

WELCOME to a 3-week Course sponsored by Dallas Willard Ministries & Jesus College





#### The Course Vision

To uncover and clarify your view of the world that governs your relationship with God and people.

#### The Course Intention

- \* Understand "worldview"
- \* Present a Jesus worldview
- \* Equip you to teach the next generation about their worldview
- \* Encouragement & Accountability

#### The Course Means

- \* 3 interactive sessions with optional, extended Q&C
- \* 32- page study guide with scripture & formation practices
- \* A global community of apprentices of Jesus



### Format - 30 minutes

- Welcome, Focus & Review
  - Session Highlights
    - Your Q&C's
  - Summary & Blessing
- After: Optional more Q&C

Recorded sessions, slides & study guide in the Jesus College Library

## Your Fellow Apprentice Doug Webster

- \* Following Jesus since age 14, serving Him since age 18.
- \* Vanguard University & Fuller Seminary
- \* Met the Jesus Dallas Knew 17 years ago
- \* Started Jesus College in 2015
- \* "Jesus Worldview" is our 24th webinar engaging over 2450 participants from 43 U.S. States & 55 Countries in our courses.
- \* Guiding Jesus College's "Master's in the Master" spiritual training
- \* A Blessed Quiver of 16!













Today's Session

### Session 1 - What is a worldview?

"The Nature and Necessity of Worldviews"

Veritas Forum, UCLA Part 1 [Intro-25:25]

### Session 2 - Jesus Worldview

"The Nature and Necessity of Worldviews"

Veritas Forum, UCLA, Part 2 [25:25 - 34:35]

### Session 3 - Teaching a Jesus Worldview to the Next Generation

"The Human Side of Holiness" part 3

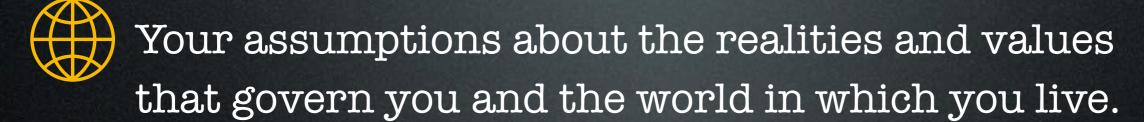
Denver Seminary, 2010 [55:40-1:14:30]

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:16 & 17

### Your Worldview

"What we are dealing with is the power of worldview."



A biological reality. Your body responds in terms of your worldview, whether you think about it or not.

"Worried you might be eaten by a dinosaur?"



"We kind of carry a rather ragtag, unexamined set of assumptions about the world, and often, we pawn them off on science."

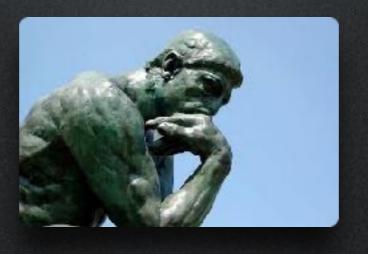
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### Professor Willard Helps Us Come to Terms

**Truth** (defined) - A thought or statement is true if it is as if what it is about is as that thought or statement represents it.

**Knowledge** (defined) - Our capacity to represent things as they are on an appropriate basis of thought and experience.



The search for truth and dissemination.

"The bitterness of truth is its total indifference to human will and desire together with the fact that human desire and will is set on reshaping the truth. This is the fundamental conflict in human life - is the conflict between desire or will and truth."

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"Here's a question of fact or truth and it has incredible bearings on how we approach life:

Am I fundamentally a material object that exists, gets organized by DNA and exists for a little while and then stops existing, or am I an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's universe?

Wow, what a difference!"



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### In memory of Dallas Willard

September 4, 1935 - May 8, 2013

Beloved Professor of Philosophy (1965-2012)

"You cannot 'opt out' of having a worldview.
You can only try to have one that most accords with reality,
including the whole realm of facts concerning what is genuinely good.
The four questions any worldview must answer are:

What is reality?
Who is well-off?
Who is truly a good person?
How does one become a truly good person?



Q1 - Reality? What you run into when you are wrong.

Q2 — Who is well off? - Students at



Can you still be well of if you have cancer?

Q3 — Who is a really good person?



One of the deepest worldview questions.

Q4 — How do you get to be a good person?

Q5 — What counts as knowledge?

These questions organize our lives as a whole.

In the university setting the dominating world view is expressed through what is accepted as research and what counts as possible knowledge.

### A Theistic Worldview...in Universities?

Is there a course that regards knowledge of God as a part of the subject matter?

"That's the sociological reality. It's just like the dinosaur."

You are in a system which teaches a worldview without responsibly defending it.

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1







### How is a Worldview Taught?

- Body language, facial expressions, tones, inflections, looks, offhand remarks.
- What is permissible.
- Example How we treat people in class, out of class, our classmates, friends & colleagues.
- Who gets rewarded or punished.
- Almost never taught by explicit statement...
  it is modeled.

### How does the University Answer the Big Questions?

- Q1 What is reality?
- A The natural, sense-perceptible world. (without dinosaurs)
  - The spiritual is not real and/or not knowable.
  - You are your body, your brain.
- Q2 Who is well off?
- A Physical/social well-being, success, money, health







### The Assumptions of What We Do and Do Not Do

Not research or knowledge.

How we set up our curricula, training, professionalization, who gets to teach or not teach, get grants or not get grants.

That's where the worldview takes hold.



### 7 more "Worldview" teachings by Dallas Willard

"Life's Four Big Questions" (PDF) - (13) teachings presenting (36) pages of quotes on this theme central to this course and Dallas' life work.

"The Genius of Jesus" 4-session Jesus College course based on a 2-part teaching at Ohio State University.

"The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge", UCI Veritas Forum

"The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge", Bethel College

"Moral Knowledge: The Value of Truth", Louisiana State University (LSU) 1 of 2

"The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge in Universities", LSU 2 of 2

"Worldview and Christian Faith", Emmanuel Presbyterian, Thousand Oaks, California

# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)





Whether you are in Southern California or South Africa, you are a steward of 10,080 minutes every week. If you spend 80 minutes weekly in personal study & group discussion for this course, you have 10,000 minutes to flesh it out. Each session offers scripture and application to help you see the world as Jesus sees it, gain His knowledge of the Father and practice His habits guided by His Spirit in the moment-to-moment existence of your daily real world life.





Meditation — 1 John 2:15-16

Application for A Jesus Worldview in Your Next 10,000 Minutes —> V-I-M\*

VISION — What do I now see more clearly about how I see the world?

INTENTION — Do I want to find the best answers to live a good life as a good person?

MEANS — Study Dallas Willard's <u>Life's Four Big Questions</u> resource (PDF)



† Cross Fit

For more on V-I-M, see Dallas Willard's Renovation of the Heart, chapter 5



### **Session 1 Summary**

How we see the world governs our actions and forms our character — who we are and who we become.

Most worldviews are not thought out and taught out, rather modeled in a social setting with relational affirmations for adherence or consequences for aversion.

God is seldom, if ever, brought into the consideration of how the world views their world or transfers their worldview.



### Next Week — Session 2

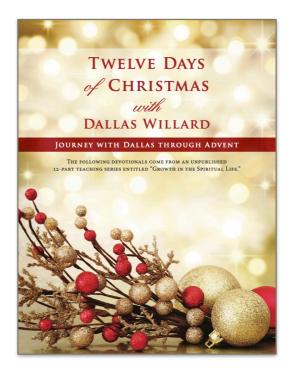
A Jesus Worldview How Jesus Answers Life's Four Big Questions

"The Nature and Necessity of Worldviews"

Part 2 [25:25 - 34:35]

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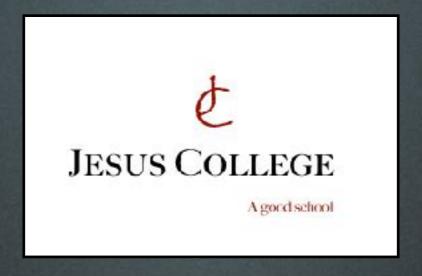
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