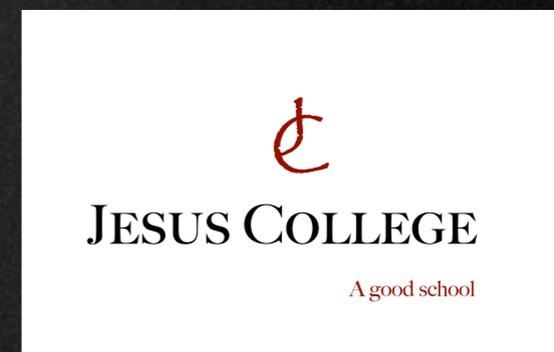


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The HABITATION of the ETERNAL

"The obvious well kept secret of the 'ordinary' is that it is made to be a receptacle of the divine, a place where the life of God flows." (14)

"We are built to count." (15)



Ch. 1 - "Entering the Eternal Kind of Life Now"

The resources of God's kingdom remain detached from human life. There is no gospel for human life and Christian discipleship, just one for death or one for social action. To counteract this we must develop a straightforward presentation, in word and life, of the reality of life now under God's rule, through reliance upon the word and person of Jesus. In this way we can naturally become His students or apprentices.

We can learn from Him how to live our lives as He would live them if He were we. We can enter His eternal kind of life now.



Until my thoughts of God have found every visible thing and event glorious in His presence, the words of Jesus have not yet fully seized me.

p. 62

Ch. 3 “What Jesus Knew: Our God Bathed World”

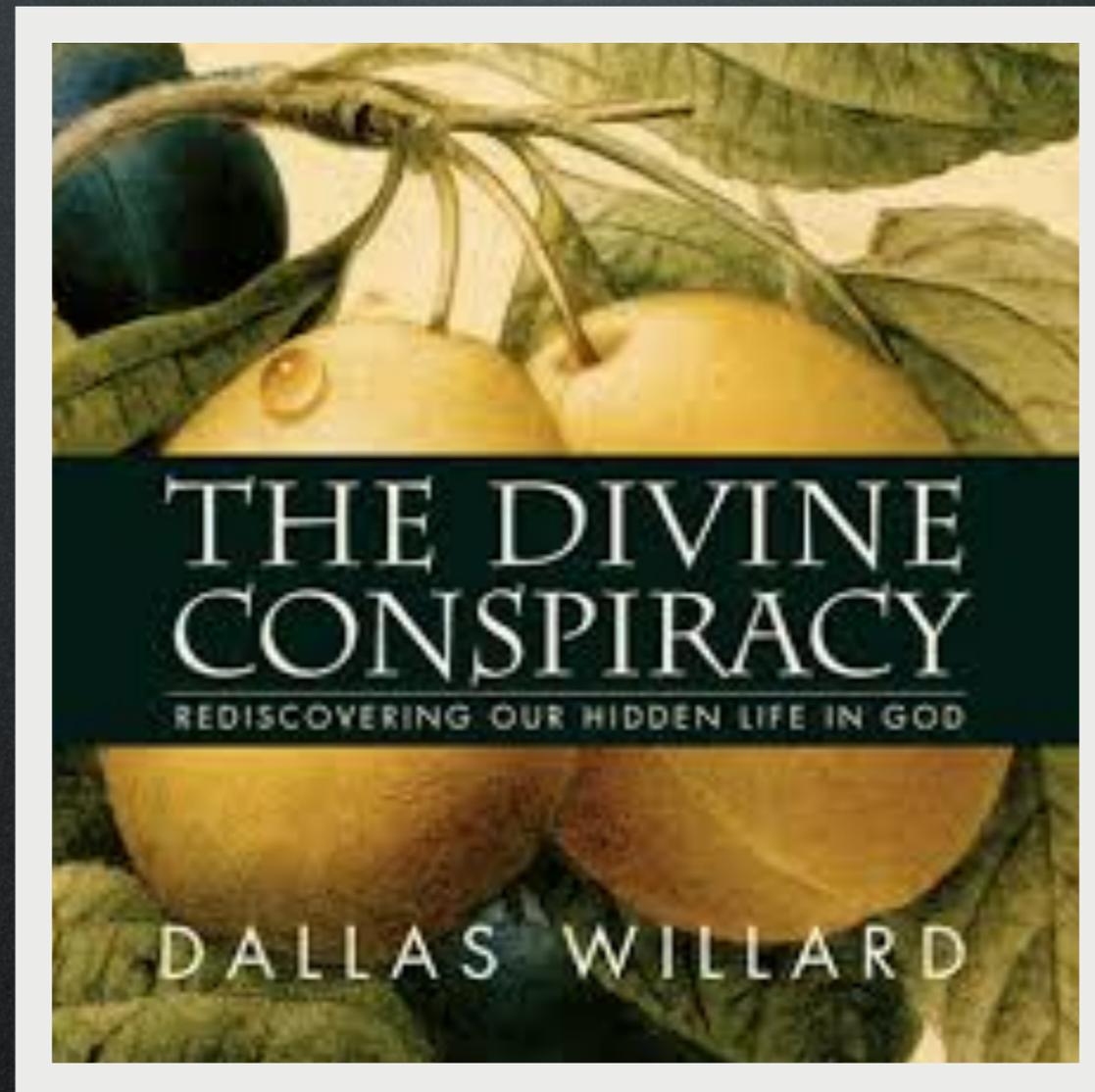
Let us venture further up, further in...



THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

Chapter 4 - Who is Really Well Off?

Session 10 - The Puzzle of The Beatitudes





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Life's Four Major Questions

Q1 - What is reality?

A - "The Kingdom of God."

Q2 - Who is well off - living the good life?

A - "Living in the direct availability of the Kingdom of God."

Q3 - Who is a good person?

A - "One permeated with agape love."

Q4 - How do I become a good person?

A - "Become an apprentice of Jesus."

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



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Ch. 4 - Who is Really Well Off?

The Puzzle of the Beatitudes

Q2 - Who is well off - living the good life?

A - “Living in the direct availability of the Kingdom of God.”

Living the good life is living the Beatitudes - the highest expression of religious insight and moral inspiration.

The Divine Conspiracy, p. 98



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How do we live the Beatitudes?

Not Guilt. Not the Goal. His basic message - acting with God's rule from the Heavens. (99)

In the midst of this mass of raw humanity, Jesus teaches his students or apprentices, along with all who hear, about the meaning of the availability of the heavens. (100)

“The Kingdom Among Us”

23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the ^{ed} gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

24 The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

Matthew 4:23-25



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Spiritual Zeros under Heaven's Care

The poor in spirit are called 'blessed' by Jesus, not because they are in a meritorious condition, but because, precisely in spite of and in the midst of their ever so deplorable condition, the rule of the heavens has moved redemptively upon and through them by the grace of Christ.

The Divine Conspiracy, p. 102



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Staying in Charge

“Propriety” - Trying to engineer our way into the Kingdom - to secure blessedness.

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The Beatitudes - For Today or Not?

They [Beatitudes] are explanations and illustrations, drawn from the immediate setting, of the present availability of the kingdom through personal relationship to Jesus...in life circumstances that are beyond all hope.

The Beatitudes simply cannot be 'good news' if they are understood as a set of 'how-to's for achieving blessedness. They would only then amount to a new legalism.

“The meaning of the Beatitudes is to be understood in light of this great inversion, they are primarily the proclamation of the availability of the Kingdom.” ¹

“God is where you are. Where you are is the doorway to Heaven. Remember Heaven does not mean what happens after you die. Heaven means the presence of God, the Kingdom of God is here. It does not matter what you are, who you are, what you’ve got against you. None of that matters. That’s the lesson of The Beatitudes. You only understand the gospel of the Kingdom of God if there is no limit to whom you can go and say, ‘Blessed’.” ²

“The Divine Conspiracy” Lectures

1 - Session 6 @ 1:02:50

2 - Session 7 @ 00:4:00

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2 - “The Puzzle of Beatitudes”

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Q & A or Comments

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In the next 10,000 minutes...

Q - Do Jesus' teachings of the Beatitudes apply to me today, and if so, how?

Q - How does my "belief system" demand me to engineer my way into God's good graces?

Q - Do I have a "list" to earn eternity? Do I sell that list as a proprietary controller of the "goods"?

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