

the IRRELIGIOUS LIFE

experiencing the inside-out spirituality of Jesus

Week 3: *SPIRITUAL ANATOMY 101*

Closer is He than breathing.

~ Alfred Tennyson

Perhaps a revolution is under way, a revolution of the Spirit that is about to shift our core energies *away from* arranging life to make it as satisfying as possible *to* drawing near to God. Jesus seekers across the world are being prepared to abandon the old way of the written code for the new way of the Spirit.

~ Larry Crabb

I use the term *spirituality* to refer to a person's awareness of and response to the Divine. We all face the inescapable challenge of working out our existence in relationship to God. That is our spirituality. That is what it means to be human.

~ David G. Benner

Religion is the archrival of intimate spirituality.... Religion, a tiresome system of manmade dos and don'ts, woulds and shoulds – impotent to change human lives but tragically capable of devastating them – is what is left after a true love for God has drained away. Religion is the shell that is left after the real thing has disappeared.

~ Doug Banister

If I intend to obey Jesus Christ, I must decide to become the kind of person who *would* obey. That is, I must find the means of changing my inner being until it is substantially like hi, pervasively characterized by his thoughts, feelings, habits, and relationship with the Father.

~ Don Simpson

Whomsoever you follow, howsoever great he might be, see to it that you follow the spirit of the master and not imitate him mechanically.

~ Mohandas K. Gandhi

A fundamental mistake of the conservative side of the Western church is that it takes as its basic goal to get as many people as possible ready to die and go to heaven. It aims to get people into heaven, rather than to get heaven into people.

~ Dallas Willard

The spiritual life is first of all a life. It is not merely something to be known and studied, it is to be lived.

~ Thomas Merton

Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it flow the springs of life.

~ King Solomon

What religion do I preach? The religion of love.

~ John Wesley

Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

~ Jesus