

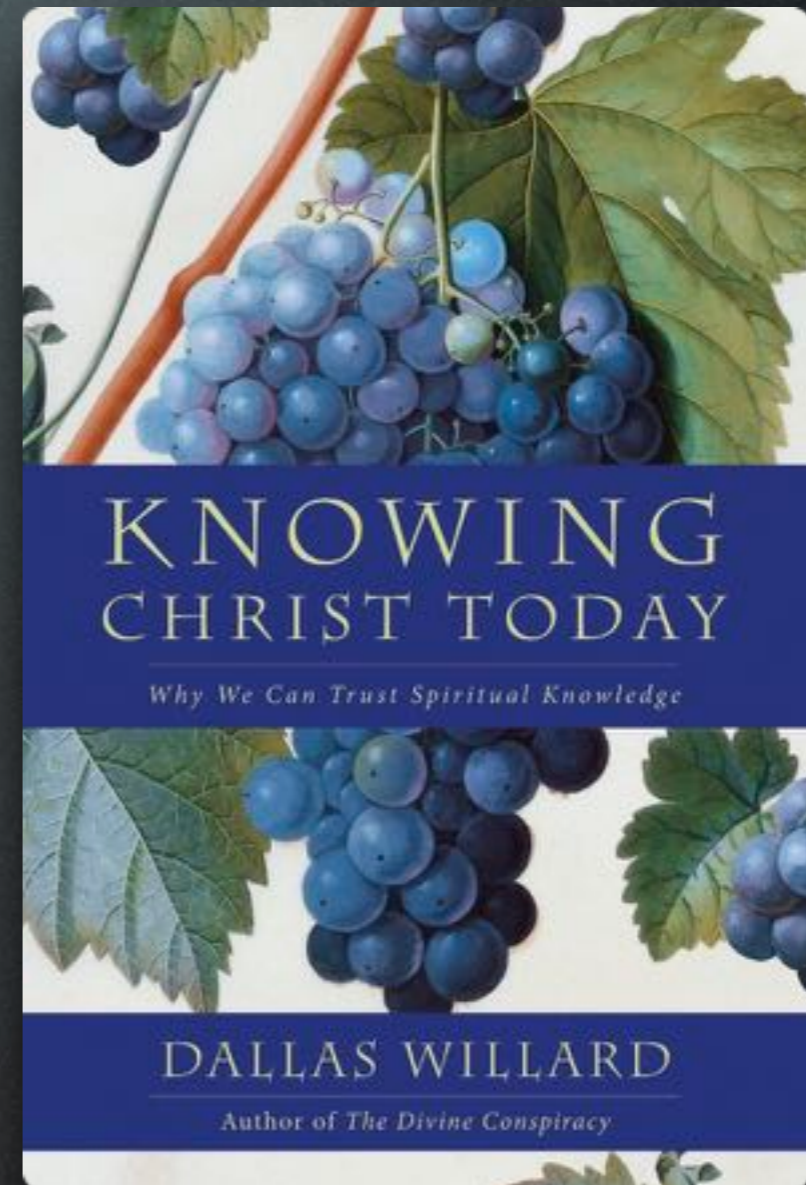
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Session 1 Summary

What is considered knowledge of what is good and right confers influence over people and systems.

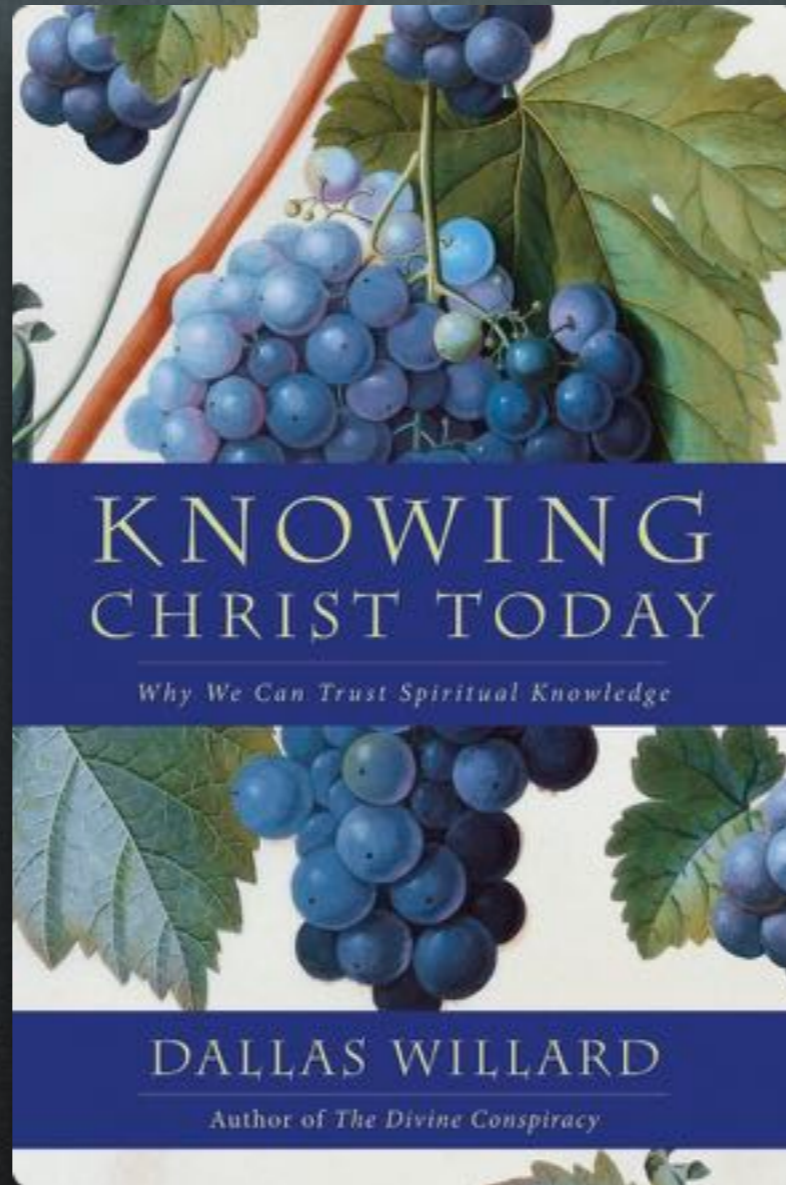
Faith in God through Jesus Christ as knowledge to guide humankind to who we are and what we can be battles secular belief that true knowledge is based on “science” and “research” rendering religion mere beliefs (faith) not truth.



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Session 2 - How We Perish for Lack of Knowledge

Chapter 2



p. 37-63

REVIEW from Chapter 1

Knowledge Defined & Applied

Knowledge (defined) — We have knowledge of something when we are representing it (thinking about it, speaking of it, treating it) as it actually is on an appropriate basis of thought and experience. (15) (and 60, 71, 108)

Knowledge (applied) - Authority, right, responsibility to:
Act,
Direct action,
Establish and supervise policy, and
Teach. (17) It cannot *not* be political. (29)



“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3

In Doug's words...

Eternal life is knowledge of an interactive relationship with the Kingdom of God as an apprentice of Jesus placing your confidence in Him, with grace and by grace, to be with Him to learn from Him to do what He taught to become like Him.

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words of eternal life”. John 6:68

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“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

Hosea 4:6

Knowledge: Secure Access to Reality

Knowledge is treasured for its access to reality.

We perish without it.

...reality does not adjust itself to
accommodate our false beliefs, errors, or
hesitations in action. (38-39)

*When desire conflicts with reality,
sooner or later reality wins. (41)*

World View and Knowledge

Worldview (def.) – Most basic and general assumptions about what is real and good* *. (43)

Idolatry is a mistake about reality at the “worldview” level. (41)

Dead idols vs. a living God (42)

Knowledge of Christ, or lack thereof, competes for the human soul. (43)

You can not “opt-out” of a worldview.
What we assume real governs our attitudes and actions. (44)

“4M IQ” – Life’s Four Most Important Questions* *

Knowing Christ Today (45-55)

Q1 - What is reality?

A - God and His Kingdom.

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

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

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

“Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Q3 - Who is a good person?

A - One permeated with agape love.

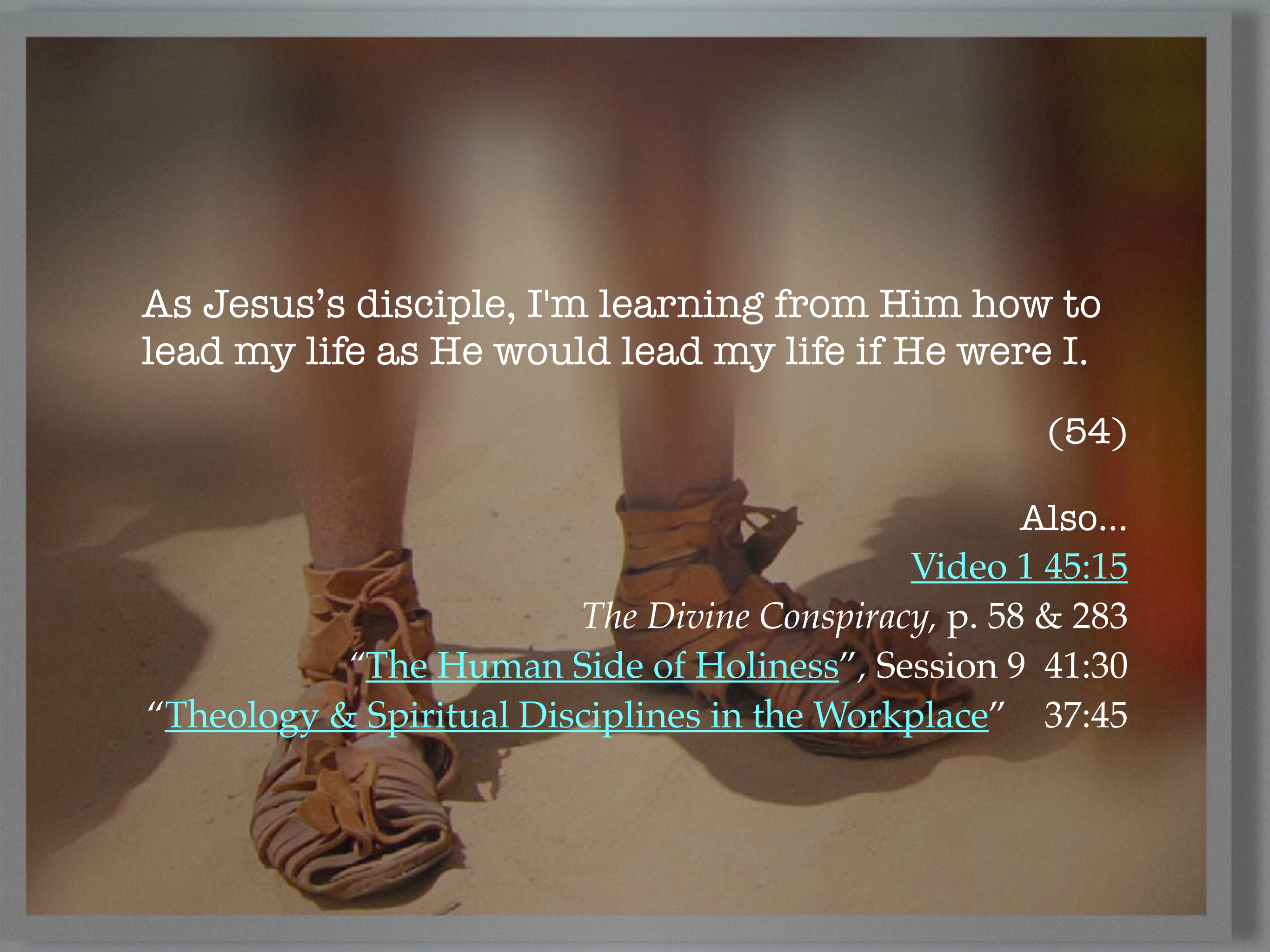
“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Q4 - How do I become a good person?

A - Become an apprentice of Jesus.

“Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man...”

** – [Video 1 Questions: 32:00](#) [Jesus' Answers 39:45](#)



As Jesus's disciple, I'm learning from Him how to lead my life as He would lead my life if He were I.

(54)

Also...

[Video 1 45:15](#)

The Divine Conspiracy, p. 58 & 283

["The Human Side of Holiness"](#), Session 9 41:30

["Theology & Spiritual Disciplines in the Workplace"](#) 37:45

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The Church is Out, Universities are In

*Who says which of the answers to the 4 questions are true?**

Knowledge is redefined through specialization by feeling, force, politics, traditions.

(56-58)



* [Video #3 @ 10:45](#)

Looking Back in History, Finding a Way Forward

Lessons from History - *Three Sources of Knowledge***

- Authority: Church & Government
- Thinking by Reason
- Experience - Empiricism & later Naturalism

“Scientifically minded”...No science is omniscient.
(58-60)

Future — Definition of “knowledge” revisited (60, 15)

FIRST — “Appropriate basis of thought and experience”
is open ended, not just “sensual” or confined methods.

SECOND — We do not need to know that we know.
Progression toward knowledge is messy.
Often politically enforced by power. (61)



Three Operational Worldviews * *

Theistic • Nirvana • Naturalist



A few words from Dallas...

“Stepping into Eternal Life as interactive relationship
with Jesus Christ today.”

[Video #1 47:35-50:35](#)

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — Hosea 4:6

Application for Knowing Christ in Your Next 10,000
Minutes → V-I-M*

VISION — Of whom am I a disciple and how has it shaped
my worldview?

INTENTION — Have I/will I take time to reflect on my
answers to life's big questions?

MEANS — Study Matthew 4:17-7:29 to find Jesus' answers
to life's big questions.



† Cross Fit

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



“Knowledge of Christ in Today’s World”

Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel



Suggested video for Course Session 2

“Perish for Lack of Knowledge”

[Video #1 32:00-51:00](#)

[Full 8-session video series](#)

See the course study guide for full transcripts of these video teachings



More “Knowledge” teaching

“Are Reason and Spirituality Compatible?”

Dallas Willard @ “Socrates in the City”
April 11, 2012

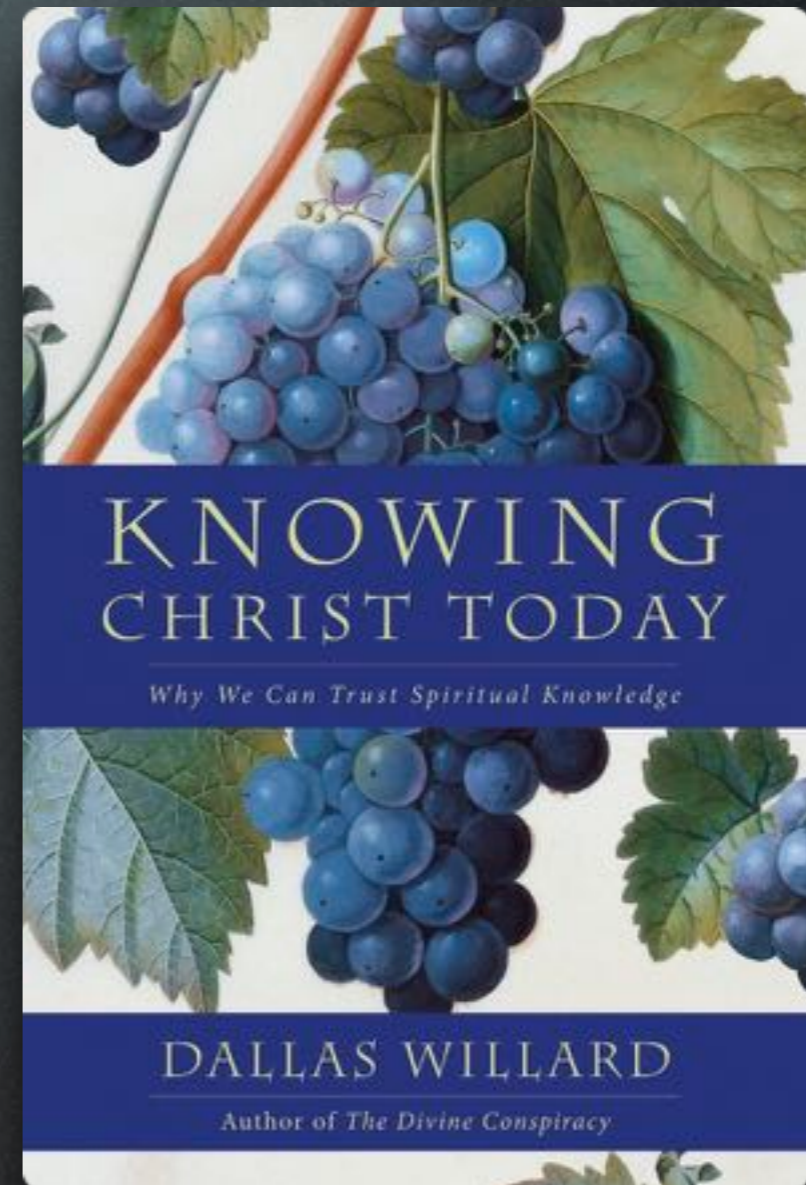


Notes for Dallas' Presentation

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We can not not have a world view. It shapes how we see the world and govern our lives in response.

The lack of the indispensable knowledge of Jesus Christ affects our lives.



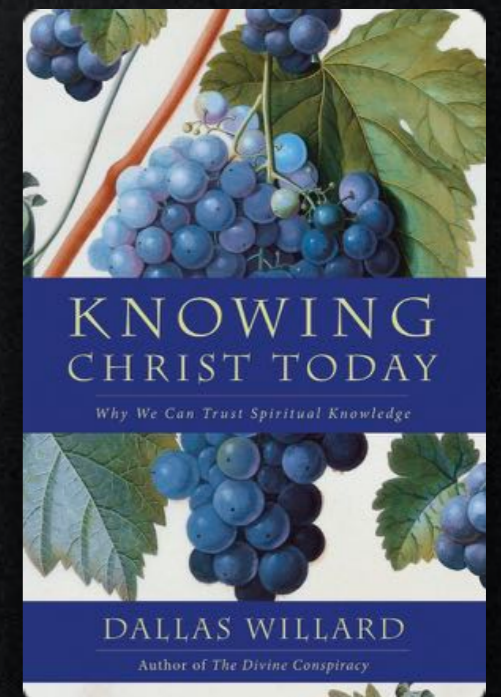
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“How Moral Knowledge Disappeared”

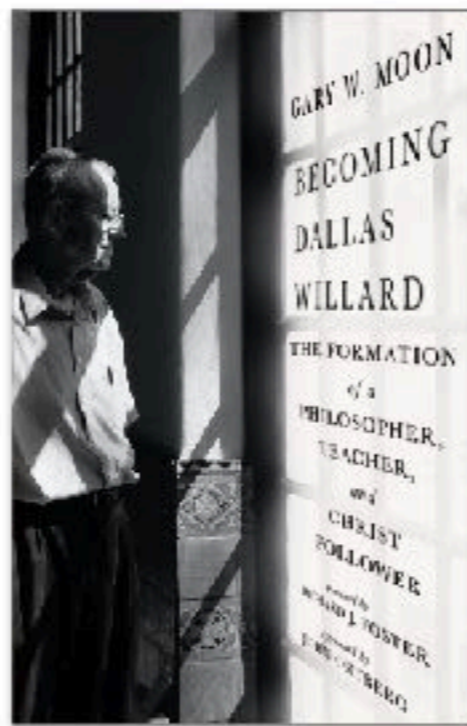
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With special guest Dr. Aaron Preston, PhD.
Co-editor, *Disappearance of Moral Knowledge*
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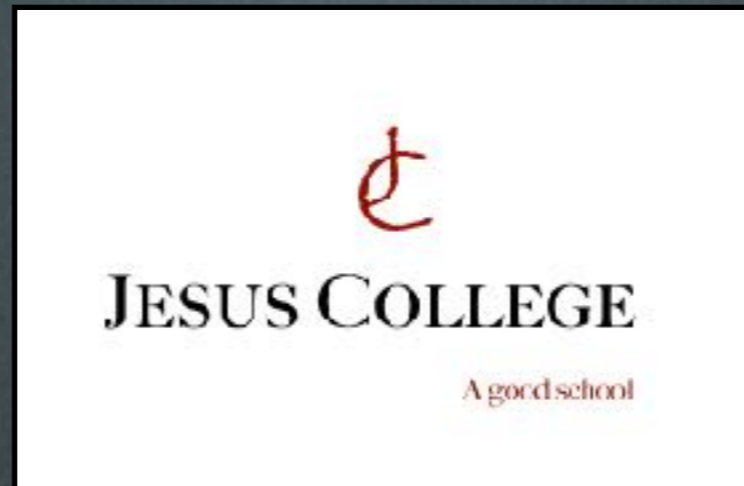
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