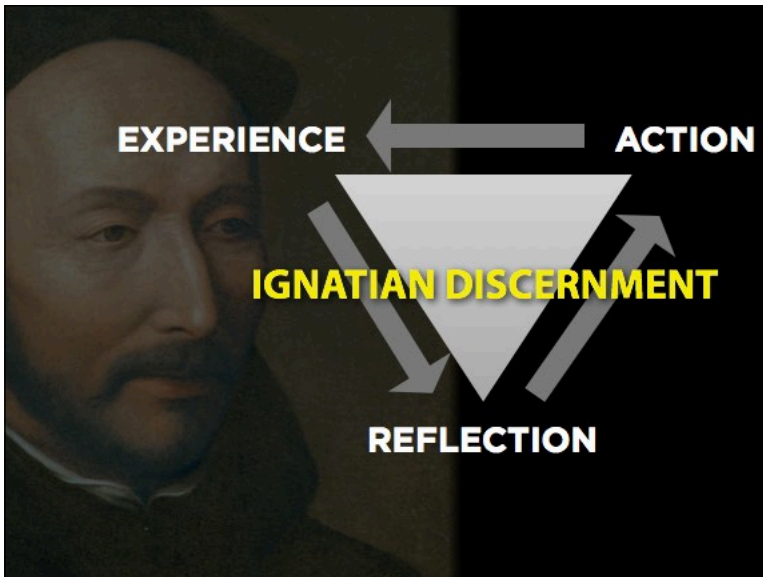




IGNATIUS DISCERNMENT

SOME BIG IDEAS

**St. IGNATIUS
OF LOYOLA**
Rules for
Discernment
of Spirits





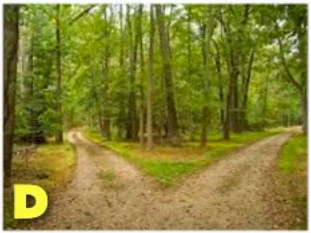
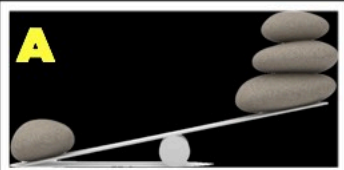
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Ignatian **discernment** is a defining feature of Ignatian leadership.

Our focus during this workshop is the Ignatian school leader as a **discerner**.

What does it mean to use **discernment** in school decision making?

Which is the best symbol for **discernment**?



The **discerning** leader



“... leaders with no discernment can do tremendous damage in a short amount of time.”

Mel Lawrence

NEARLY ALL MEN CAN STAND ADVERSITY, BUT IF YOU WANT TO TEST A MAN'S CHARACTER, GIVE HIM **POWER**.

--- ABRAHAM LINCOLN ---





To **discern** is more crucial than ever.

To strain to see when it is **uncertain, distant, or dark.**

Life is rarely black or white...

Decide vs. **Discern**

Decide

Discern

We need to discern what is not self-evident.








THE PROBLEM TODAY

	High Access to Information	Limited Access to Information
Minimal Quality Control	Internet	Oral Tradition
High Quality Control	???	Printing Press



With **respect**,
we are open
to learning
from others.


PLURALISM
different views & claims

With **responsibility**,
we evaluate
different views
because they are
not all equally
correct.

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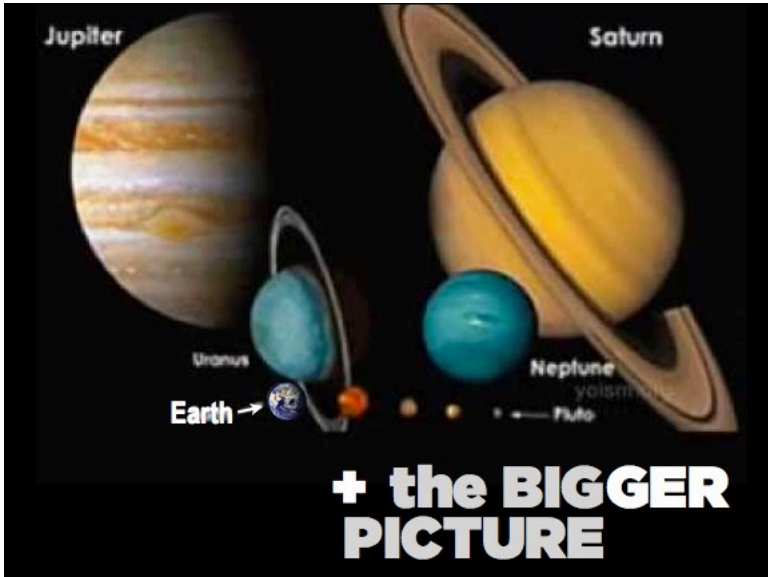
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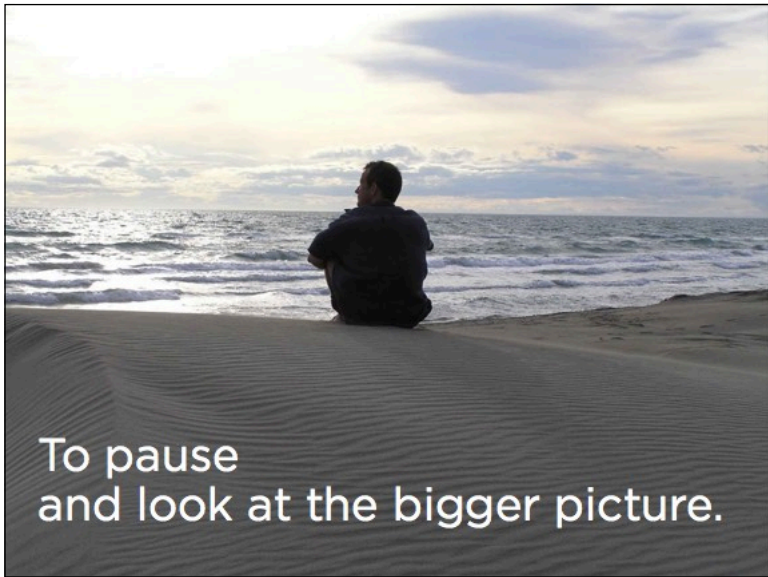
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**OUR DESTINY
THE MEANING OF LIFE**
A Purpose or Calling in My Life
"How I can make a difference"









WORLDVIEW


GOD'S WILL

DESTINY | **PRE**
MEANING OF LIFE | **DESTINATION**

I have a purpose in life
 * which is greater than myself
 * which will make my life matter, and
 * which I have yet to discover and fulfill.

Everything has already been determined by God or some higher force or the universe.

GOD'S WILL | **DESTINY**
MEANING OF LIFE



WORLDVIEW
 in discernment

What images of life do we need so that **discernment** is possible?

God is a puppet master. EVERYTHING is God's Will.

Life is like a PUPPET SHOW.

ALL the events in our lives have been predetermined. We are like puppets under the control of the universe or God.

