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What about gnosticism is tempting to accept? Why?
Are there any gnostic-like beliefs you have internalized?
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Why does it matter?

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What does the incarnation teach us about physical reality?
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Read Luke 24:34-43 | Phil 3:21 | 1Cor 15:12-22

Why does it matter that Jesus has a physical resurrected body? Why does it matter that we will too?

Read Isaiah 65:17-25 & 66:22-23 | Revelation 21 | Rm 8:19-23

What do these passages teach us about physical reality both now and in the future?

Read Rm 12:1-2 | 1Cor 6:9-20&10:31 | 1Tim 2:8 | 1Cor 11:23-26

How should we use our bodies and why?

Consider It - Living Out Christian Theology

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