

E X A L T E D

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A series on the book of John

SEE HIM HIGHER SO

THAT YOU LIVE HIGHER

**THE MOST
IMPORTANT MOMENT**

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” ³⁸ Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?” ⁴¹ Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.”

John 9:35-41 (NIV)

The Most Important Moment is When We See Jesus for Who He Really Is!

The Blind Man's View of Jesus:

1. Saw Jesus as a "man" (v. 11).
2. Saw Jesus as a "prophet" (v. 17).
3. Saw Jesus as "Lord" (v. 38).

WE SEE JESUS AS A FINDER

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What's unique about Jesus is that in His exalted nature, He spends His energy **trying to find us** instead of creating barriers for us:

- All other philosophies and religions justify the existence of their God from their exalted distance.
- Jesus confirms His existence through His exalted nearness.

¹⁰“For the Son of Man came to **seek** and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

WE SEE JESUS AS A HEALER

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John 9:38 (NIV)

WE SEE JESUS AS A HEALER

- True healing is more than physical and results in wholeness.
- Before Jesus can fix your life, He has to heal your heart.

¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “**It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.** I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Mark 2:17 (NIV)

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John 9:39-41 (NIV)

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His revelation brings fresh hope, purpose, and perspective.

⁹However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love him— ¹⁰**these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.** The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NIV)

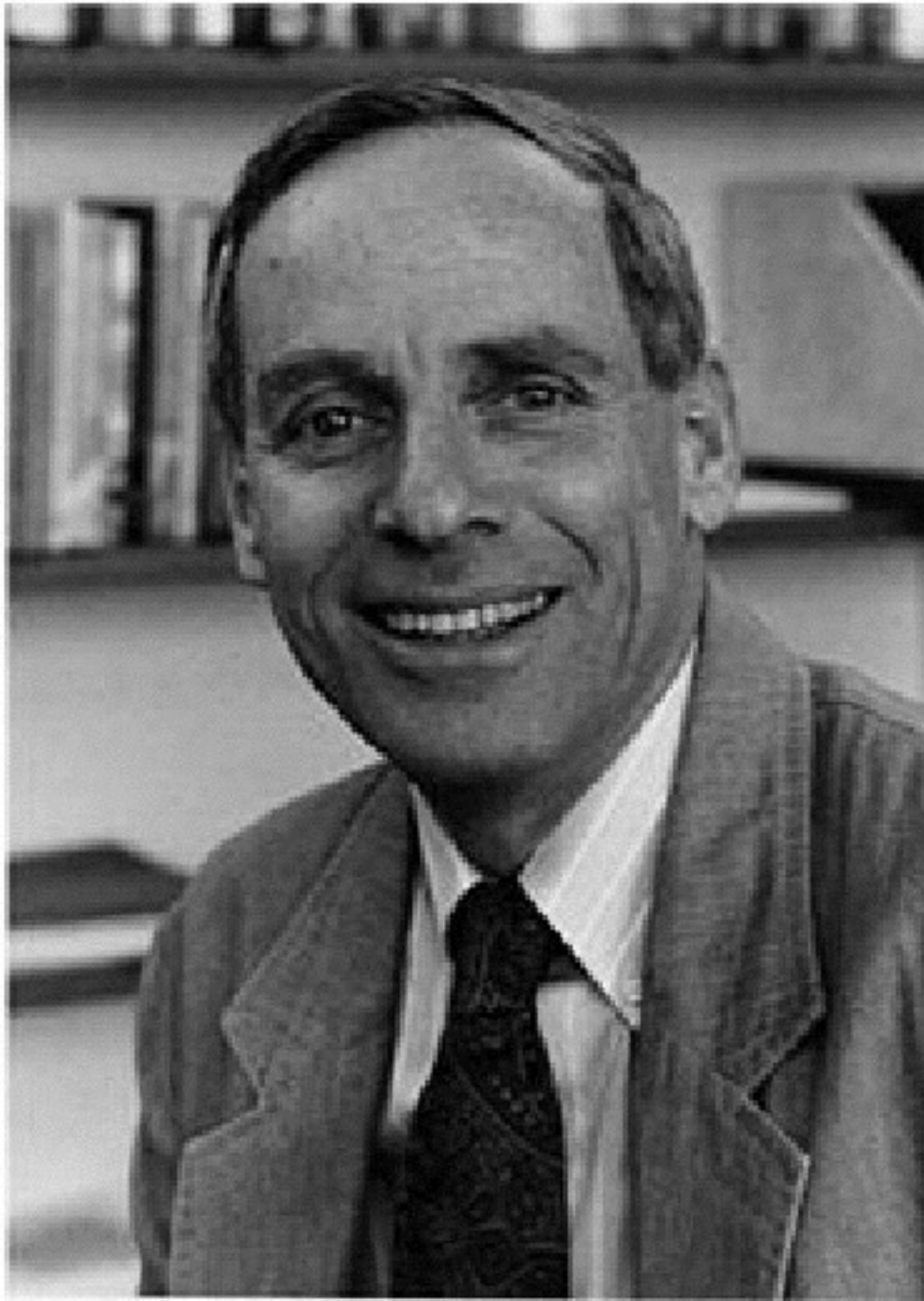
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Without Jesus:

1. The temporal can seem permanent.
2. The eternal can seem trivial.
3. The truth can seem unattainable.

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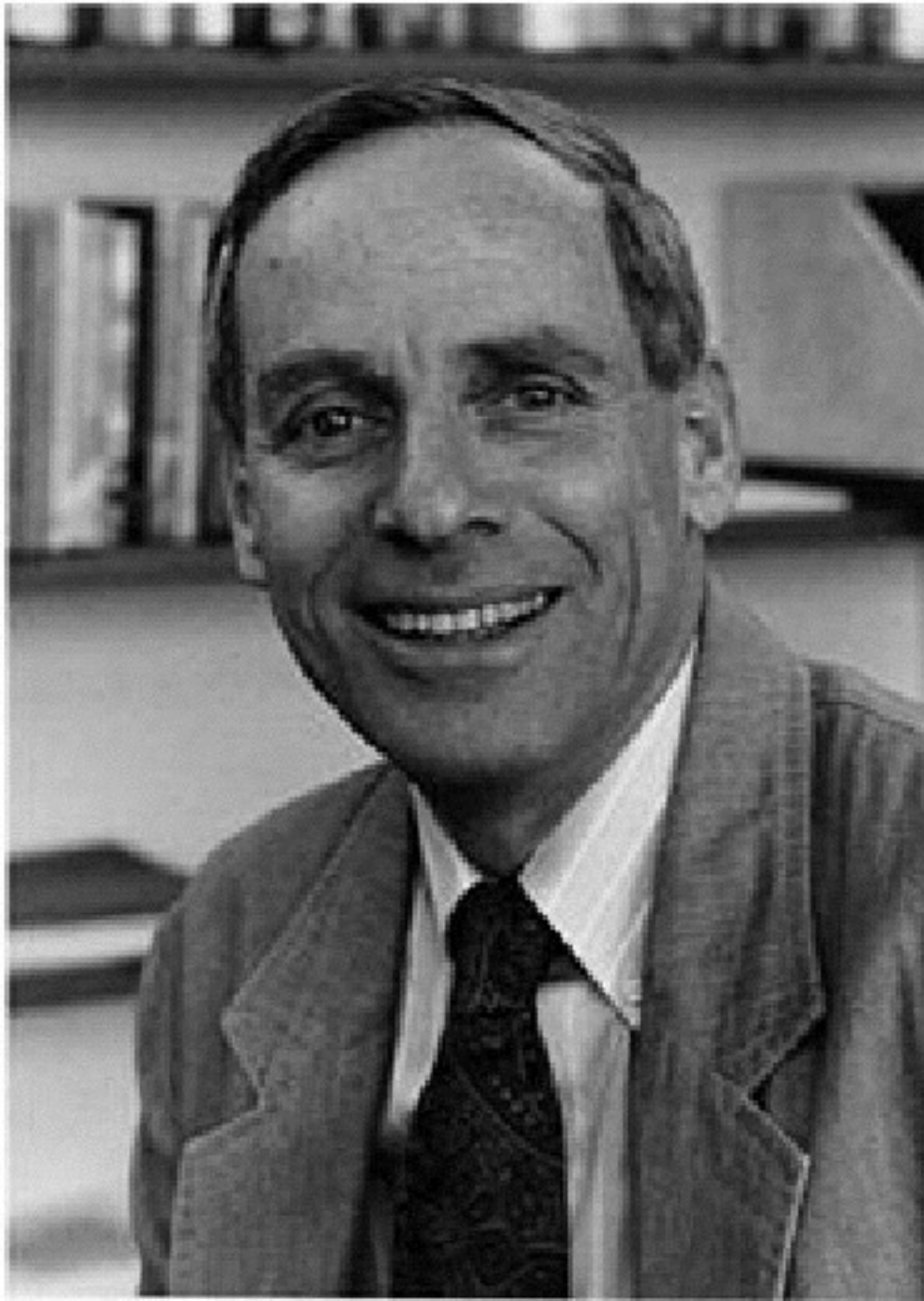


“It's frightening to think that you might not know something, but more frightening to think that, by and large, the world is run by people who have faith that they know exactly what is going on.”

*- quoted in The Undoing Project,
Michael Lewis*

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*When asked how he felt,
months prior to dying of
cancer:*

“You know, it’s funny. When you have the flu you feel like you are going to die, but when you are dying, most of the time you feel just fine.”

*- quoted in Misbehaving,
Richard Thaler*