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Session 1 Review

Apologetics is a **HELPING MINISTRY** with **KNOWLEDGE** of the truth of **JESUS** lived with Jesus & like Jesus in His Kingdom!

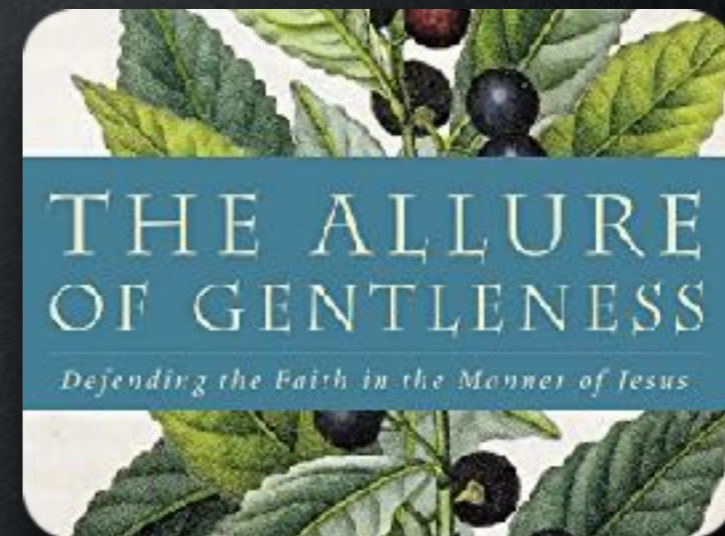
Session 2 Review

Apologetics is for everyone to build a **CONTEXT** of **FAITH** in the **REALITY** of the **KINGDOM PEACE** & strength in suffering, prompting people to ask,

“Why are you so hopeful?”

Session 3 Review

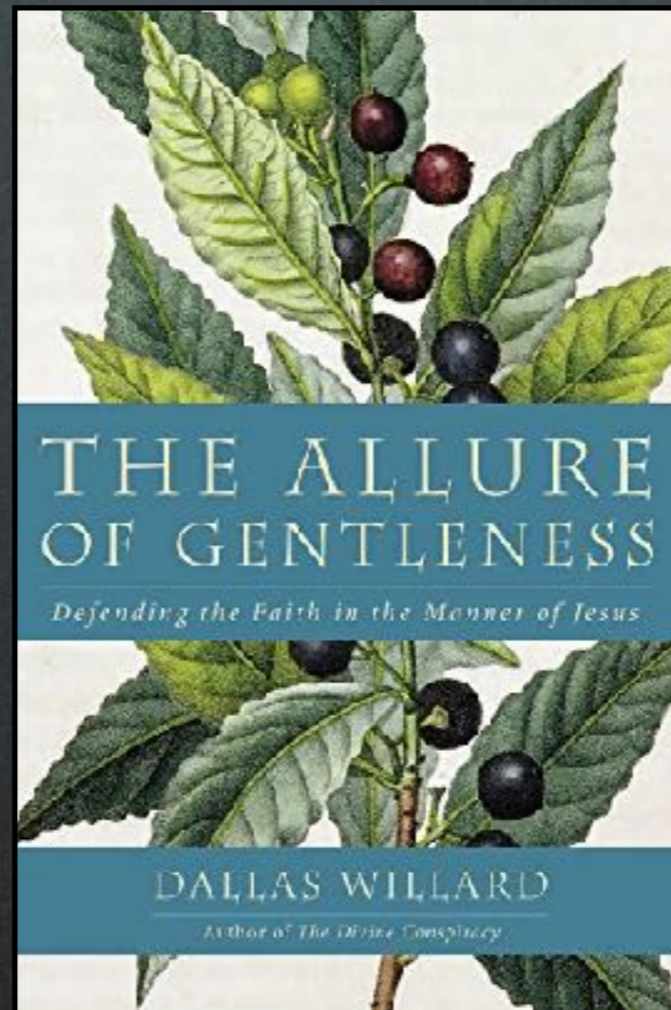
Biblical Apologetics is the full use of reason to **HELP** people **DEAL** with serious, difficult **DOUBT**, not proving we are right, intellectual bullying, nor Christian evidences, rather, as humble, generous, open, loving servants with confidence in God.

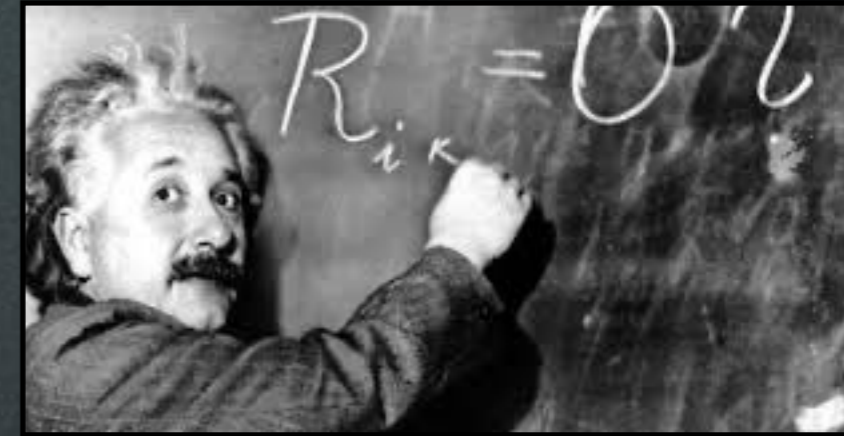
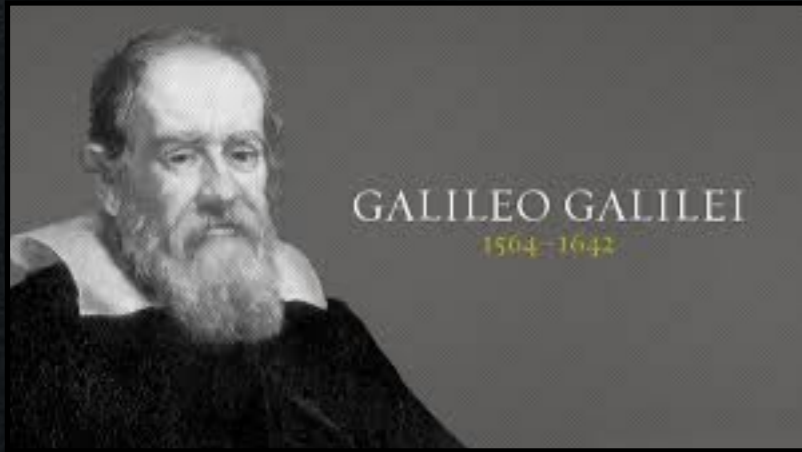


THE ALLURE OF GENTLENESS

Session 4

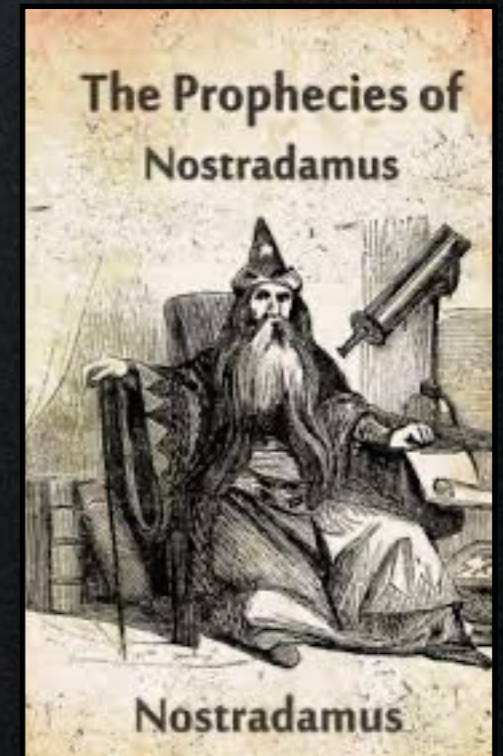
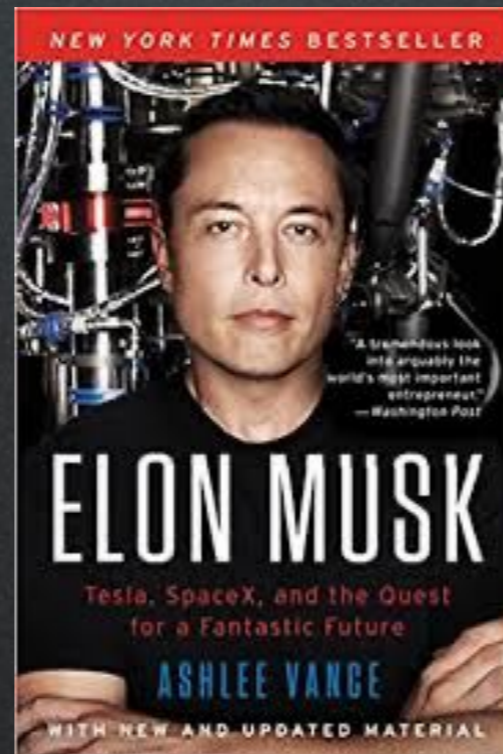
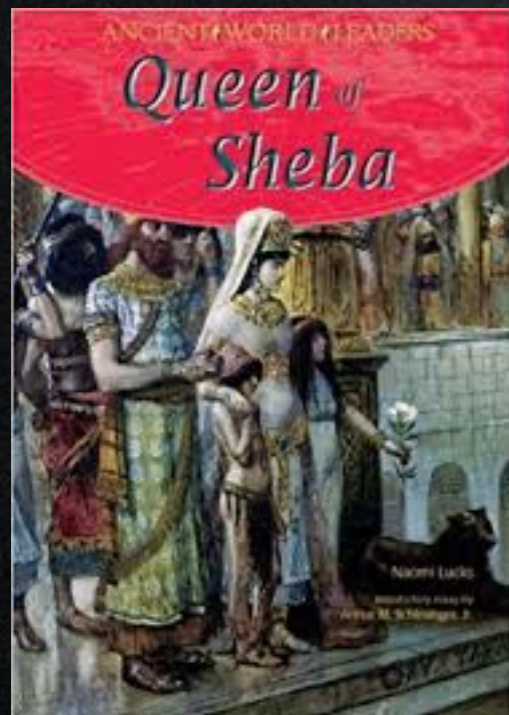
Chapter 4 - *“Faith and Reason”*





Albert Einstein

WHO IS THE SMARTEST PERSON YOU KNOW,
PRESENT or PAST?



JESUS

...SIMPLY JESUS



JESUS

...SIMPLY JESUS

I think it's safe to say that He knew logic better than anybody. He knew chemistry better than anybody. And that's true of any subject you can name.

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The Allure of Gentleness, p. 57

Jesus used perception and reason
in much of His teaching.

(57)



“Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier to say to this paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”

“Namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Colossians 2:3 (NIV)

All the treasures are hidden in Him...because He made everything. He really does know what makes things work.

(57)



Regardless of what you are working on, Jesus has the knowledge* * required to solve our problems. (57)



** In Whom are all the Treasures of Wisdom & Knowledge

Chapter 3 - Flashback

Jesus is asking you to think logically.

Jesus' method of teaching was always to get people to think and to lead them along.



(42-43)

The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge

During the last several decades in American religious history, we have badly misunderstood the role of reason in relationship to faith.

We have, in effect, signed it off to the Devil.

There's a vague sense of guilt about thinking too much... an uneasiness about reason.

One of the problems today is that so many folks have accepted the invitation to enter the Kingdom of God merely on the basis of feeling.

(59-60)

Chapter 3 - Flashback

THE ROLE of REASON

The human activity of reasoning is an indispensable part of the foundation of our faith. Reason then is key to our part in the ministry of the gospel.



(46)

HUMAN REASON UNDER GRACE

Many believe the only game in town is physical reality.

Believe: Jesus? YES God? NO

If you want to know whether you truly believe in God,
you have to ask yourself what you really trust.

2nd Commandment: No Idols =
No coveting (greed) of gods



(61-62)



WHY GOD IS NOT MORE OBVIOUS

If you're going to do apologetics in a way that is helpful for yourself and others, you're going to have to explain why God is not more obvious than He is.

He is not obvious to those who do not want to see Him.

(65)

Children must choose. (65)



THE ALLURE OF GENTLENESS

Chapter 4 - *“Faith and Reason”*

The OMNI's Integrated

God's omniscience does not overwhelm His omnipotence.
His omniscience is an expression of His omnipotence.

God gives us space...to seek Him and find Him.

(66 & 67)

Why the Hell is it here?

The human will is perhaps the one thing in the universe, because it is so precious and important, that God respects ultimately. (68)

God permits people to be away from Him. (69)

Hell is simply the best God can do for some people. (70)



THE PHYSICAL WORLD

“They are without excuse.”

Romans 1:19-20

Is what you see all that you get?

God gives us space so we can hide.

Although God is not obvious,

He is inevitable.

(70)

There is an evidential process. (71)

A Cause = 1st domino tipped by a self-subsistent force

Exodus 3:14, "I AM that I AM"

The Myth of a Big Bang

Can't explain something out of nothing.

The Myth of Cosmic Evolution

Can't get order from disorder.

A creative mind lies behind the physical world.

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“In Him all things hold together...” Colossians 1:16-17

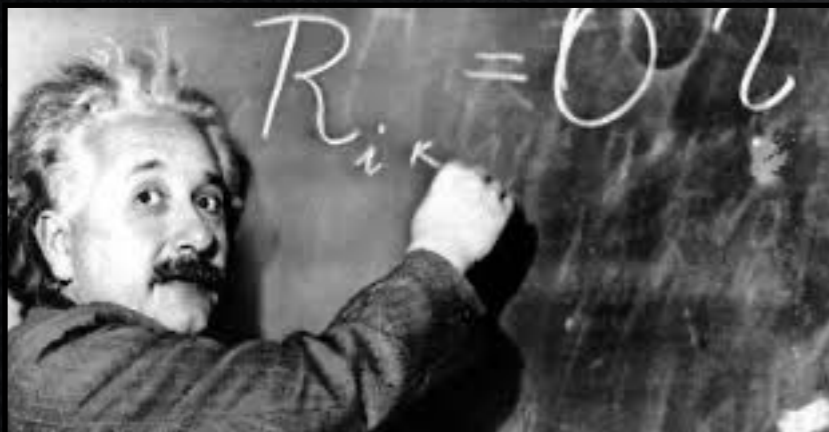
“Byforin” [Webster]

Humans — $mc^2 = E$

God — $E = mc^2$

God’s actions transform His energy into matter.

(77-79)





I praise God for science.
I believe it is His work.

Scientific hypotheses are held tentatively,
biblical truth is eternal.

(80)



FAITH - The Rock - TO BUILD OUR LIVES ON

“By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.” Hebrews 11:3

Real faith is based on knowledge and a commitment to God and His Kingdom.



Chapter 3 - Reminder

Q: Why should we make these efforts and invest ourselves in removing doubt?

A: Because...

1. Doubt is a terrible thing.
2. People are incredibly valuable.



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Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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Q&A

Session 4 Summary

A reasoned faith has the knowledge of the...

“I AM”

GOD who...

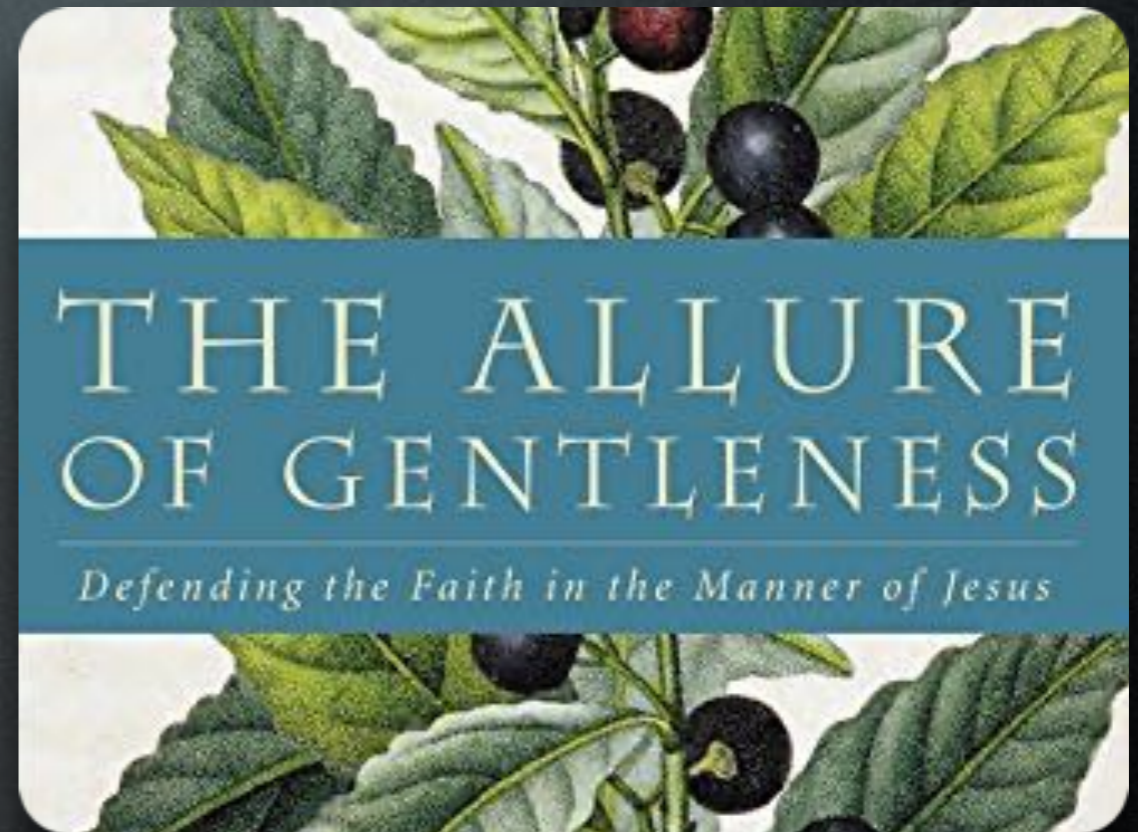
...is not obvious to those who do not want to see Him. (65)

...gives us space to seek Him and find Him. (67)

...permits people to be away from Him. (67)

...gives us space so we can hide. (70)

...is infinite and self-subsistent. (73)



Meditation — *Romans 1:18-32*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — How does what I see around me - a global pandemic, civil unrest, rampant poverty - unveil my “trust” factor?

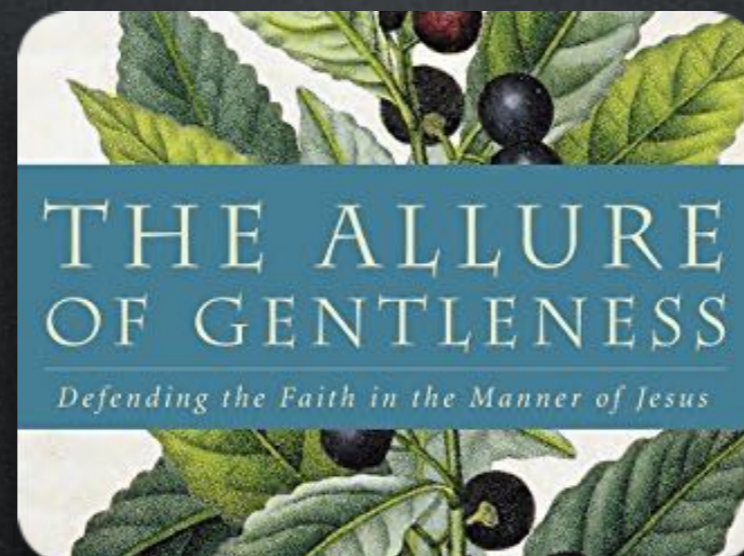
INTENTION - How much brain energy do I invest in “knowing” God?

MEANS — Who is living hell on earth that I might allure gently to Jesus and how will I?



Next — Session 5 of 7

Chapter 5 - Communication Between
God and Humanity
(pp. 85-104)



May you encounter
the self-subsistent
Creator beyond
measure in your next
10,000 minutes...
should you want to.

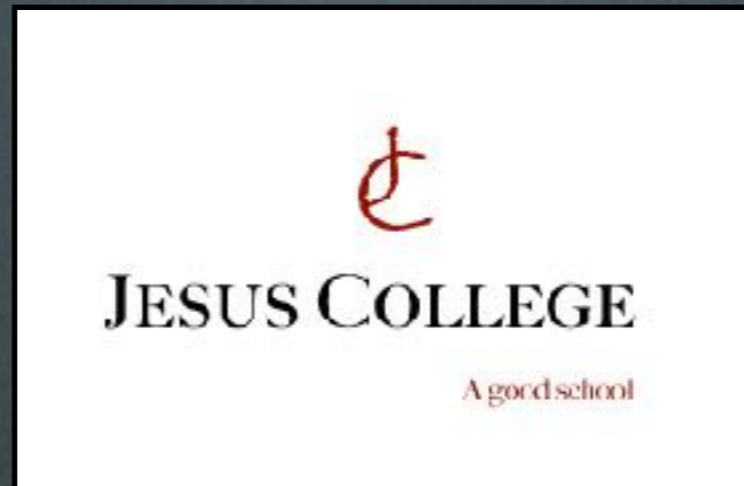
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