensibility. Why would one of Christ's disciples and companions of the heart deliver him up to his enemies and a barbarous, ignominious and certain death for thirty pieces of silver? Jean-Yves Leloup's careful investigation of the gospels, various apocryphal texts and, most importantly, the Coptic codex known as the "Gospel of Judas", leads him to conclude that there is more to the familiar story of Judas than a simple demonstration, viewed through one man, of humanity's inherent failings. The betrayal of Jesus to the Romans was Jesus' idea, explains Leloup. Jesus persuaded Judas to play the role of "evil" in humankind by telling him that this enactment was crucial to God's plan and would set Judas by Jesus' side for eternity: "There where I am," spoke Jesus to Judas, "is where I wish you, too, to be." But to get there, Judas, a metaphorical representation of the darker side present in all human beings and the "shadow" counterpart to his Messiah dying on the cross,...



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