## Gnosticism

What does the heresy of *Gnosticism* deny and what does itteach instead?

### Denies that faith is essential to salvation.

### Teaches that knowledge is essential to salvation.

Gnosis- knowledge rather than Pistis-Faith

It is pronounced with a silent "G" (NO-sis).

Gnosticism is not by faith but intellectual, so-called rational knowledge but in fact irrational.

The Gnostic god concept is more subtle than most cults in that it unites and reconciles the recognitions of Monotheism and Polytheism, as well as of Theism, Deism and Pantheism.

**Theism**- belief that one God created and rules humans and the world

**Deism** - a belief in God based on reason rather than revelation and involving the view that God has set the universe in motion but does not interfere with how it runs. Deism was especially influential in the 17th and 18th centuries.

**Pantheism**- the belief that God and the material world are one and the same thing and that God is present in everything

We need Faith in Jesus Christ---Persuaded by the facts of the Word of Gods grace to live a moral and righteous life in the fear of God.

## Phenomenalism

What does the heresy of *phenomenalism* deny and what does it teach instead?

### Denies that the just shall live by faith.

### Teaches that the just shall live by sight.

Practical Athiest

logical positivists- The theory that knowledge can be acquired only through direct observation and experimentation, and not through theology.

They reject the existence of God and also deny that which is experienced by faith, Instead, sensory phenomena, is called "pure data" whose existence is to be considered before anything else: objects are *logical constructions* out of sense-data or ideas