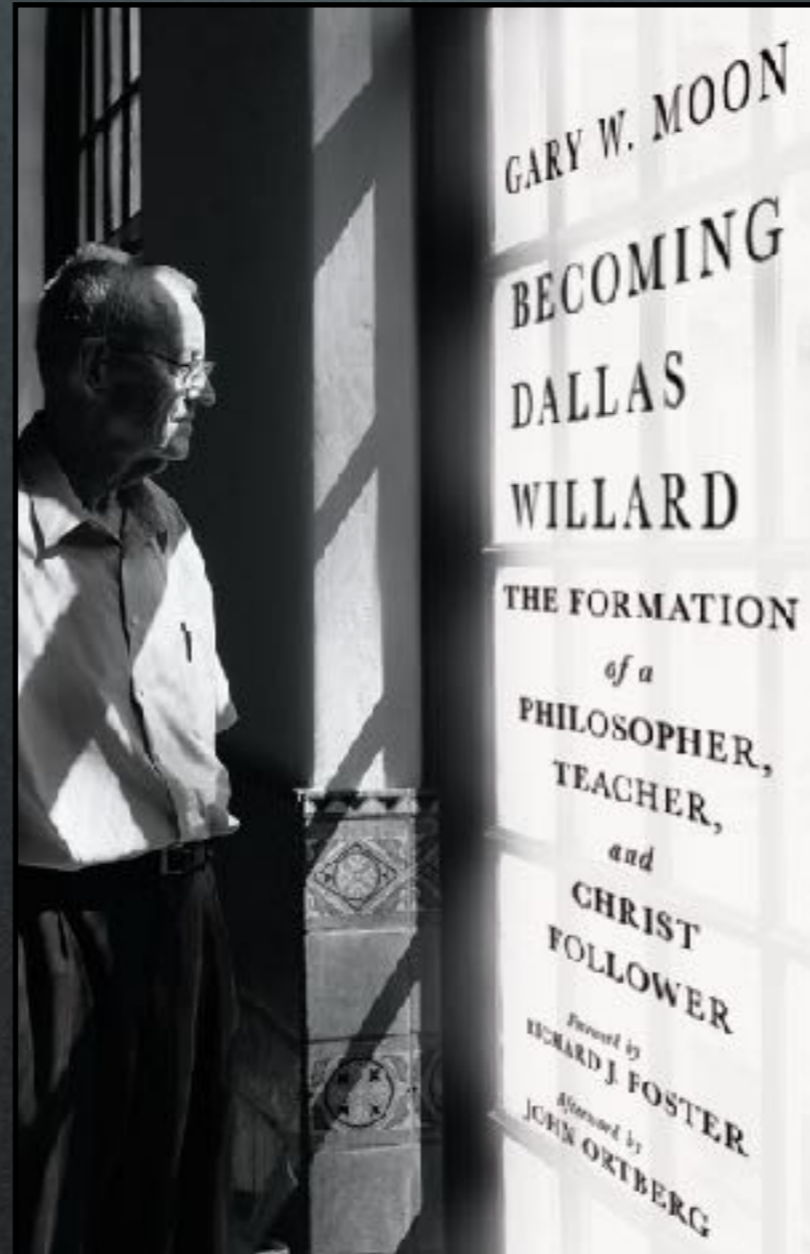


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Chapter 15-16

Session 9 - "Thank You" & "Healing Light"

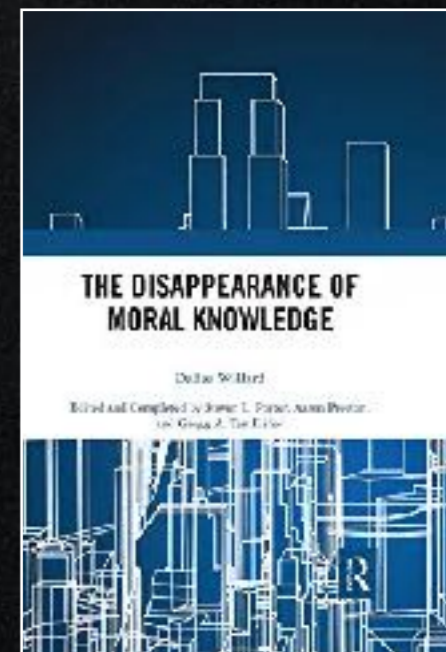


SESSION 8 REVIEW - BECOMING DALLAS WILLARD

Ideas that Matter for Time & Eternity (part 2)

Dallas hoped *The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge* would fire the same type of shot across the bow for the university that *The Divine Conspiracy* sounded for the church. (224)

By the end of the first decade of the new millennium the impact of the ideas and concerns that drove Dallas' teaching and writing continued to cause significant ripples across the church and academy.
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Chapter 15 — “Thank You”

*“Something’s wrong. He’s not up to Dallas Willard par.
He’s just been so tired lately and he can’t seem to get over it.”*

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April 27, 2012 - 1st surgery

July, 2012 - No cancer - 2nd of 4 surgeries in 12 months

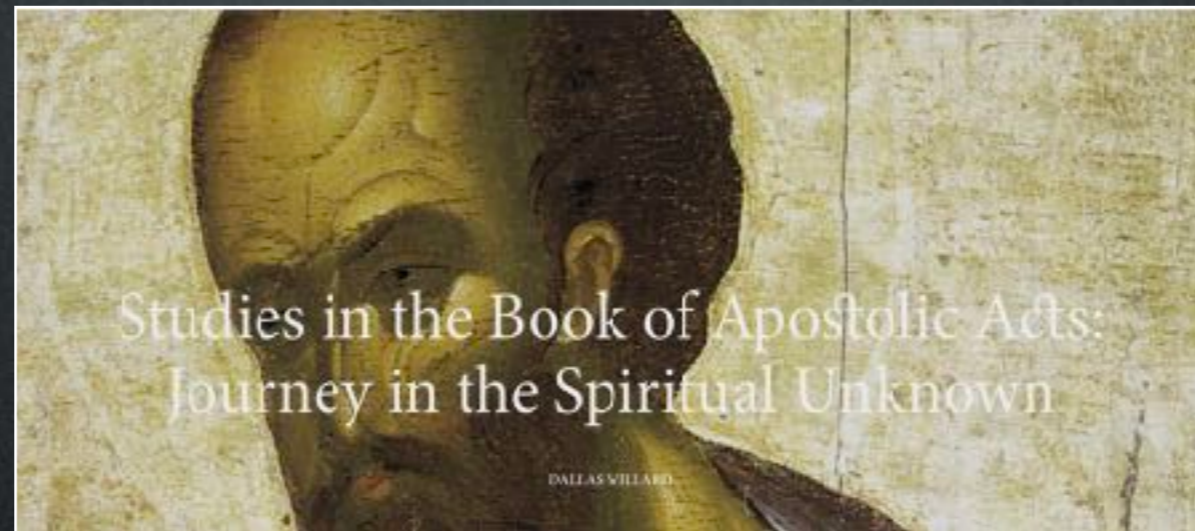
Then in August he became jaundiced.

“I’m afraid I’m losing him.”

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Renovaré Ministry Team Meeting*

July, 2012, Mt. Saint Francis, Colorado Springs



*LINK: The same outline he used forty years prior at Woodlake Avenue Friends Church.

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J.P. Moreland

“Are you afraid of dying?” J.P. Moreland asked Dallas.

“No, I actually believe the things I’ve been teaching all these years.”

“I have a projects that I’ll not be able to complete... especially the Moral Knowledge book, but I’ve given it to God, and God can do with it what He wants. But I’m sad, and I hate to leave my family.”



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Chapter 15 — “Thank You”

“Pay very, very careful attention to Paul. Paul was a man way ahead of his time. He understood things that no one else understood. Read him carefully.”

Dallas Willard to J.P. Moreland



A man with glasses, wearing a light blue short-sleeved button-down shirt and dark trousers, stands on a balcony or walkway. He is looking out a large, multi-paned window towards a courtyard. The courtyard features a brick building with arched windows, a stone bench, and some greenery. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

November, 2012, Dallas submitted
his letter of resignation to USC.

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Chapter 15 — “Thank You”

February, 2013 “Knowing God in Christ:
Equipping Pastors to Be Teachers of the Nations”
“How to Step into the Kingdom”

Q — John Ortberg - “Life beyond Death?”

A — Dallas - “What Jesus teaches is that within His presence and His Word, we began to live in Heaven now. Those who keep my word will never experience death as humans understand it. The body stops working but they continue to exist as the people they are in the presence of God. Many people will not realize they have died until later and then they recognize something is different.”

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Chapter 15 — “Thank You”

Renovaré Institute

March, 2013

*“This is important. What you are doing here —
this is important.”*

Dallas to the Institute participants

*“I sat there knowing that he was speaking to all
apprentices to Jesus who were learning to live a with-
God life and desiring to pass that knowledge on to
others.”* Jane Willard

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April 11, 2013 - the tragic news
the cancer had spread.

One day sitting at the supper table,
Jane said, "*I just don't have a theology for this*"
and Dallas said, "*I don't either.*"

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Dallas took Richard Foster's hand in a firm grip in his large hands and spoke. He smiled and said ever so kindly and ever so firmly,

“We will see each other again.”

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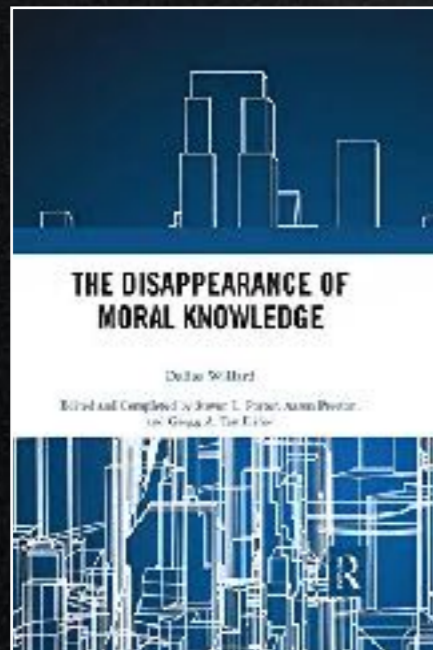
Steve Porter, Gregg Ten Elshof & Aaron Preston
offered to work on

The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge

*“Philosophical movements or shifts always happen from
out of a group of scholars working on the same project.”*

Dallas was confident they could do it, and that it was
a great relief and blessing to him to know they
wanted to “help make the book a reality.”

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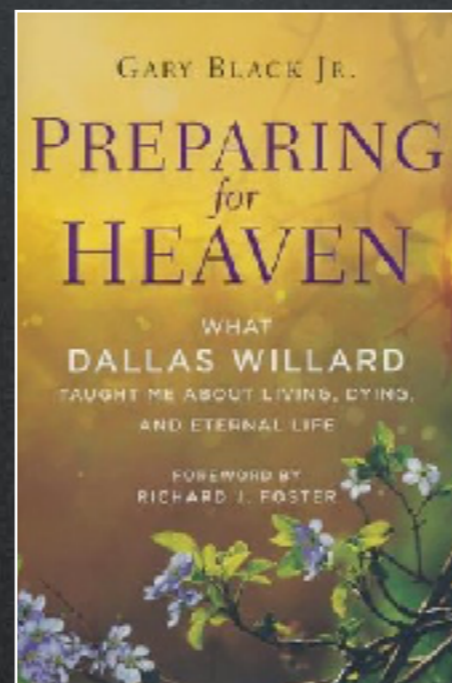
The night before he ‘graduated’, Dallas patted Gary Black, Jr. on the hand and said,

“Don’t fret. It’s all right.

This is just the end of the beginning for me.”

“Thank you” the last words Dallas Willard said to a very present and now finally visible to him God.

He died before 6 AM on May 8, 2013 — but as an unceasing spiritual being, it was probably quite a while before he realized it.



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“BECOMING DALLAS WILLARD” - CH. 15

The books, oh the books! How my dream world of childhood was interwoven with far away places real and not, as my intoxication with life flourished. I have been incredibly blessed all my life.

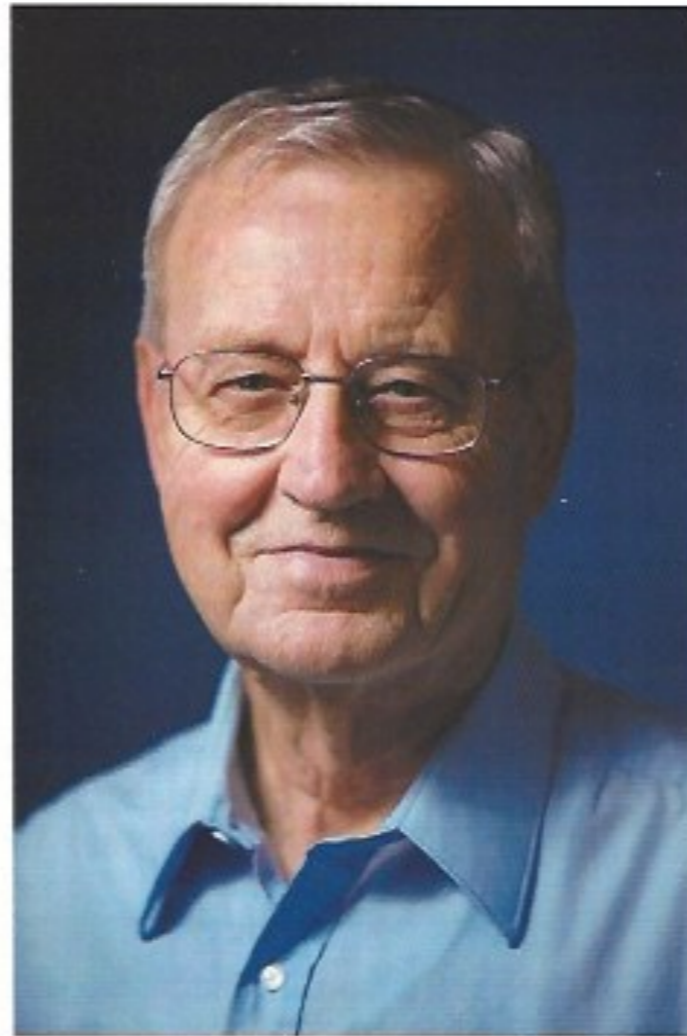
And then, dearest Jane, there is you. I know grace has kept me from hurting you even worse than I have, but also it has “permitted me” to be rather inhuman...I want to go on loving you for you are good as well as pretty and smart and decent and reliable and willing to “go along” with the rather unusual and (certainly) overextended character of my life. How blessed I am that you are mine. I never lose consciousness of this fully, even in our worst moments.



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In Loving Memory

Dallas Albert Willard



**“Discovered America”
September 4, 1935**

**Entered Into the Joy of His Master
May 8, 2013**

Nothing can make up for the absence
of someone whom we love
and it would be wrong to try to find a substitute;
we must simply hold out and see it through.

That sounds very hard at first,
but at the same time it is a great consolation,
for the gap, as long as it remains unfilled,
preserves the bonds between us.

It is nonsense to say that God fills the gap;
God does not fill it, but on the contrary,
God keeps it empty and so helps us
to keep alive our former communion with each other,
even at the cost of great pain.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Our family has been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love you have shown us during this time. We cannot begin to express our gratitude. We hope you will join us now in taking what we've learned from Dallas and continuing his work.

An additional thank you to those who have contributed time, talents and food to our gathering today. And especially to Pastor Bill Dwyer, who stayed with us so closely through this difficult season.

*With much love,
The Willard Family*



Memorial Celebration May 14, 2013

Welcome & Prayer	Lynn Cory
Shall We Gather at the River In Christ Alone	Chad Reisser
Message	Bill Dwyer
Photographic Tribute	
Memories of Dallas	Keith Matthews Jan Johnson Larissa Heatley Bill Heatley
Closing Video-Aaronic Blessing "Finally Home"	Dallas Willard Steve Amerson

Everyone is welcome to stay for the lunch that is being graciously provided for us by our church family in the Fellowship Hall.

For the godly, death is nothing. Have no fear of those who can only kill the body, Jesus says (Matt. 10:28). We will not even experience death (John 8:51-52) and will, in fact, not die (John 11:26)...Such is the understanding of the New Testament as a whole. Those who live in reliance upon the word and person of Jesus, and know by experience the reality of his kingdom, are always better off "dead," from the personal point of view...we live in the knowledge that, as Paul elsewhere says, "Jesus the Anointed has abolished death and has, through the gospel, made life and immortality obvious" (2 Tim 1:10)

The Divine Conspiracy, pp. 393-394

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The King of the Kingdom,
“I am right here. I see you. I got you.”

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“People need a rabbit that won’t break down. But that’s not something the superficial values of this world can really give them.

First, it has to be tied to something that transcends the individual’s life. Devote our lives to those things that are good and profitable for humanity. This type of significance and success will require surrender to this other good.

Most of us are terrified of any type of dying, especially death to the ego-self, and most don’t believe that paradise is actually in session right now.

But for those who are willing to surrender, to become a blind dog listening to the voice of an invisible friend, they will find the joy of eternal living . They will find they are finally chasing a rabbit—loving interactively in Christ’s presence—that won’t break down.”

Dallas Willard to Bob Buford, *Finishing Well*, 10-16

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Chapter 16 — “Healing Light”

“Breaking Home Ties” by Norman Rockwell

Dallas literally left the farm and his country church and went to the university, he also proved that you can at the same time leave and not leave.

It is possible to live beyond both-and. (248)

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“His influence on me did not stop when he died.”

- Walter Hopp (250)

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Dallas and his ideas rippled through people’s lives.



Dr. Aaron Preston, PhD on Dallas...

“No one ever spoke the way this man does.” (John 7:46)

“The best, the wisest, and most righteous of all the men whom I have ever known.”

- Plato's description of Socrates
- Aaron Preston's description of Dallas Willard



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John Willard, *“I treasure that Dad praised me for my intelligence and good heart. He and Mom never gave up on me.”*

Becky Willard Heatley,

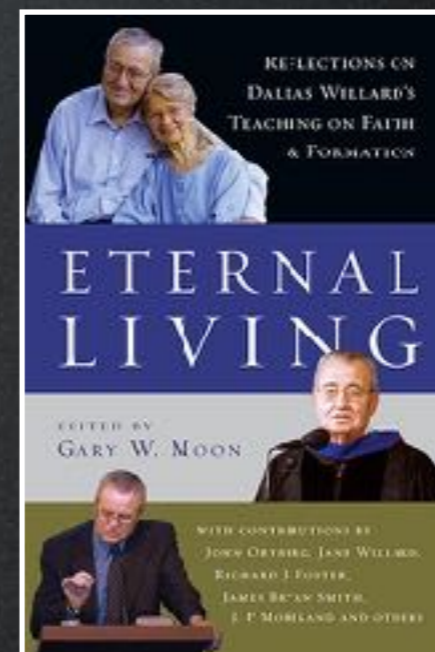
“I want to love Larissa in the way I learned to love from my father.”



Becky seeks to continue her father’s legacy by making his thoughts and ideas accessible through Dallas Willard Ministries - dwillard.org (251)

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Eternal Living — A tribute to Dallas
by thirty friends



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Dallas Willard Prayer:

“I pray that you would have a rich life of joy and power, abundant in supernatural results, with a constant clear vision of never-ending life in God’s world before you, and the everlasting significance of your work day by day. A radiant life and a radiant death.”

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BECOMING DALLAS WILLARD

Afterword — John Ortberg

“Dallas combined a deep commitment to the person and way of Jesus with a deeply inclusive approach to humanity.”

“Individuals that met him came to find him a conduit of Kingdom reality...the reality and presence of God had become apparent to him in ways that it has not for most of us.”



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BECOMING DALLAS WILLARD

“A Letter from the Willard Family”

While Dallas never wanted to become the subject of a biography, he did want his life to direct people straight to God. We trust that you have found the story of Dallas' life to be evidence of a God who is always with us in every circumstance and duty of life, who desires to be in relationship with us, and through whom transformation into Christlikeness is possible.

In the With-God Life of the Divine Conspiracy,

The Dallas Willard Family

“BECOMING YOU”

- How has Jesus made the good news of His Father’s Kingdom more real and accessible to me through Dallas Willard?
- How has the formation of Dallas Willard, his marriage, family, profession, ministry and life influenced who I am becoming?
- What would I say if I knew my earthly days were drawing to a close?

A CELEBRATION of COMPLETION

Yahwehallelujah!

From Jesus College
to the Apprentices who complete the Course:

“Becoming Dallas Willard”



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This Certifies that

Richard Foster

Has diligently and devotedly completed in September, 2023, the Course
“BECOMING DALLAS WILLARD”

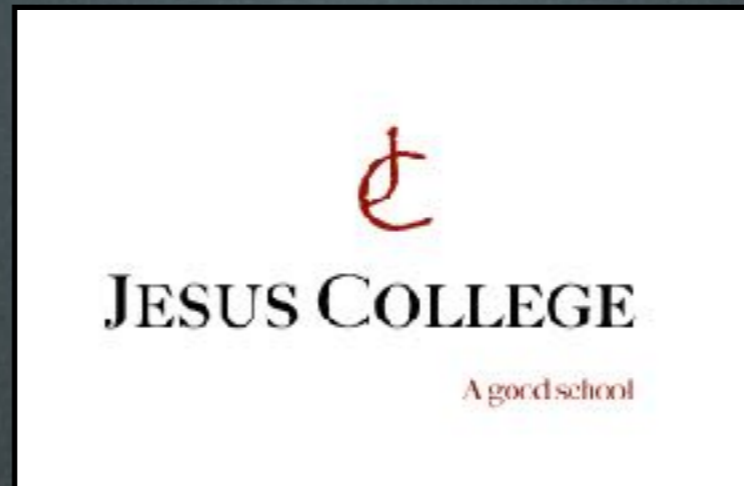
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“And they shall live with His face in view, and that they belong to Him will show on their faces. Darkness will no longer be. They will have no need of lamps or sunlight because God the Lord will be radiant in their midst. And they will reign through the ages of ages.”

Revelation 22:4-5, paraphrase

Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*