

WELCOME to a 31 week Course sponsored by
Dallas Willard Ministries & Jesus College



The Course Vision

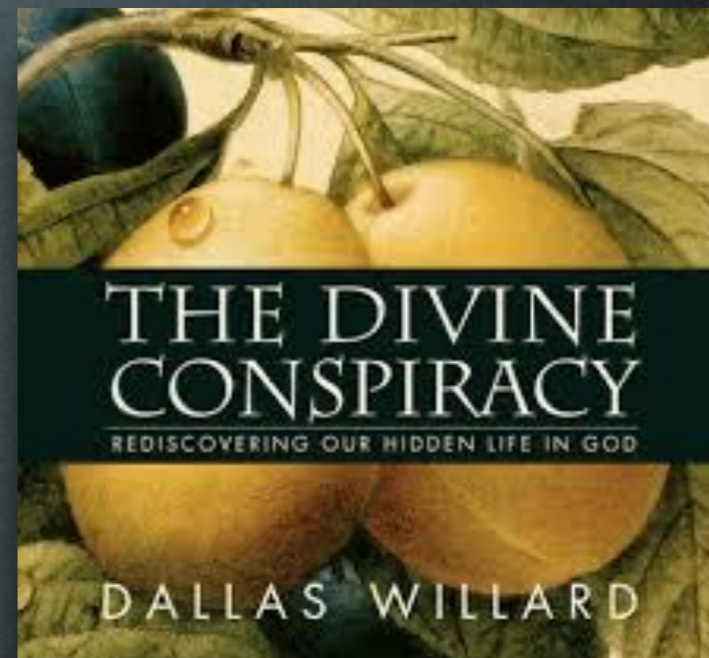
To provide a fresh hearing of Jesus to live your life as Jesus would live your life if He were you

The Course Intention

- * Ravish you with Life in the Kingdom of God
- * Proclaim biblical truth
- * Present training to become more like Jesus Christ - *Christlikeness*
- * Provide weekly encouragement & accountability

The Course Means

- * 31 interactive sessions with optional, extended Q&C
- * Study resources and spiritual growth practices
- * A Cadre of the Christlike from A-Z — Australia to Zambia



Format - 30 minutes

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

Recorded sessions, slides,
& study guide in the
[Jesus College Library](#)

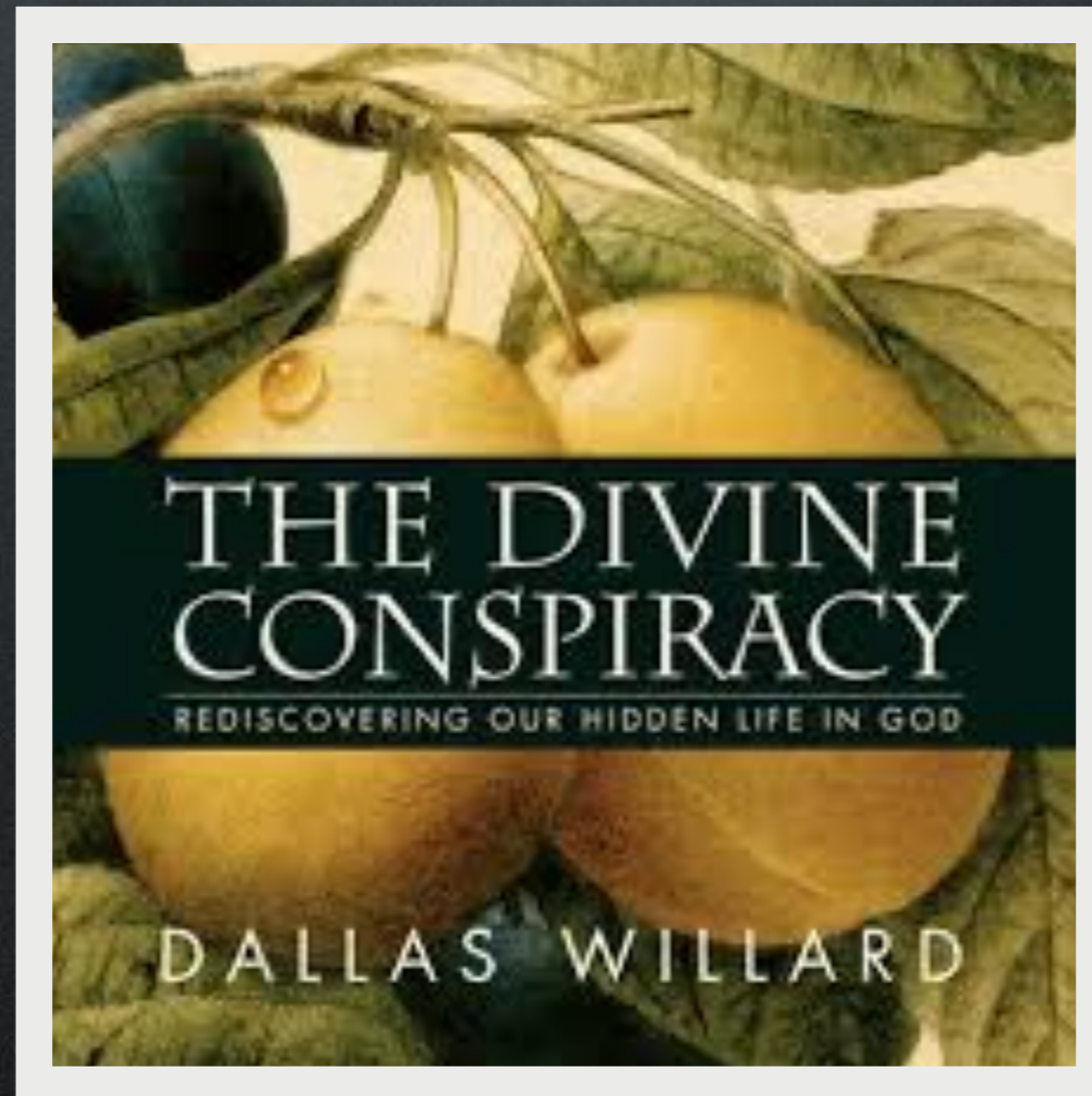
Your Fellow Apprentice Doug Webster

- * 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
- * “The Divine Conspiracy” is our
20th webinar engaging over 2150
participants from 43 U.S. States
& 51 Countries
- * Leading Jesus College’s
“Master’s in the Master”
spiritual training
- * A Blessed Family



THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

Session 1 - Entering the Eternal Kind of Life Now



What is the divine conspiracy?

“God’s aim to defeat this dreadful declension from God’s world and God’s kingdom by bringing out a world and history wide community of people who have the character and power of Jesus Christ Himself.”

*“God’s action in history...
...to overcome evil with good.”*

Dallas Willard
Harvey Fellows Summer Institute, 2007



Let us venture further up, further in...



What is the Gospel of Jesus?



KINGDOM 101

The Kingdom of God (def.) - “The present, available, direct rule of God offered to humanity in the life of Jesus.”

The Divine Conspiracy Study Guide, p. 19



And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Matthew 4:23

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Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. "The time had come" he said, "the Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news."

Mark 1:14-15



*At the heart of all great movements is
a recovery of a simple Christology.*

*Alan Hirsch, *The Forgotten Ways**

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TWO VISIONS - TWO DESTINIES: TEMPORAL & ETERNAL



Rock House - Matthew 7:25

KING'S REIGN - Rev. 22:5



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THE CONFUSION - Life in the Dark

“She had been flying upside down.” (p. 1 - hardback)



The Gap Between Intellect and Character

“I’ve been taking all these philosophy courses, and we talk about what’s true, what’s important, what’s good. Well, how do you teach people to be good? What’s the point of knowing good if you don’t keep trying to become a good person?”

Harvard student to her Ethics Professor

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The Power of Mere Ideas

Merely academic is what misleads us about the power of mere ideas.

...the intellectual and artistic elites...[behind] the spiritual crisis...cute and clever dominate the arts.

Absurdity reigns and confusion makes it look good. (?)

“The killing fields of Cambodia come from philosophical discussions in Paris.” Paul Bourget, *The Disciple*



Tolstoy's Journey: Ideas of Particles & Progress

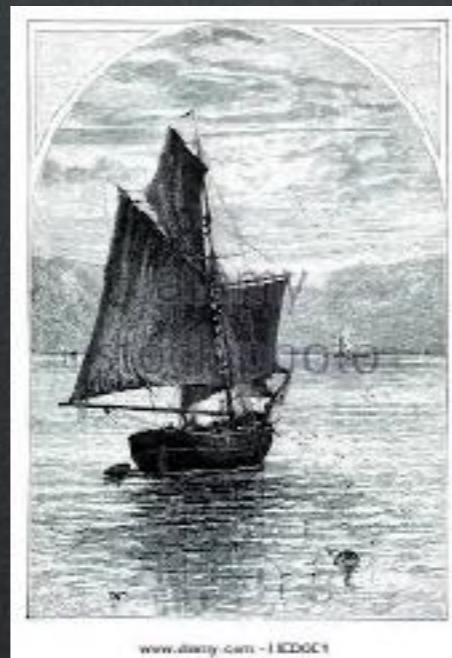
Why do I live? Leo Tolstoy, *A Confession*, . p. 27

“You are an accidentally united little lump of something. That little lump ferments. That little lump calls its fermenting ‘life’.” ibid, p. 31

How is it best for me to live?

“Live in conformity with progress.” ibid, p. 12

*“We are being
carried somewhere.”*



*“The peasants now
constantly consume media.
There are no peasants now.”*
Dallas Willard

Quoted in *The Divine Conspiracy*, p. 8

THE CONFUSION - Life in the Dark

There is now no recognized moral knowledge upon which projects of fostering moral development could be based. (3)

The mantle of intellectual meaninglessness shrouds every aspect of our common life. (9)

Bumper slogans, body graffiti and gift shop nostrums...
our profound upside-down-ness. (9)



Smothered in Slogans

“I wish I were an Oscar Meyer wiener.
That is what I truly want to be.
For if I were an Oscar Meyer wiener,
everyone would be in love with me.”



From birth-to-death wall-to-wall noise.

What is the point of standing up for rights in a world where few stand up for their responsibilities? Your rights will do you little good unless others are responsible. (10)

THE CONFUSION – Life in the Dark



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“And yet we have to act.
The rocket is off the launch pad.”





THE INVITATION - A Word from a Different Reality

Yet in the gloom a glimmer glows. We have received an invitation. We are invited to make a pilgrimage - into the heart and life of God.

God's desire for us is that we should live in Him. He sends among us the Way to Himself. That shows what, in His heart of hearts, God is really like - indeed, what reality is really like.

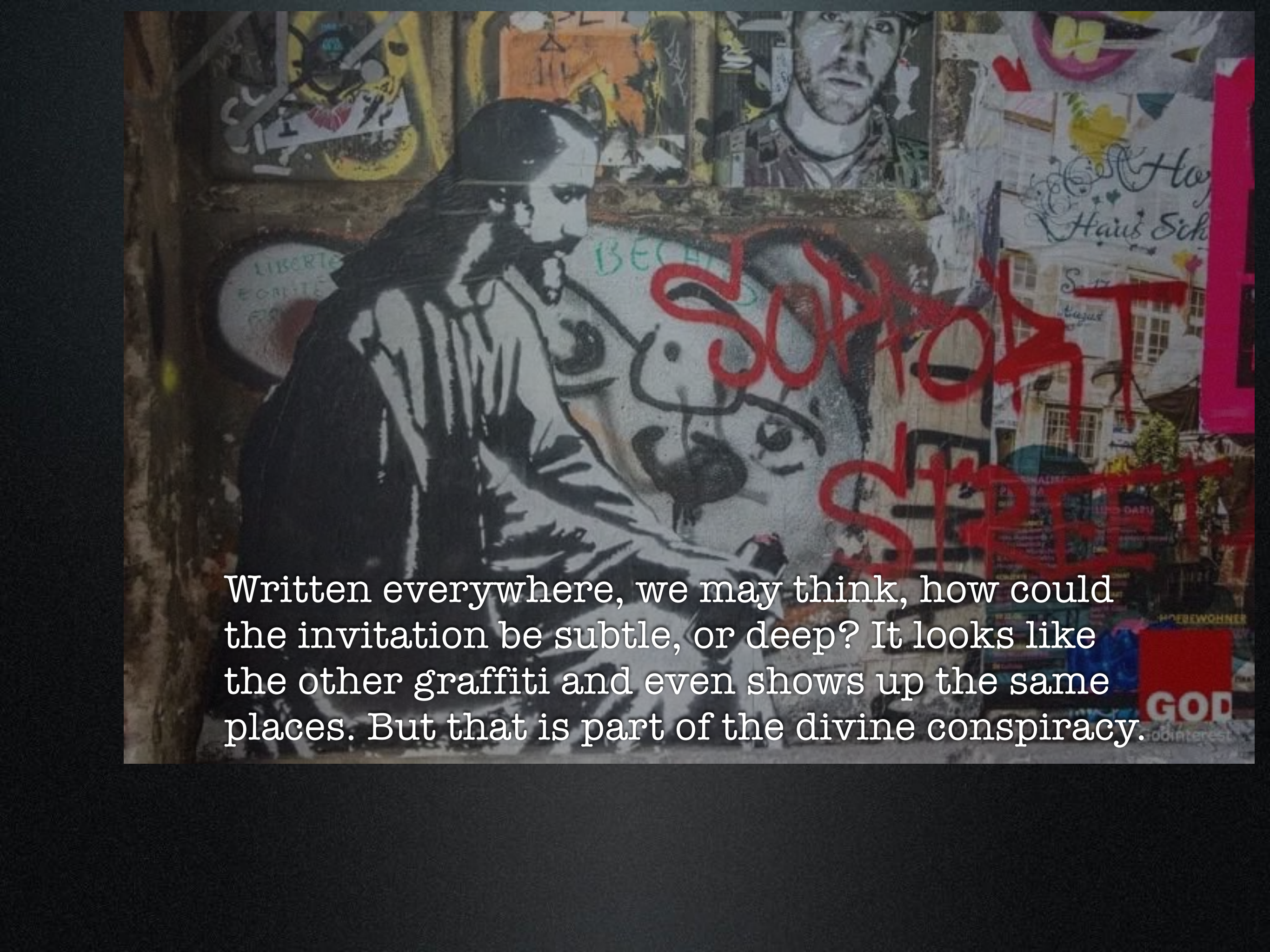
Millions more have heard about this Way, and even insist upon its rightness, humanity for the most part still lives in a 'far country'. The Way we speak of is Jesus. (11)

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15-16 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people living in darkness
HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
A LIGHT HAS DAWNED.”

17 From THAT TIME Jesus began to preach and to say,
“REPENT for the KINGDOM of HEAVEN is at HAND.”

Matthew 4:12-17

A collage of graffiti and posters. In the center, a black and white image of a woman with long dark hair is overlaid on a background of various graffiti. To her right, a man's face is visible in a poster. Below the woman, a dog's face is depicted. Large, stylized red letters spell out 'SOPHOKLES' across the middle. Other graffiti includes 'LIBERTÉ ÉGALITÉ' on the left and 'BECAUSE' in green above the dog. On the right, there are posters with text like 'Haus Sch...', 'S...', 'August', and 'GOD'.

Written everywhere, we may think, how could the invitation be subtle, or deep? It looks like the other graffiti and even shows up the same places. But that is part of the divine conspiracy.

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Jesus stands quietly at the center of the contemporary world, as He Himself predicted.

He so graced the ugly instrument on which He died that the cross has become the most widely exhibited and recognized symbol on earth.

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A WORLD HISTORICAL FORCE

Jesus offers Himself as God's doorway into the life that is truly life. Confidence in Him leads us today to become His **Apprentices** in eternal living. Does Jesus only enable me to 'make the cut' when I die? It is good to know that when I die all will be well, but is there any good news for life? (12)



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Jesus' enduring relevance is based on His historically proven ability to speak to, to heal and empower the individual human condition. He promises wholeness for their lives. In sharing our weakness He gives us strength and imparts through His companionship a life that has the quality of eternity. He comes where we are, and He brings us the life we hunger for.

(13)



He matters because of what He brought and what He still brings to ordinary human beings, living their ordinary lives, and coping daily with their surroundings.

He promises wholeness for their lives...for our lives!

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Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A



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 on *The Divine Conspiracy*, you have 10,000 minutes to flesh it out. Each session offers life application to enthrall your mind with God and practice habits of goodness in your ordinary life with Jesus in the Kingdom among us.

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *Colossians 1:15-17; 2:1-3; 9-10*

1. Is Jesus a sufficient guide and mentor in my daily life such as money, love, business, housing? Does He really have “all wisdom and knowledge”? (Colossians 2:3)
 2. What sound bites, secular sources or slogans have become a way of life for me?
 3. What strikes me when I read about Jesus “Entering the Ordinary” (p.13-14)?
- † Means of Training — Read “The Invitation” and “A World Historical Force” (p. 11-13) daily for the next 4 days.



† Cross Fit

80:00 + 10K



“The Divine Conspiracy Lectures”

Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel



The Harvey Fellows 2004 Summer Institute
12-part video series

Session 1* — The DC #2 1:12:10 - Video End

(119) pages of lecture notes in the Jesus College Library

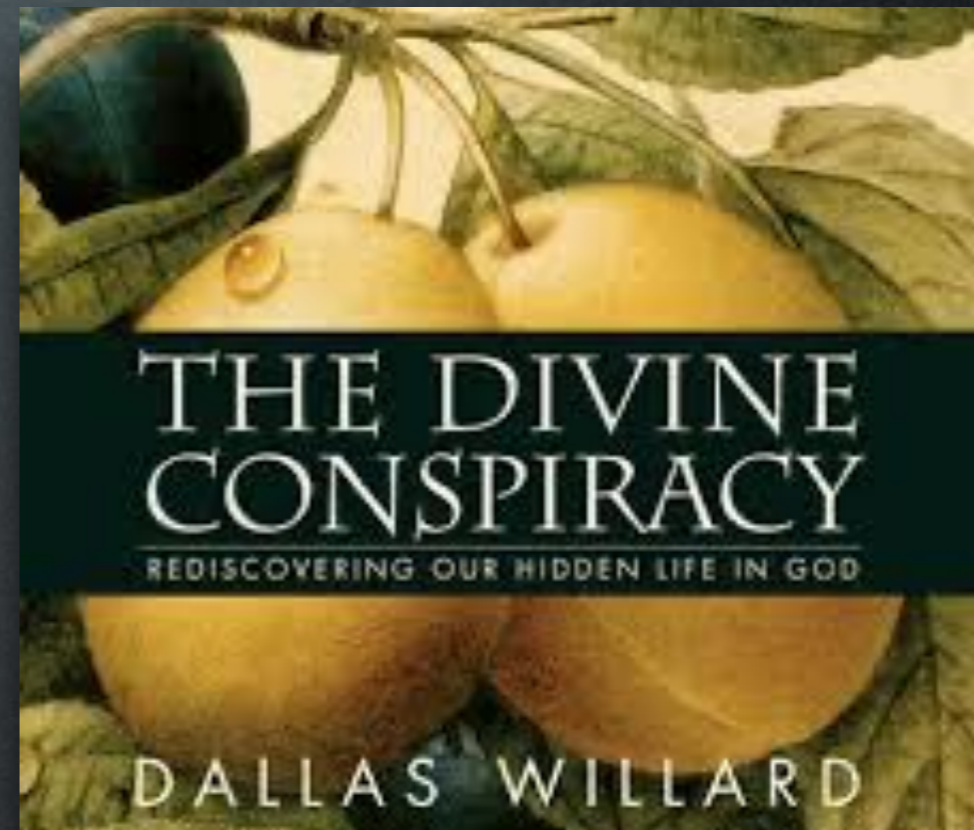
<https://www.jesuscollege.com/dallaswillard-thedivineconspiracy>

* ✓ Reading Schedule for related teachings



Session 1 Summary

In an upside down, lost world where an absence of moral knowledge places cute and clever over truth, goodness & beauty, Jesus opens a doorway to life that is really life through a daily apprenticeship in His Kingdom.



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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
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Next Week — Session 2

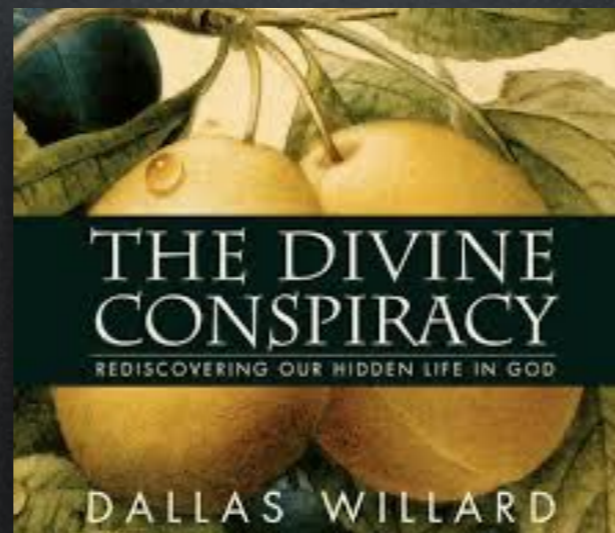
“Entering the Ordinary”

Hardback p. 13-21

Paperback p. 7-20

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Shalom & Agape for
your next 10,000
minutes in
His Kingdom,

Doug

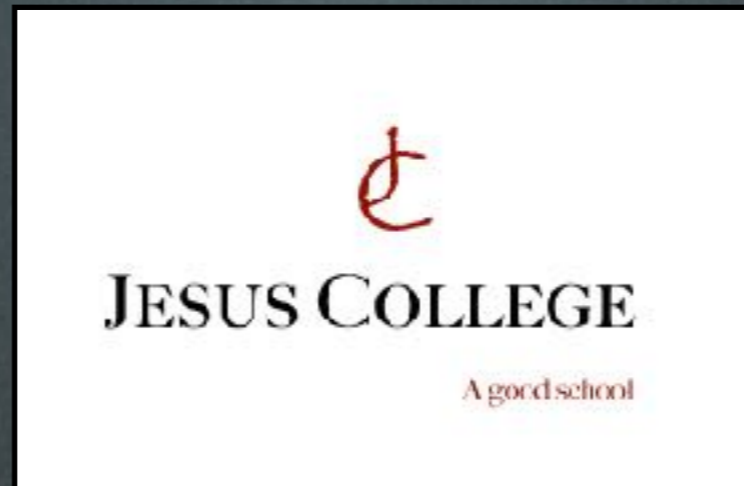
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