

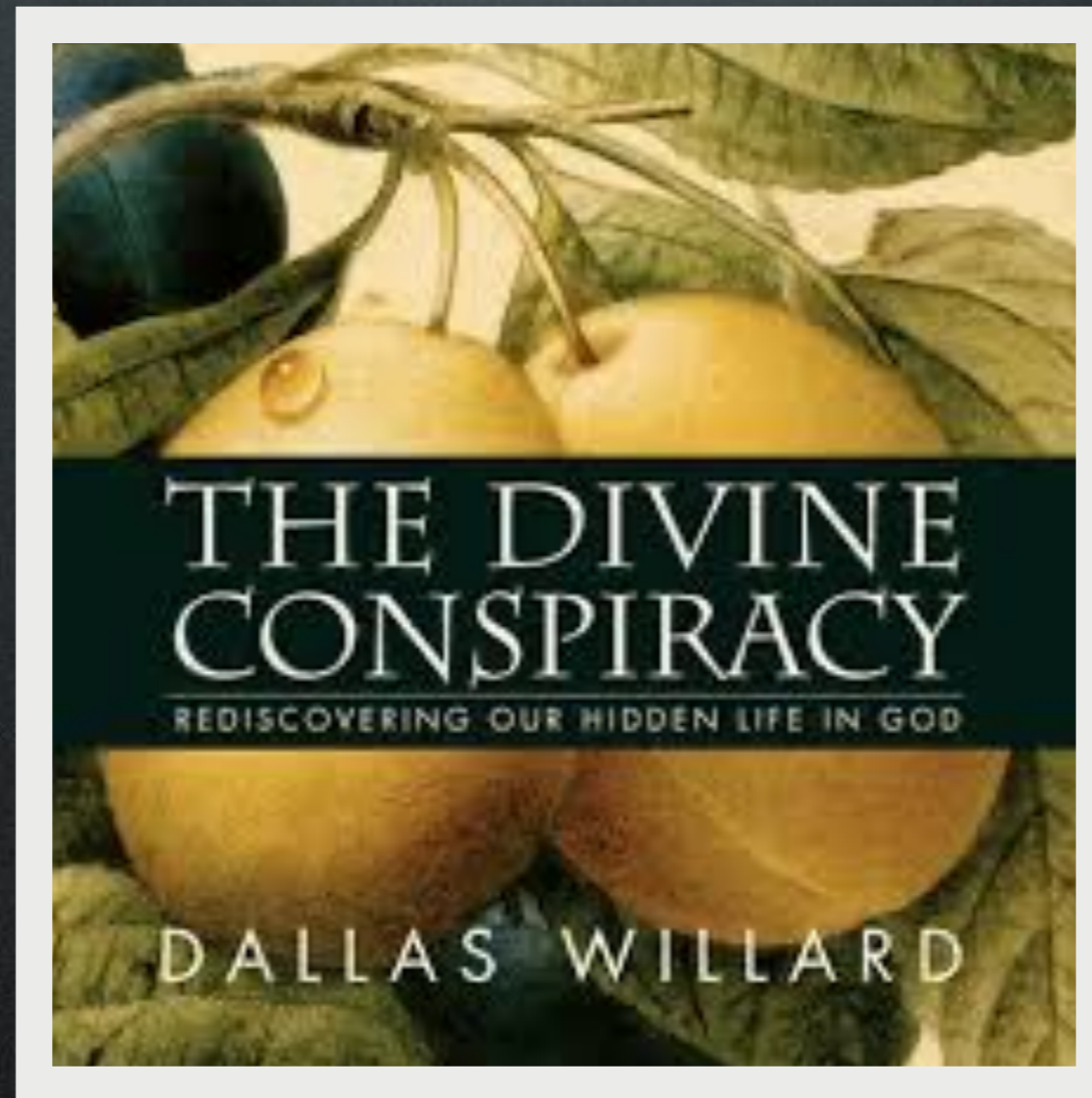
An Overview

WELCOME to our 6 week Course brought to you by
Dallas Willard Ministries & Jesus College



THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

Session 1 - What Jesus Means by Eternal Living Now
Book Chapters 1-3



An Overview

The Course VISION*

* To provide a fresh hearing of Jesus for you to learn how to live your life as Jesus would live your life if He were you.

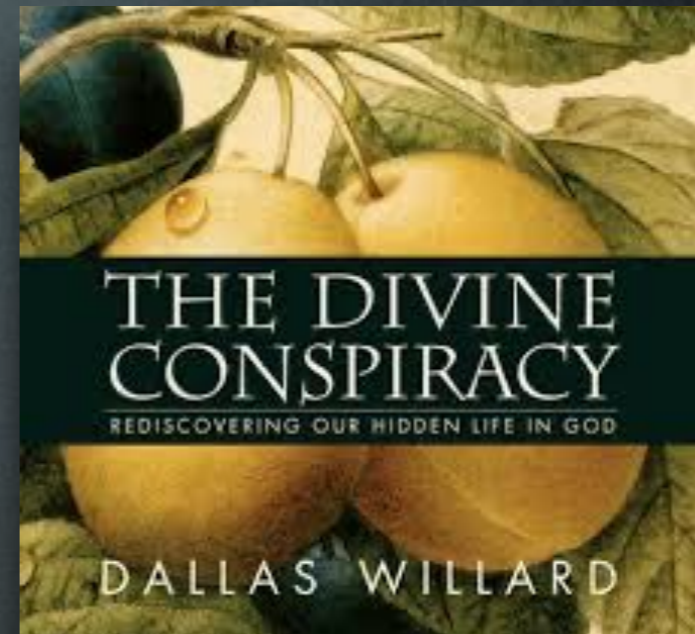
The Course INTENTION

* Ravish you with the Kingdom
* Proclaim biblical truth
* Provide weekly encouragement & accountability

The Course MEANS

* 6 interactive sessions with optional, extended Q&C
* Resources for learning and spiritual growth practices
* A Global Society of Jesus

* V-I-M see *Renovation of the Heart*
Dallas Willard, chapter 5



Format - 30 minutes

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

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

Your Apprenticeship Guide

Doug Webster

- * Following Jesus since age 14, working with Him since age 18.
- * Vanguard University & Fuller Seminary
- * Met the Jesus Dallas knew 17 years ago
- * Started Jesus College in 2015
- * This is our 27th webinar engaging over 2650 participants from 56 Countries.
- * Guiding Jesus College's "Master's in the Master" spiritual training
- * A Blessed Family of 16!



Session 1 Theme

Apprentices of Jesus in Eternal Living Now

Matthew 4:17



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

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?



What is the Kingdom of God?

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



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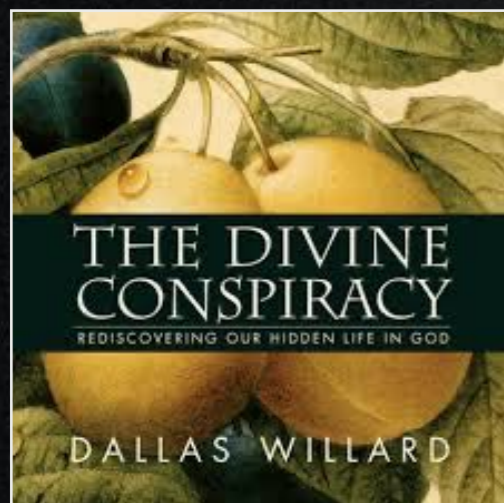
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THE CONFUSION - Life in the Dark

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)





THE INVITATION - A Word from a Different Reality

Yet in the gloom a glimmer glows. 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)





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)



ENTERING the **ORDINARY**

[Jesus] 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.

Suddenly they are flying right side up, in a world that makes sense.

(13)



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 were built to count (15) and...
made to rule as unceasing spiritual
beings with an eternal destiny in
God's great universe. (21)



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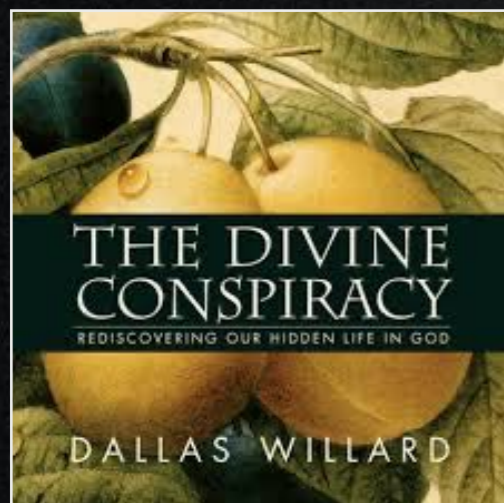
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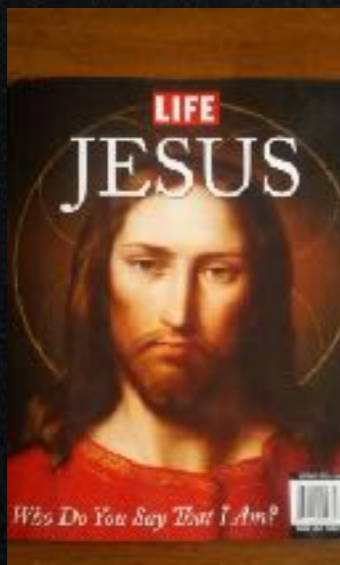


The Disappearance of Jesus as Teacher

The disappearance of Jesus as teacher explains why today in Christian churches little effort is made to teach people to do what He did and taught.

We do not seriously consider Jesus as our teacher on how to live, hence we can not think of ourselves, in our moment-to-moment existence, as His students or disciples.

(57)



THE INVITATION DIMINISHED - Gospel of Left & Right

“Gospels of Sin Management” (41)

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.

The Invitation Restated — 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.

(58)

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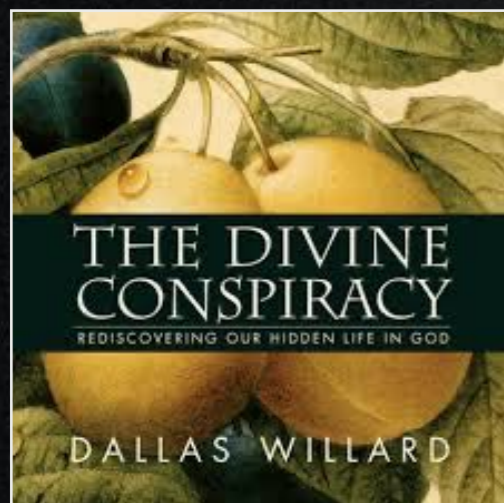
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A Joyous God-bathed Jesus Worldview

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.

Dallas Willard

The Divine Conspiracy, p. 62

Spiritual Reality — The Centrality of Our Will

The will (heart) is the Executive Center of the self.

- Self-Determination • Freedom • Creativity •

The heart, or will, simply is spirit in human beings...and the only thing in us that God will accept as the basis of our relationship to Him.

The heart/will/spirit is the spiritual plane of our natural existence, the place of truth before God, from where alone our whole lives can become eternal.



(80-81)

Our Unceasing Spiritual Reality

How should we take care of ourselves when we are never to cease? Jesus shows his apprentices how to live in the light of the fact that they will never stop living.

We are never ceasing spiritual beings with an eternal destiny in the full world of God. (86 & 15, 21, 378)

So, what does this mean to me today?

Through my **WILL** [my kingdom/queendom - what makes me human], I act by and with **GRACE** to place my confidence in **JESUS**, and I grow into a union of my spirit [will] with the Kingdom of God [His grace in action.]

Since I am a “spiritual being”, [the unique “me”] I was made to live in the **SPIRIT** - in an interactive dependence upon **GOD** under his **KINGDOM** rule [His loving grace in action in and through me.]

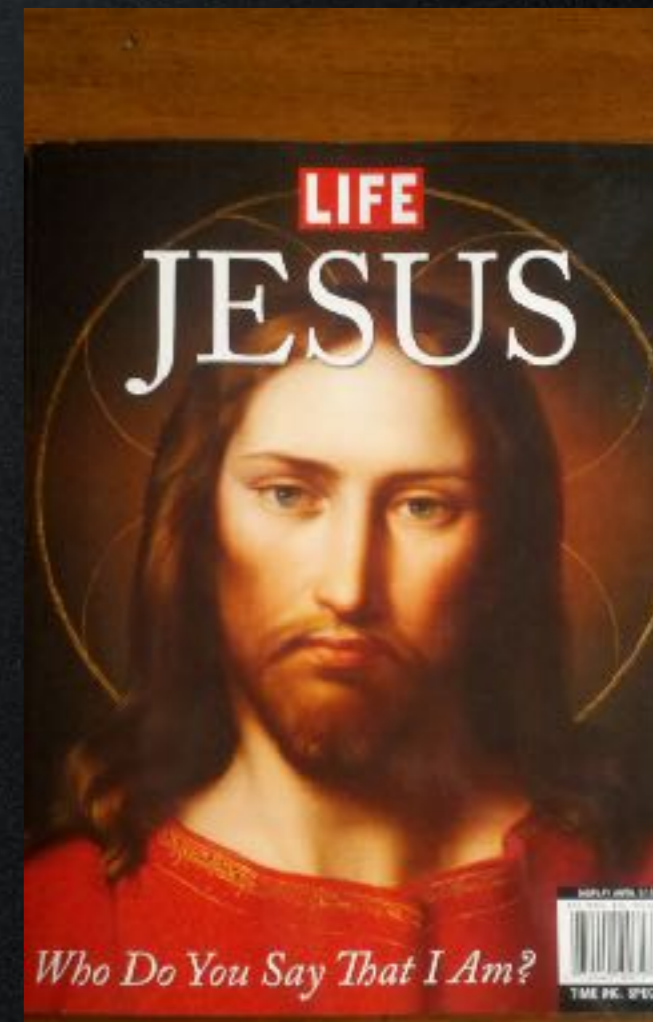
That means Kingdom Living is an **ETERNAL** kind of life now where God (“I AM that I AM”) exists eternally.

Jesus...Master of Intellect

The baseless presumption in question [Jesus was found out to be wrong] must be seen for the empty prejudice it is if we are to enroll with serious intent in Jesus' school of life.

Nothing fundamental has changed in our knowledge of ultimate reality and the human self since the time of Jesus. (93)

It's not that Jesus has been proven wrong.

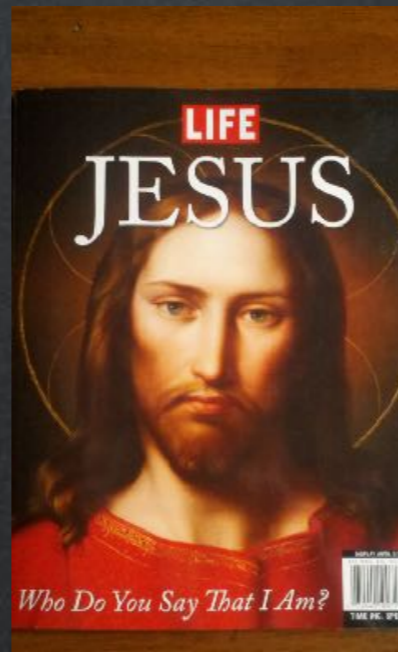


Trust the Smartest Person in the World, the Master of the Molecules

Our commitment to Jesus can stand on no other foundation than a recognition that He is the one who knows the truth about our lives and our universe.

It is not possible to trust Jesus in matters where we do not believe Him to be competent. (94)

He is not just nice, He is brilliant. (95)



The Case of the Missing Teacher

What we covered in this session...

The disappearance of Jesus as teacher explains why today in Christian churches little effort is made to teach people to do what He did and taught.

We do not seriously consider Jesus as our teacher on how to live, hence we can not think of ourselves, in our moment-to-moment existence, as His students or disciples. (57)

What's ahead in chapter 9...

Jesus, the actual teacher of his people, has disappeared from the mental horizons of our faith. In that capacity He is not a part of how we 'do' our Christianity today...face this fact of the absence of Jesus the teacher and change it.

(316)

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A



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 questions to help enthrall your mind with God and practice habits of goodness in your ordinary life with Jesus in the Kingdom Among Us.



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

Application

- 1.) Is Jesus a sufficient guide and mentor in my ordinary life of money, love, business, housing? Do I think and pray like He has all “wisdom and knowledge”? (Colossians 2:3)
- 2.) What does God’s governance over my life mean to me? (A major theme in the book)
- 3.) What will I do to “enroll with serious intent in Jesus’ school of life”? (93)

Further Teaching by Dallas...

“The Divine Conspiracy Series”

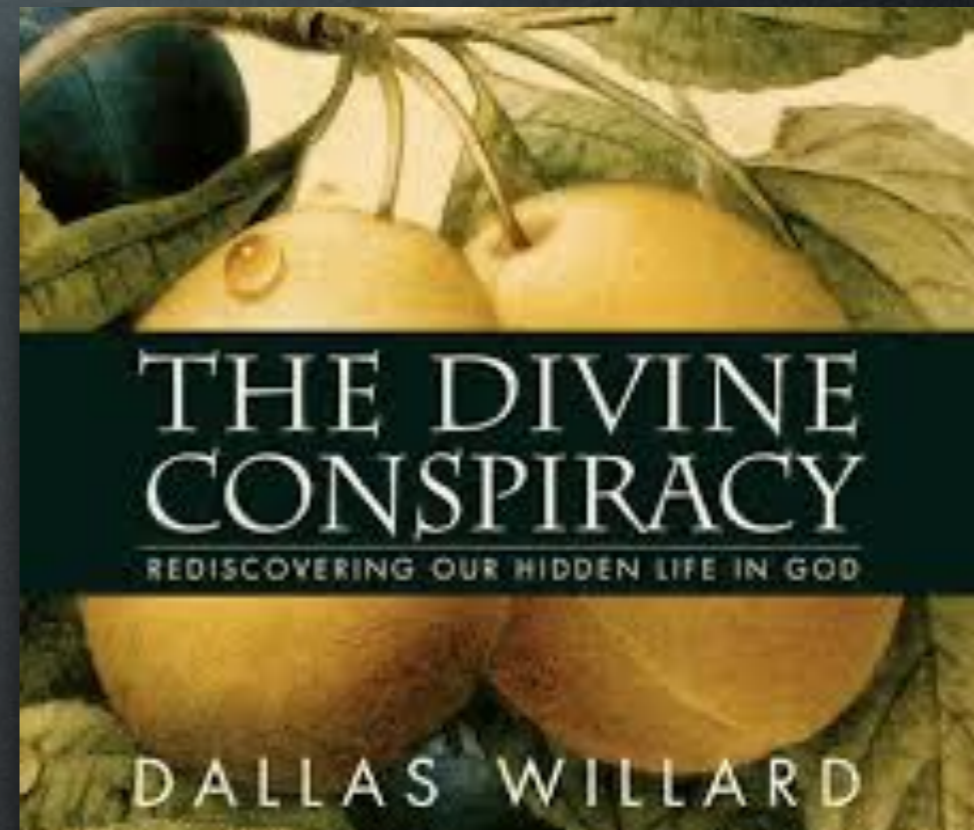
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Session 1 Summary

In an upside down, lost world absent of moral knowledge, goodness & beauty, with a truncated gospel presented by most Christians, the master teacher Jesus opens a doorway to a God bathed world offering a life that is really life through a daily apprenticeship in His Kingdom.



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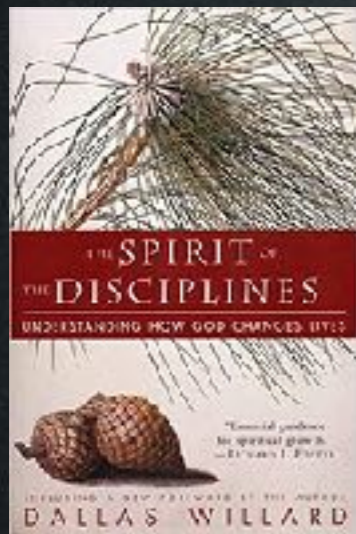
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