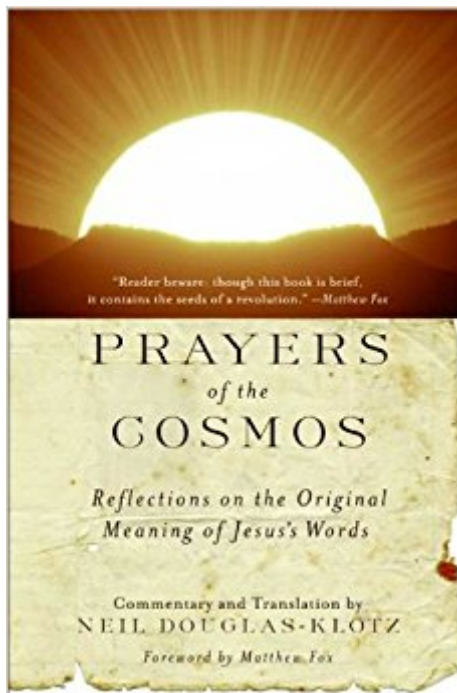




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Reinterpreting the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes from the vantage of Middle Eastern mysticism, Douglas Klotz offers a radical new translation of the words of Jesus Christ that reveals a mystical, feminist, cosmic Christ.

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What can I say? As a seminary-trained "scholar" of Greek as the language Jesus would have spoken, I never stopped to think about the absurdity of that notion. With Jewish communities speaking Hebrew and Yiddish even today, what kind of reception would a spiritual teacher received in ancient Judea, preaching in the "decadent" language spoken by the people who oppressed them before the Romans arrived? Prayers of the Cosmos not only opened my eyes to the reality of Aramaic as a biblical language, it showed me the depth, breadth and power of the spiritual insights that can be gleaned from Aramaic that simply are not available in the Greek versions. A whole new dimension of meaning available from the New Testament without changing a single word, only the language in which it was originally spoken. I haven't missed a single one of Neil Douglas-Klotz'

books on the Aramaic Jesus since, and I've never been disappointed.

The Aramaic was a land based religion and way of life. Then the Aramaic was translated into Greek which is intellectual and the original meaning was lost. I wanted to forgive someone in my life and just "forgiving" did not accomplish what I wanted in the depth of the possibility of forgiveness. I wanted to forgive and move on with nothing left in my mind. This book has richness in the Aramaic language that spoke to my heart. In the Aramaic Lord's Prayer, on the page that is "forgive us our debts" is so rich in the many ways we need to forgive ourselves and to unravel the "tangled threads" of a relationship gone south. My ability to forgive is transformed. I now have a pathway to forgiveness that works for me.

It makes so much sense to me to meditate on the root meaning of the words Jesus spoke in his own language. This book really speaks to my heart in a deep way and I highly recommend it. For anyone who is on the fence about trying it out, you might consider this: remember that old game where children get in a circle and the first one whispers in the next child's ear some message, and it goes around the entire circle this way until the last child states "the message" out loud? It was always comical how different the original message was when the first child revealed what he or she had actually said. Repetition in human hands isn't always 100% accurate. The bible has undergone many transformations over the years- translations that filtered its meaning through major cultural, political and language bias. If you are even a little bit curious about returning to the language that Jesus spoke and meditating on "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Beatitudes" give yourself the gift of this beautiful book.

This book along with his other books are expansive. Klotz' translations of what Jesus said are magnified by his use of the ancient Aramaic language which opens up the mystical teaching of the Christ. Refreshing, we so need to know what Jesus said in his own language. Beautiful!

Neil Douglas-Klotz is a Scholar who has studied the Aramaic language & middle eastern culture & has produced a wonderful translation into Aramaic of the Lord's Prayer (Jesus's language). The explanations of the meaning originally are exquisite. You can find it spoken on youtube or order the CD (much better).

My favorite part of the book are the English translations of the original Hebrew version of Genesis. It

really sheds a new light and gives more diverse perspectives than you get from the KJV version of the Bible. The insight into the ancient Semitic culture and worldview is also very interesting. Neil Douglas-Klotz's books are definitely a good read for anyone who wants to gain a different perspective on Jesus or the Bible than is given by the theologies of the traditional organized religions.

It contains an accurate translation from the original Aramaic (spoken by Jesus), of what we call "The Lord's Prayer". Its simplicity is inspiring, uplifting, and thought-provoking. Highly recommended.

An extra insight into the deep meaning of aramaic words . Used as a tool for further study .

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