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## **Clearing the Playing Field**

Two Stories  
Three Texts  
Four Terms  
And a Dance

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Threat: Gnosticism  
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