

Tough Questions about the Bible

Some Major NT Pseudepigrapha Books:

Gospel of Thomas....140 AD gnostic gospel
Gospel of the Ebionites....2nd century, denied the deity of Christ, stressed the Law of Moses, were vegetarians.
Gospel of Peter....2nd century docetic gospel
Protoevangelium of James
Gospel of the Hebrews....2nd century gnostic gospel
Gospel of the Egyptians....2nd century, another gnostic gospel
Gospel of the Nazaraeans....2nd century
Gospel of Philip....2nd century gnostic gospel
The Book of Thomas the Athlete...a gnostic gospel condemning the flesh, womanhood & sexuality.
Gospel according to Mathias....another gnostic gospel
Gospel of Judas....3rd century, an antinomian gnostic gospel
Epistle of an Apostle....2nd century
Apocryphon Of John....2nd century
Gospel of Truth
Gospel according to Mary
The Infancy Story of Thomas
Acts of Peter

About 50 pseudepigraphal gospels have been cataloged. About 230 other peudepigraphal works are out there....so there are about 280 pseudepigraphal books altogether.

Gnosticism & docetism were beliefs labeled heretical by the early church.

Docetics didn't believe in the humanity of Christ.

Gnosticism believes many weird things like all matter is evil but spiritual things are all good (a Greek idea), the god of the OT is evil, since matter is evil then sex is either evil and shouldn't be practiced or since it will disappear in the afterworld, its OK to have sex as much as you want. Their whole view of the spiritual universe is very much what we would call NEW AGE today.

NT Apocrypha:

Epistle of Psedo-Barnabus...70-79 AD
Epistle to the Corinthians....96 AD
2nd Epistle to the Corinthians120-140 AD
Shepard of Hermas....115-140 AD
Didache or Teaching of the Twelve....100-120 AD
Apocalypse of Peter....150 AD
Acts of Paul & Thecla....170 AD
Epistle to the Laodiceans....4th century
The Gospel according to the Hebrews....65-100 AD
Epistle of Polycarp to the Philippians....108 AD
Seven Epistles of Ignatius....110 AD