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gno·sis  (nō sīs)

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n.
Intuitive apprehension of spiritual truths, an esoteric form of knowledge sought by the Gnostics.

[Greek *gnōsis*, knowledge, from *gignōskein*, *gnō-*, to know; see **gnō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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