

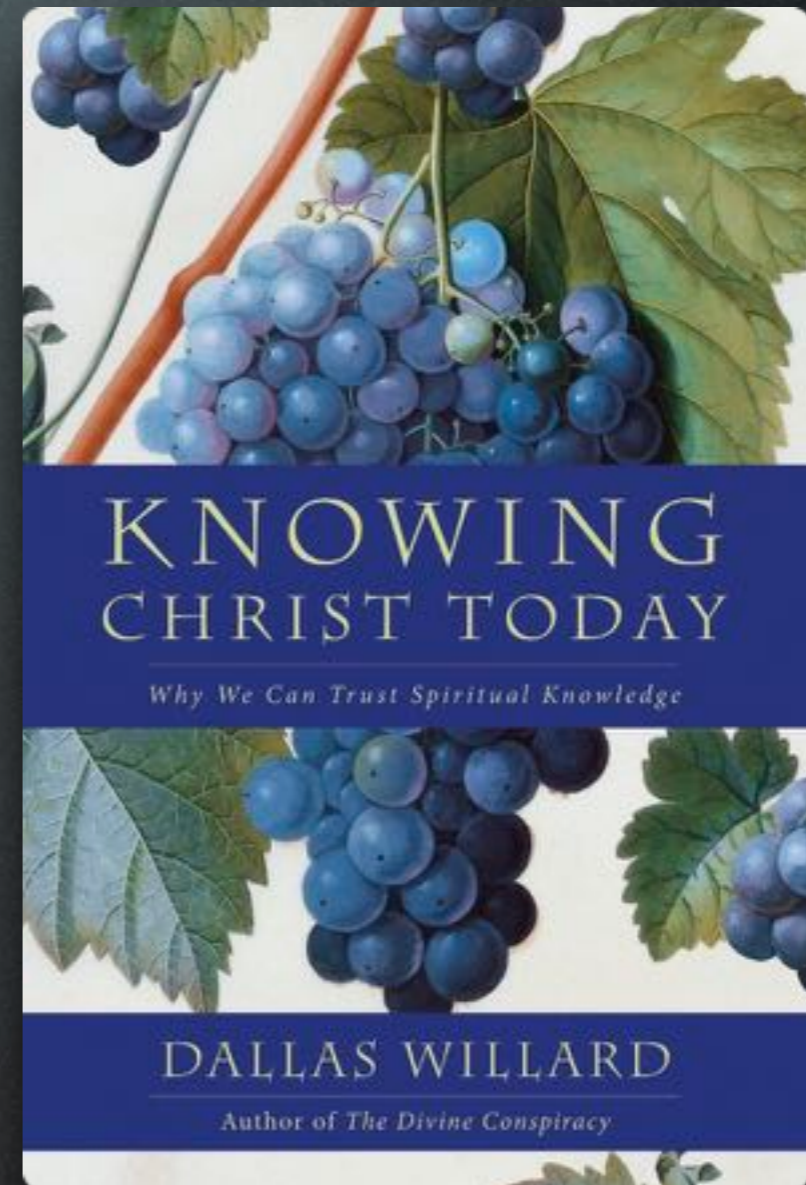
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Session 2 Summary

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

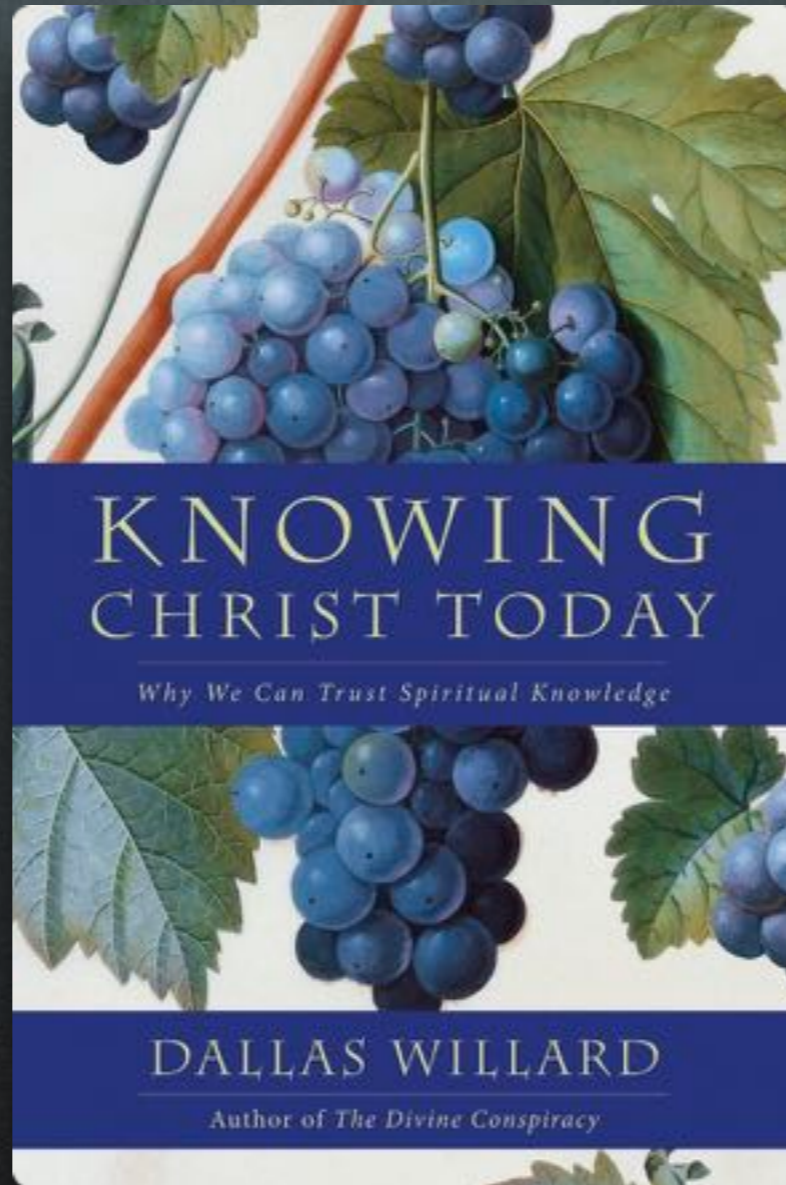
The lack of the indispensable knowledge of Jesus Christ affects our lives.



KNOWING CHRIST TODAY

Session 3 - How Moral Knowledge Disappeared

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Session 3 Guest Panelist - Dr. Aaron Preston, Ph.D.



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Session Questions...

What is “Moral Knowledge”?

How did it disappear?

What happens to a world without it?

How do we bring this knowledge back?

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?

The Disengagement of the Academy & Society from Jesus and His Church

To really know Christ now...try to think of Him as an actual human being.

What kind of person could have brought such teachings and influences? (67)

In Today's World...

Being good and right are not what they use to be. (68)

Social and governmental policy decisions can no longer be reached, justified, and sustained on the basis of publicly recognized moral values, principles, rules.

(69)

From Morality to Law — Moral vulgarization proceeds apace without moral shame or opprobrium.

What shall be done is by "human desire" and "will" with the power to do so. (70)



The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge (71)

The removal of the recognized values and principles of Christian/traditional moral understanding from the domain of knowledge taught by knowledge institutions of Western society.

Like gaining then losing the knowledge of electricity





Causes, not Reasons, for the Dismissal of the Moral Teachings of Jesus (74-79)

- 1.) The church's failure to apply the teachings of Jesus in the 1700's and 1800's.
- 2.) Failure to find an intellectual basis in knowledge for the teachings of Jesus. *Jesus was expelled from school.*
- 3.) Professionalization of University "research" as the source of knowledge.
 - Plurality of cultures, not bad, just different.
 - Christianity became a "folkway".
 - None were true as a body of moral knowledge. (76)
- 4.) Psychology arose and the human soul was lost.
 - A "Person" is not scientific. The Bible was closed.

Lesser Forces against Moral Knowledge

- 1.) Moral standards are social and economic power. (79)
- 2.) Morality is harmful to a full and free life. (80)
- 3.) Knowledge is “oppressive” imposing on “what I want”.
(81)

“Happiness” = “feeling good.” (82)





Jesus & the Nature of Agape Love *

“The Good Person”

“No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13

Love wills what is good of what is loved.

Love is everything. (83)

Love your neighbor — “one in effectual contact”. (86)

The Golden Rule “Do” & Silver Rule “Do not” (89)

“What about me?” — Love can be trusted. (93)

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

* - See *Life Without Lack*, chapter 7

“In the last 100 years or more, society has very carefully taken Christ and his teaching, and set them outside the domain of knowledge and put them in an arena called “Faith.” That shift has deprived faith of its home (which is knowledge).

Everything seems up for grabs and many are grabbing. What can we understand of God’s nature, God’s way, God’s reality? Spokespeople for Christ are those who have the knowledge no one else has. This makes them the most important people in society.”

Dallas Willard

“Knowing Christ Today” conference

February 21, 2013

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *John 13:35; 15:13 - Love like Jesus*

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

VISION — Where do you see the disappearance of moral
knowledge in your world?

INTENTION — How are my views of what is good & right
shaped by desire & feelings?

MEANS — How will I “love my nearby friend” to reflect the
heart of Jesus’ morality?



† 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



[Full 8-session video series](#)

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

“The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge”

recommended videos for Course Session 3

1.) ["Knowledge of Christ in Today's World" #3 \[01:50-43:43\]](#)

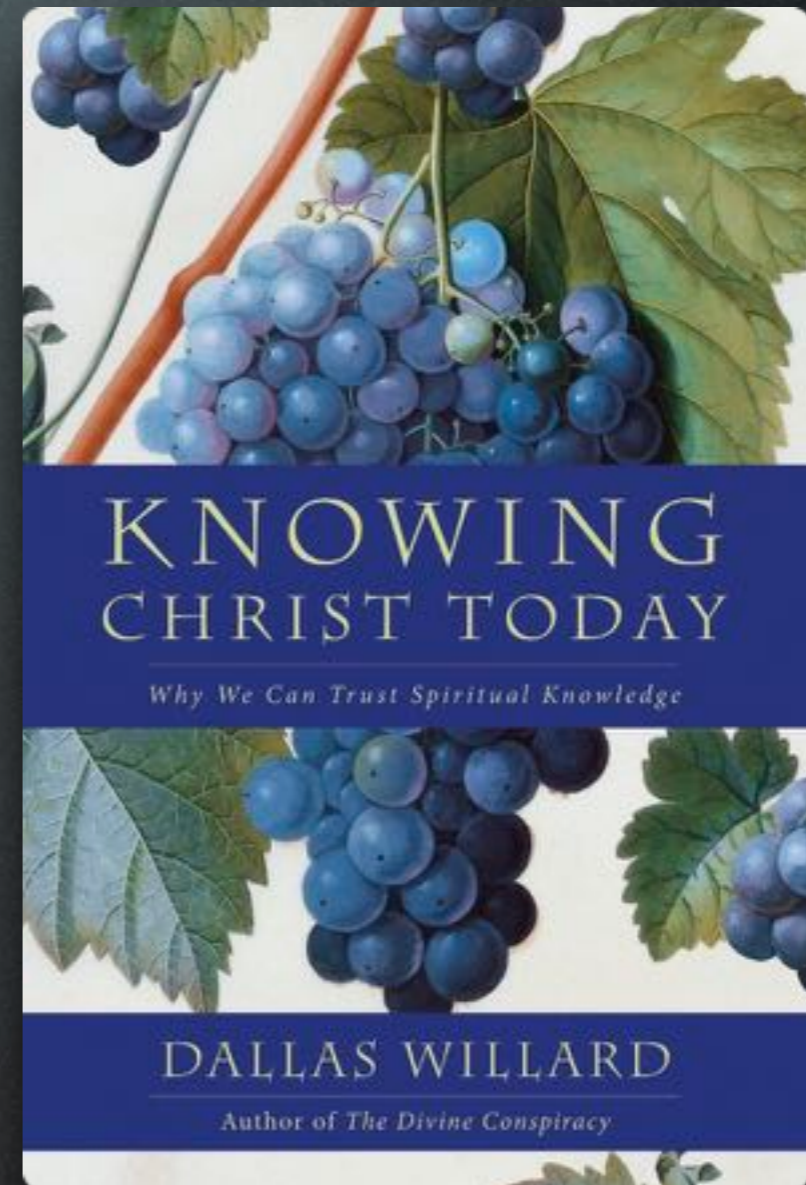
2.) [Dallas at Veritas Forum, University of CA, Irvine](#) (2 parts)

See the [Jesus College Library](#) for a transcript of this video teaching

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We can no longer expect our teaching institutions to teach the next generation how to be good people living good lives.

Our experience of the love of God in Jesus shown to our neighbor within effectual contact reveals our knowledge of an interactive relationship with God and His Kingdom of love.



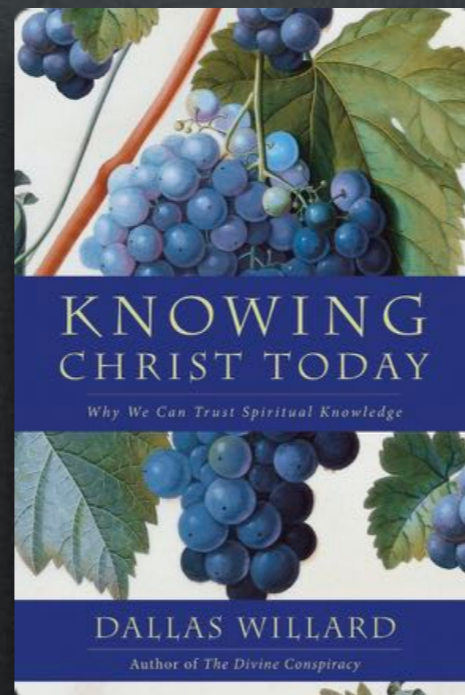
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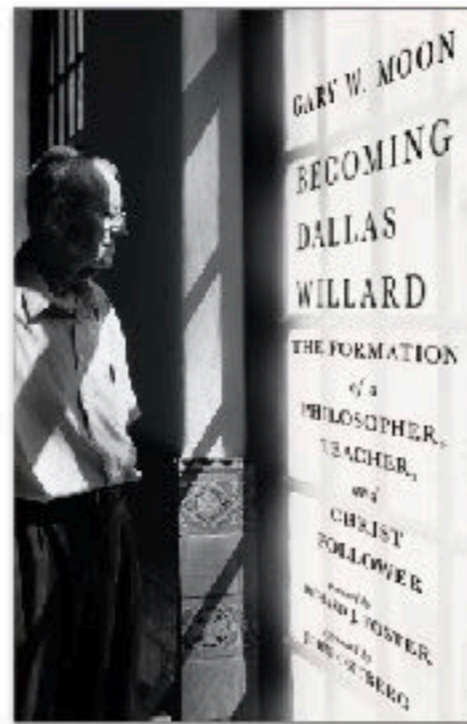
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