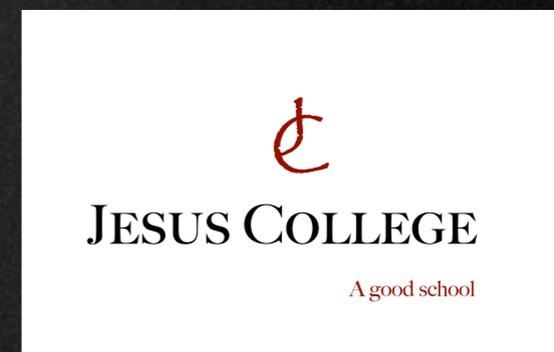


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What Jesus Knew: Our God Bathed World

Session 8 Review

Jesus brings us into a world without fear. In his world...there is nothing evil we must do in order to thrive. He lived, and invites us to live, in an undying world where it is safe to do and be good.

He was understood by his first friends to have...

“...abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” (2 Timothy 1:10)

Our posture of confident reliance upon Him in all we do allows us to make our life undying, of eternal worth, integrated into the eternal vistas and movement of the Spirit.

God is not the God of the dead but of the living.

Luke 20:38

Anyone who keeps my word...everyone living and believing in me shall never never die.

John 8:52; 11:26

The Saint Went Marching In

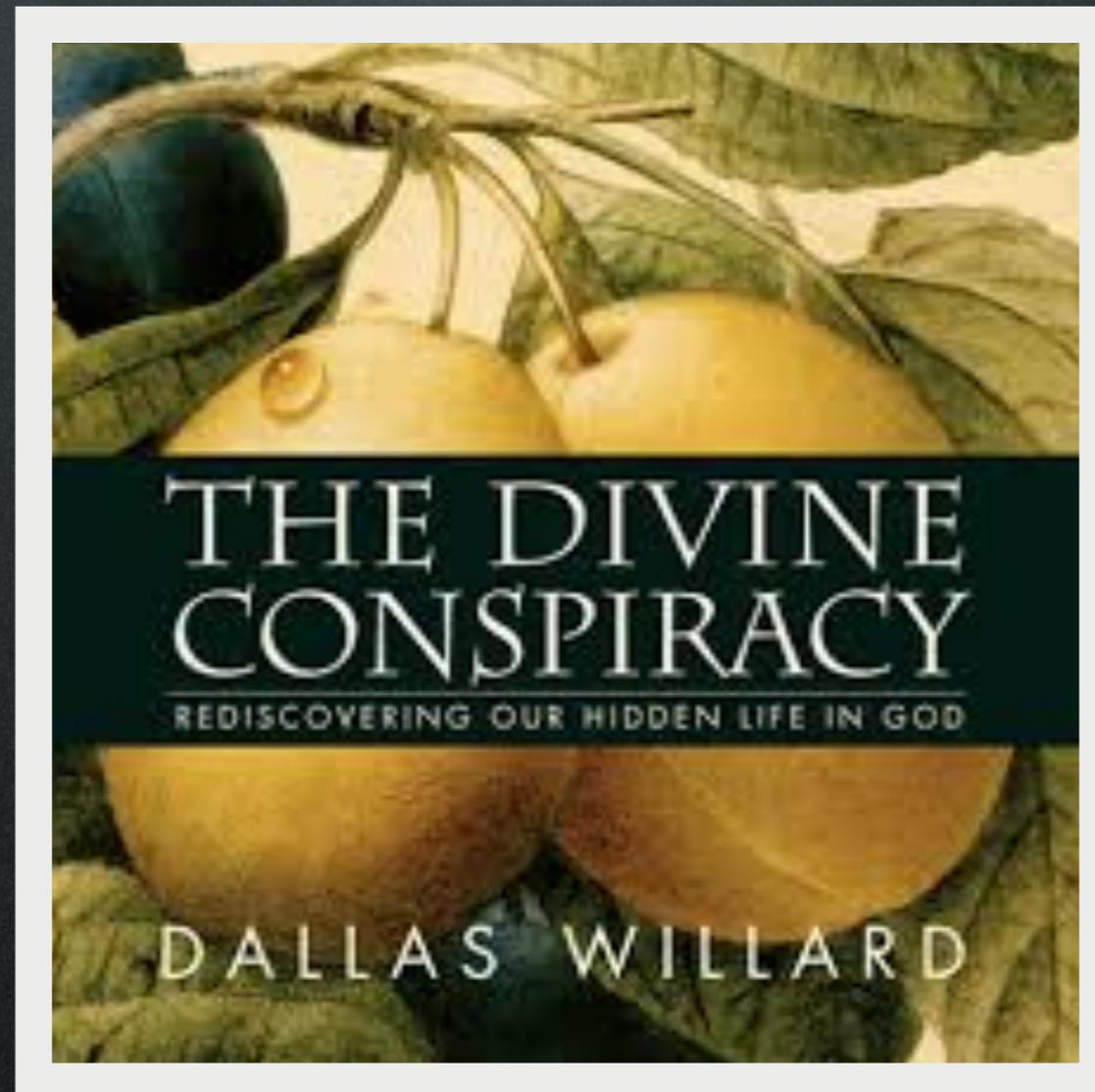
“It’s really important to understand how joy cuts through everything. And to anticipate that your moment of passage from this earth will be one of great joy.”

Dallas Willard
February, 2013...3 months before his graduation!

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Session 9 - Jesus, Master Intellect



Let us venture further up, further in...



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Session 9 - Jesus, Master of Intellect

Those who profess Christ...may have faith in faith, but little faith in God. They may believe in believing but not be able to rely on God - like many who love love but are unable to love real people. Many people who believe in Jesus do not actually believe God. (91)

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Why is it so often we hear, “*My faith got me through*”, or “He/She is a man/woman of faith” but rarely, if ever, do we hear, “*My faith in Jesus*”, and virtually never, “Jesus and God’s Kingdom got me through.”

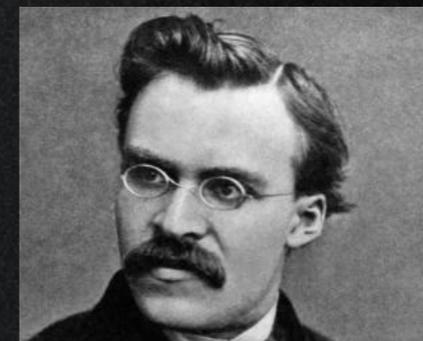
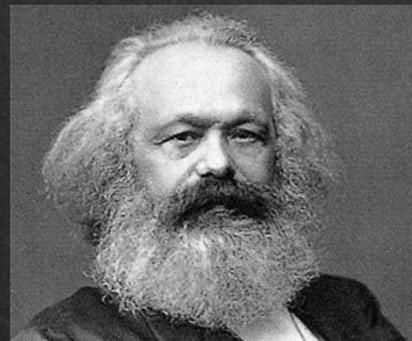


The Growing Wave of Unfaith

The 19th Century saw a bitter intellectual struggle in the centers of learning of the Western world, in which the long-accepted outlook of Jesus lost its standing as an intellectual option.

...ideas & attitudes simply irrelevant to reality.

It even forces Christian teachers to set aside Jesus' plain statements about the reality and total relevance of the Kingdom and replace them with philosophical speculations of a "modern" mindset. (92)

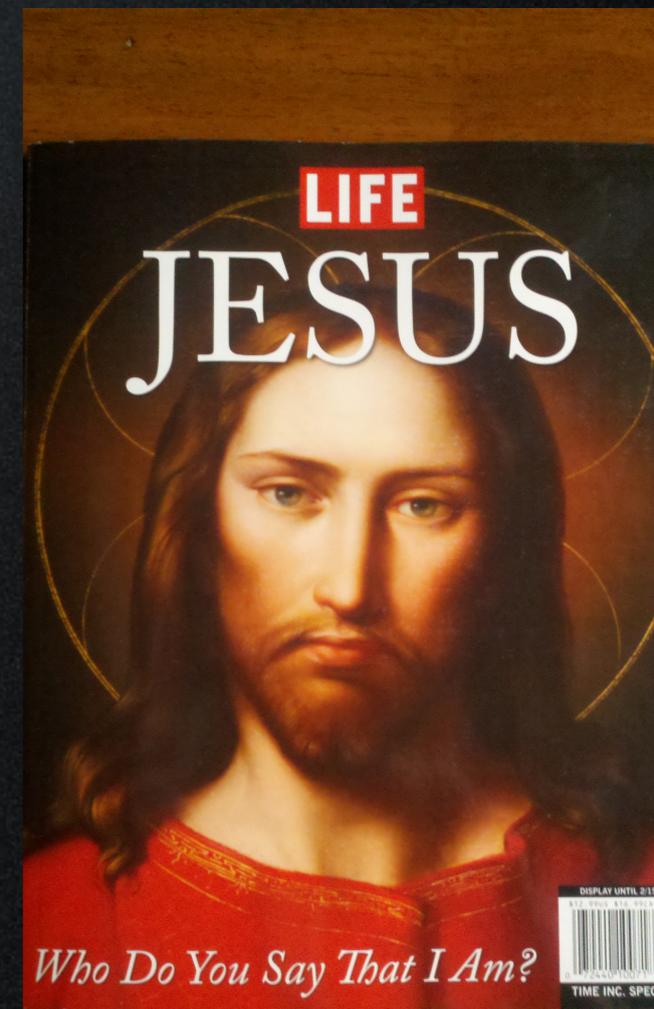


Jesus...the Smartest Man in the World

The baseless presumption in question 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.



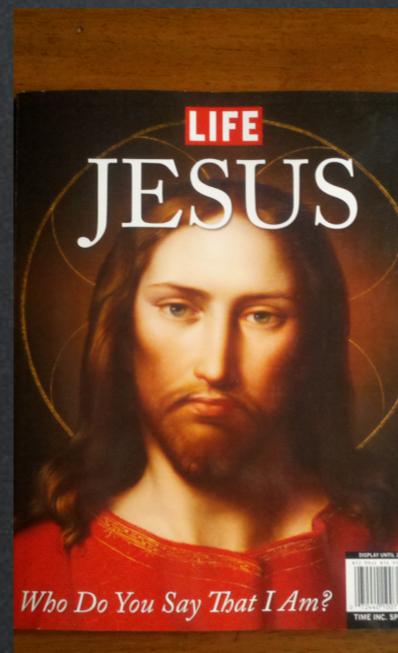
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Jesus...the Smartest Man in the World

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)



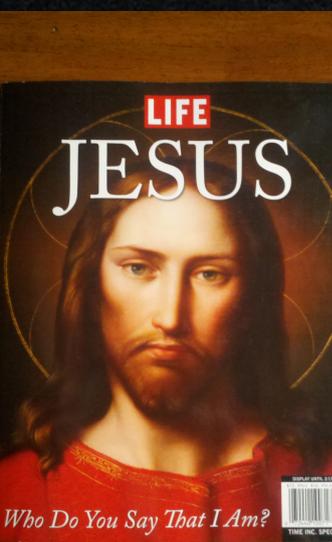
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REVIEW: *“The Case of the Missing Teacher”* (Session 6)

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.

The Divine Conspiracy, p. 57



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ADVANCE: *“The Case of the Missing Teacher”* (Session 27)

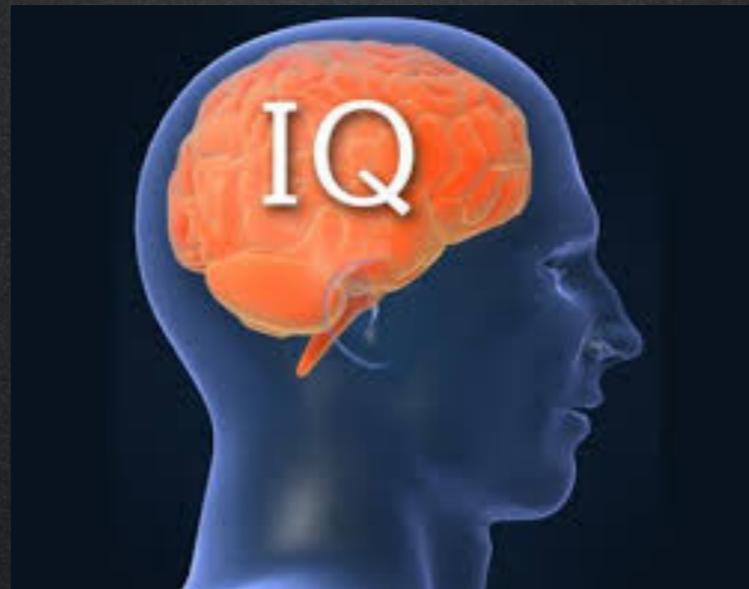
Jesus, the actual teacher of his people, has disappeared from the mental horizons of our faith. In that capacity He is not a part of how we ‘do’ our Christianity today...face this fact of the absence of Jesus the teacher and change it.
(316)



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Can we seriously imagine that Jesus could be Lord if He were not smart?

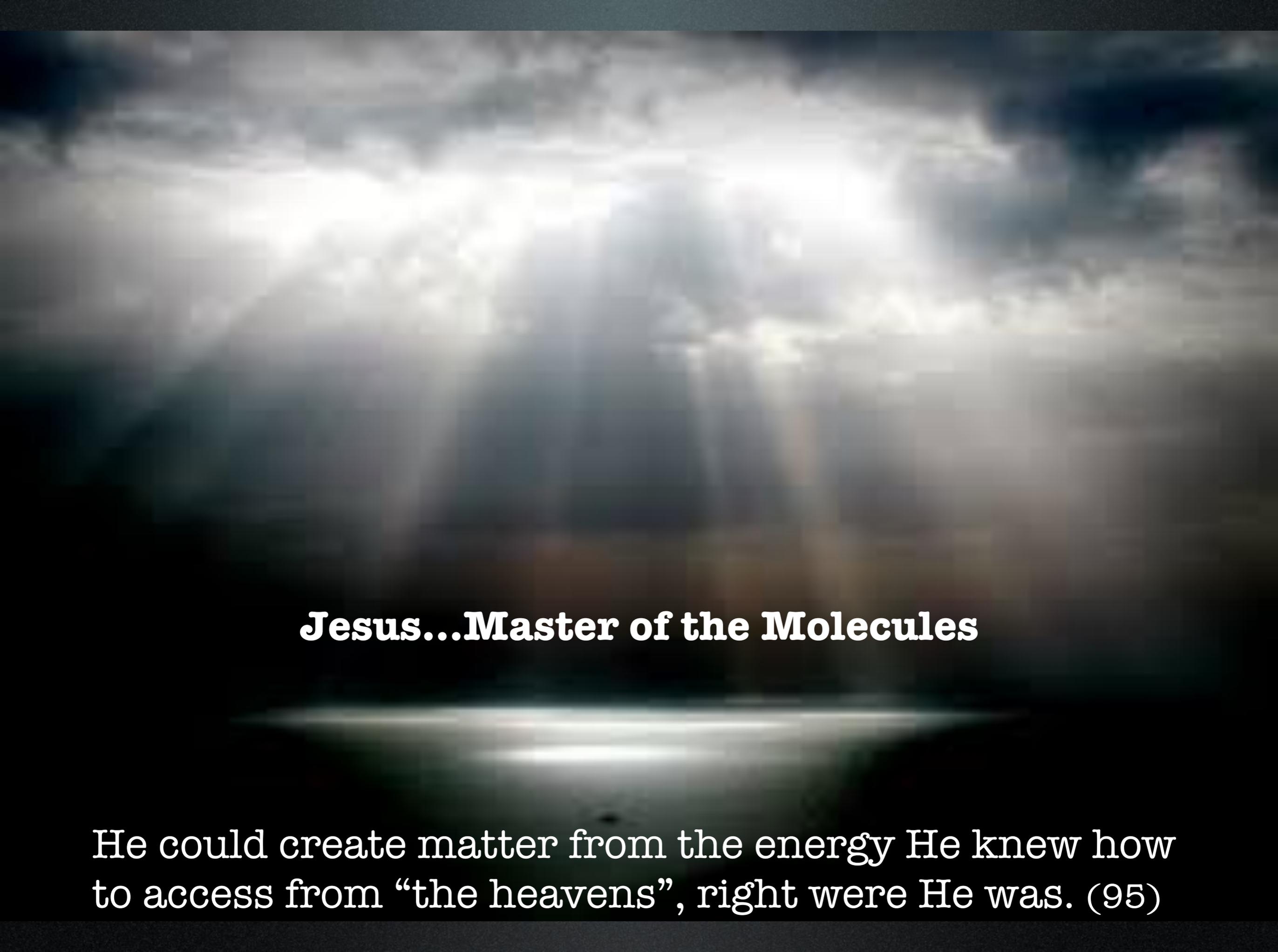
How could He be what we take Him to be in all other respects and not be the best-informed and most intelligent person of all, the smartest person in the world? (94)



He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17

The riches of assured understanding and...the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:2-3



Jesus...Master of the Molecules

He could create matter from the energy He knew how to access from “the heavens”, right where He was. (95)

He is the master because He is the maestro.
“Jesus is Lord” can mean little in practice for
anyone who has to hesitate before saying,
“Jesus is smart.”

Jesus is not just nice, He is brilliant. He is the
smartest man who every lived. He is now
supervising the entire course of world history
(Rev. 1:5) while simultaneously preparing the
rest of the universe for our future role in it
(John 14:2). (95)



Brain Recess



Q&A

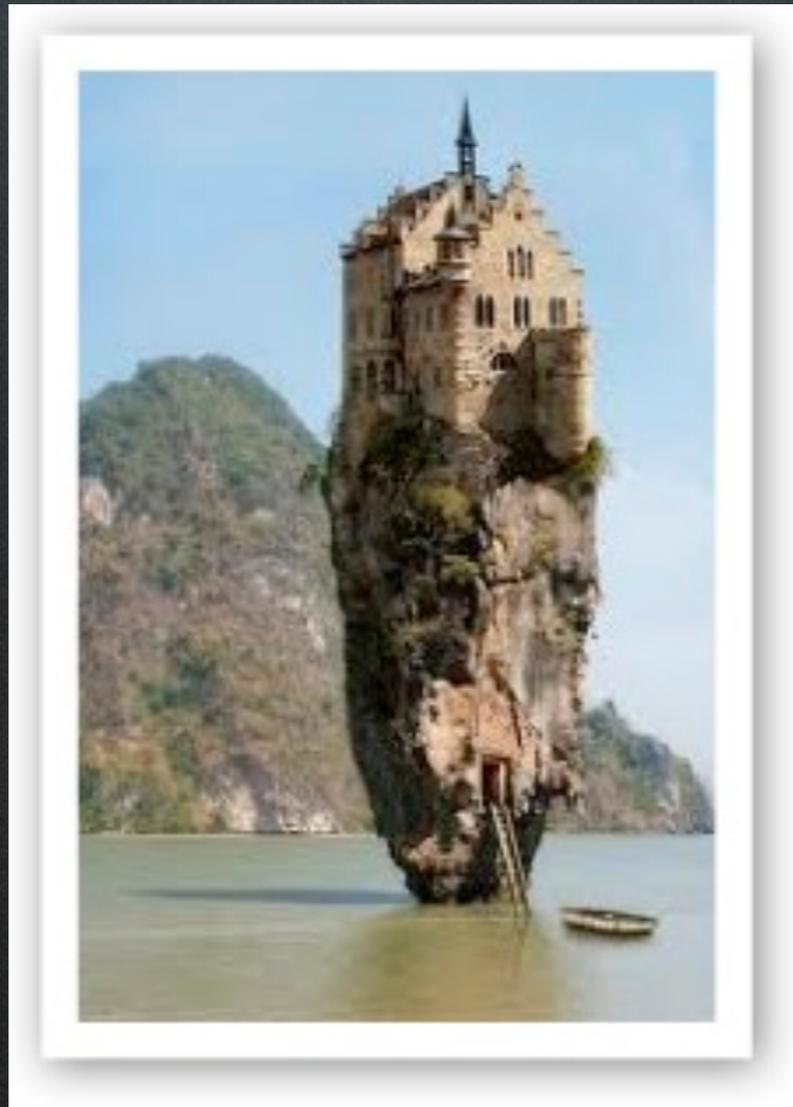
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Comments

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

“The Master architect and carpenter teaches us to build a rock house.”

Doug Webster



In the next 10,000 minutes...

Q - Who is the most intelligent person to ever live?

Q - In what areas do I not seek the wisdom of Jesus because I don't consider His competency in these areas?

Q - What must I do to "enroll with serious intent in Jesus' school of life"? (93)

Q - "[Jesus] was the ultimate scientist, craftsman, artist." (94) What 3-5 other qualities come to mind?



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“The Genius of Jesus”

“We have to shift the understanding of Jesus away from someone who is perhaps nice but doesn’t really provide knowledge to one who provides us with the most essential knowledge about the most important things in human life.”

Dallas Willard

Veritas Forum, Ohio State University, 2002

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Let us now hear His teachings on who has the good life — who is among the truly blessed. (95)



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“Puzzle with the Beatitudes”

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