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About the Author

Jeffrey Wattles, PhD, a retired professor of philosophy at Kent State University, has focused with heart and mind on the gospel of Jesus for over fifty years. He is best known as the author of *The Golden Rule* (Oxford University Press, 1996), praised by *Theological Studies* for “adding new depth” to a perennial topic. He also authored *Living in Truth, Beauty, and Goodness: Values and Virtues* (Cascade, 2016). Dr. Wattles has led more than three thousand students through experiential projects in philosophy, world religions, philosophy of religion, aesthetics, and ethics. He earned degrees in philosophy from Stanford and Northwestern, plus engaged in advanced study at l’Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium) and the University of Toronto.



Selected Endorsements

This compelling exploration of the teachings of Jesus emphasizes the joy and spiritual growth that are central to the gospel. This book will help people grow closer to Jesus.

—**Stephen Finlan, PhD**, UCC pastor and author, *The Family Metaphor in Jesus' Teaching* and *Salvation Not Purchased*.

This book is the magnum opus of one of today's most important Christian philosophers who writes to help us all open our eyes to the ways in which we can each live out the teachings of Jesus in mind and heart. I have followed the work of Jeffrey Wattles, who is among the most devoted Christian and spiritual teachers alive today, for two decades. This book is a unique guide to the modern soul searching for truth and joy in a renewed vision of Jesus' prescription for a good life and future for humanity. The author presents a highly developed perspective on Christian living that will be a guide for the perplexed.

—**Stephen Post, PhD**, President, Institute for Research on Unlimited Love; author, *When Good Things Happen to Good People*

Jeff Wattles offers us a deeper appreciation of the gospel of Jesus! Living according to that gospel requires that we first experience the power of God's unconditional love. Jeff also shows that Jesus brought a richer, deeper perspective in our understanding of the nature of God. For all of that I am grateful!

—**Gard Jameson, PhD**, professor of Asian philosophy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

I needed to read this book. Jeff Wattles's passion for Jesus is infectious. And it has infected me. I do not need another intellectual treatise about Jesus but rather a way to deepen my relationship with Jesus. Wattles' book has done just that (this) for me. If you are serious about spiritual growth, this book is for you. If you are keen to experience the love, freedom and joy promised by Jesus, read this hope-filled book cover-to-cover. Jeff Wattles has created an instruction manual for the Christian journey of transformation. And he has done it in a wholesome, healthy and refreshing fashion. This book is saturated with hope. Jesus's promise of joy, love and freedom is palpable on every page. I have been involved in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue for 50 years. In this volume, Wattles' enthusiasm for religious pluralism is contagious. He offers us a robust vision of global spiritual unity involving a veritable renaissance among the family of faiths. And this vision, this awakening, encompasses not just Christian denominations but also the world's many religions. Bravo!

—**Paul McKenna, MDiv**, interfaith pioneer, worldwide golden rule pioneer

As an engineer and inventor with 33 patents, I appreciate Jeff Wattles' logical extrapolations from the biblical narrative. These include his fascinating inferences about the missing years of Jesus's life, Jesus's scientific attitude toward nature and society, and the philosophical depths of the gospel. Wattles, in contrast with other philosophers of religion, utilizes these extrapolations to suggest new ways for human cooperation with the divine, and he even unveils to the reader their own inner potential for emulating Jesus's curiosity and willingness to explore things scientific. Also, according to Wattles, there is a profound difference between what Jesus actually said, "Be you perfect," and what he did not say, "strive to be perfect." In addition, the author explains to the reader how to explore truth in its fullness. First, we must distinguish his more adventuresome philosophic approach from the dangers of extreme dogmatism and skepticism. And then we must set out with a spiritual core and a scientific periphery, and then build a philosophical bridge between them.

—**Geoff Taylor**

As someone raised Jewish, I found this book informative and instructive in understanding how Christianity, when it truly follows the teachings of Rabbi Jesus, can enlighten us all. We need to share each other's faith lessons now more than ever, and Jeffrey Wattles inspires us to engage with his faith's teachings in ways that help all of us grow together.

—**Rev. Lauren Zinn, PhD**, interfaith minister with modern rabbinic training, educator, and activist

