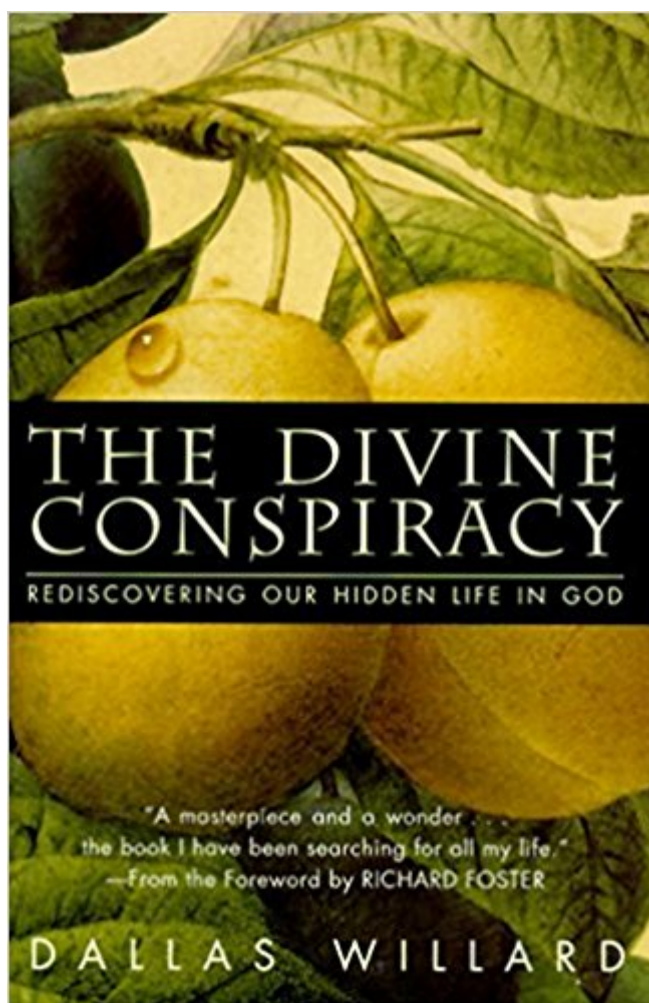


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# The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life In God



## Synopsis

The Divine Conspiracy has revolutionized how we think about the true meaning of discipleship. In this classic, one of the most brilliant Christian thinkers of our times and author of the acclaimed *The Spirit of Disciplines*, Dallas Willard, skillfully weaves together biblical teaching, popular culture, science, scholarship, and spiritual practice, revealing what it means to "apprentice" ourselves to Jesus. Using Jesus's Sermon of the Mount as his foundation, Willard masterfully explores life-changing ways to experience and be guided by God on a daily basis, resulting in a more authentic and dynamic faith.

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Dallas Willard, an acclaimed theologian and professor of philosophy at the University of Southern California, fulfills the longing of many Christians who want to live as true disciples of Christ rather than distant dabblers. Likewise, he scoffs at consumer Christians who are simply banking on admittance to heaven as their payoff for attending church. Or worse still, those who use Christianity to advance their political agendas rather than their spiritual ones. But this is not a scolding book. Rather, Willard devotes his efforts to discussing specific and inspiring ways to develop a discipleship to Jesus--not as an act of sacrifice or even one of spiritual luxury--instead, as everyday people committed to the teachings of Christ. "The really good news for Christians is that Jesus is now taking students in the master class of life," writes Willard. "So the message of and about him is specifically a gospel for our life now, not just for dying. It is about living now as his apprentices in kingdom living, not just as consumers of his merits." --Gail Hudson

Willard (philosophy, Univ. of Southern California) considers popular Christian belief to be missing out on the essence and origin of its true meaning. Since "consumer Christianity" mistakes the logo for the logos, today's brand-name Christians have jumped on a bandwagon that has run off without its true leader. The imitation of Christ has lost its central importance in Christianity, according to Willard. He examines reasons why this is so and sets out a detailed plan for reawakening such commitment, which requires a genuine willingness to die to self in contrast with mere consumption of Jesus' merits as an insurance against death. Willard's passionate insights are thoroughly argued, though not all may agree with his curriculum for changing people's beliefs. Most suitable for pastoral collections. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Hard to listen too not because it isn't good, its just SO DEEP! Dalls has a profound grasp on spiritual truth that is hard to keep up with at times, but worth the effort.

Beyond phenomenal. I took over a year to weave my way through this book, taking notes and praying and thinking through this masterpiece. I can't say enough how much this book blew apart my notions of the Sermon on the Mount, in particular the 'beattitudes.' Don't skim this book - digest it. If you only want to own one book in this genre, let it be this one.

Heavy theology. Slow, thoughtful reading required. Jesus said that the kingdom of God is here and now among us. Chapter 8 provides a road map. The rest of the chapters help the reader understand the perils of sin and the depth and beauty of love and grace. They are necessary, but remember not to get so wrapped in complexity that you forget the beautiful simplicity of Jesus' message: it is about the relationship.

This man was the real deal. Yes he was very intellectual as a professor at USC and he was not at all as loving as his aunt (as he tells us), but he was one of the few, the saintly, the dedicated to knowing and communicating the truth and love of God to the best of his ability. He was not perfect, he was too intellectual and he was brilliant, but that is not to be used against a man whose heart was dedicated to loving and revealing the Love of God. You can sense his love in how he treats the Sermon on the Mount as God's most poignant appeal to man to "choose this day who you will love:" justice or grace? Doesn't get better than that as to how to live a life of faith and of love.

This was a good read! Highly recommend! Fast shipping! Book in great condition!

Everyone should read this book.

This was an excellent book, although it was not light reading for me, but I did have a couple of Ah Ha moments as I read the book. Depending on where your spiritual walk is, I think the book will speak to you on several levels.

Best book ever. Revolutionary ideas. Wish every Christian would read this book. I'm using it as a devotional alongside my Bible reading cause each section is so profound you can only digest it in small bites. Love Dallas Willard.

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