



# DISCERNMENT

**REFLECTION**  
on Inner & Outer  
**EXPERIENCE**

**EVENT**  
**OUTER**  
**EXPERIENCE**



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**3 AUTOMATIC ACTION URGES**

**F**IGHT  
**F**LIGHT  
**F**REEZE

Discernment leads to **FREEDOM.**

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**REASON**

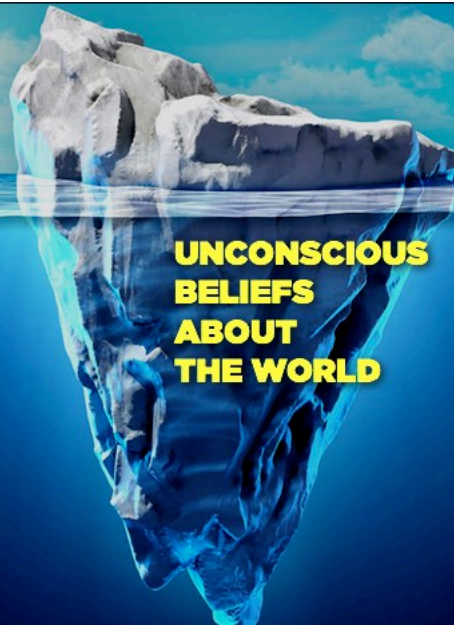
CHOOSE

**AUTOMATIC**  
**THOUGHTS**

MANAGE

**FEELINGS**  
(especially  
DEFAULT  
FEELINGS)

**UNCONSCIOUS**  
**BELIEFS**  
**ABOUT**  
**THE WORLD**



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**IGNATIUS  
DISCERNMENT**

**GOD'S WILL**  
Greater Good  
Higher Purpose  
Greater Meaning

**DESTINY  
CALLING**

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**WORLDVIEW**

**GOD'S WILL**  
**DESTINY**  
**CALLING**

A higher purpose  
greater than myself  
that I can discover  
and choose.

**PRE-  
DESTINATION  
FATE**

Everything has  
already been  
decided  
(by God or some  
force in the universe).

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**GOD'S WILL** | **DESTINY  
CALLING**



**WORLDVIEW**  
in discernment

What are our unconscious beliefs  
about the world, life, and God?

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Life is like a **PUPPET SHOW.**

**PREDESTINATION  
FATE  
GOD AS  
DICTATOR**



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

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**CHOICES  
+ CHANCE  
GOD AS  
WATCHMAKER**

We are left to our own devices. We just need to take care of ourselves according to the laws of nature.

Life is like a **FINISHED WATCH.**

It's a finished product that works automatically.

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Life is like a **VENDO MACHINE**

GOD or the universe will give us whatever we ask for if we do our part or if we "pay the right price."

**ALL CHOICES  
GOD AS  
PROVIDER**



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Life is like  
an  
**ONGOING  
DANCE**

Our lives are shaped by our choices and chance, but there is a higher force that guides us.

**GOD'S WILL +  
OUR CHOICES +  
CHANCE**  
**GOD as PARTNER/  
FATHER**



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**For Believers**



**Life as a  
PUPPET  
SHOW**

**GOD AS  
DICTATOR**  
No Choices  
No Chance

**Life as an  
ONGOING  
DANCE**

**GOD as  
FATHER/  
PARTNER**  
**LUCK  
CHOICES**

**Life as a  
VENDO  
MACHINE**

**GOD AS  
PROVIDER**  
**All Choices**

**Life as a  
FINISHED  
WATCH**

**GOD AS  
WATCH-  
MAKER**  
**All Chance  
& Choices**

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**For Non-Christians**



**Life as a  
PUPPET  
SHOW**

**PREDESTINA-  
TION or FATE**  
No Choices  
No Chance

**Life as an  
ONGOING  
DANCE**

**DESTINY  
CALLING  
CHOICES  
CHANCE**

**Life as a  
VENDO  
MACHINE**

**EFFORT**  
**All Choices**

**Life as a  
FINISHED  
WATCH**

**LUCK**  
**All Chances  
& Choices**

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**Involvement of God or a Higher Power**      **Laws of Nature (CHANCE)**      **Our Freedom (CHOICES)**



<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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THOUGHTS  
COMMENTS  
QUESTIONS



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**Life as a PUPPET SHOW**      **Life as a VENDO MACHINE**

**WHICH ONE RESEMBLES YOUR WORLD VIEW MOST? YOUR CO-WORKERS' VIEW MOST? YOUR STUDENTS' VIEW MOST?**

**Life as a FINISHED WATCH**      **Life as an ONGOING DANCE**

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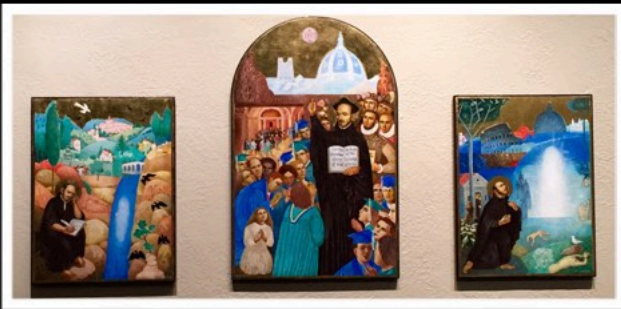
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# Leadership *by* DISCERNMENT

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Kamakura, Japan [jcapedu.org/kamakura2018](http://jcapedu.org/kamakura2018)

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	ME	CO-WORKERS	STUDENTS
Life as a <b>PUPPET SHOW</b>			
Life as an <b>ONGOING DANCE</b>			
Life as a <b>VENDO MACHINE</b>			
Life as a <b>FINISHED WATCH</b>			

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### **3 big Ideas about an IGNATIAN WORLDVIEW**

\* God is NOT indifferent. He cares about us. He is involved in our lives, but NOT as a dictator or puppet master.

\* Our choices matter. We are NOT predestined because we have freedom.

\* But our choices do NOT determine events absolutely.



Life as an **ONGOING DANCE**

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## Social Approval & Honor



“I am  
what  
**OTHERS**  
say I  
am.”

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## Message #3



“ME  
FIRST!”  
“The more  
you can  
**achieve,**  
the better  
you are.”

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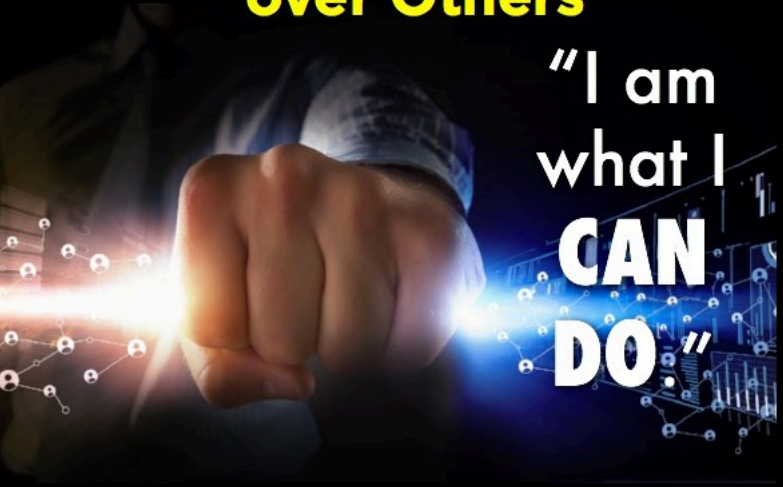
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## Power & Coercion over Others



“I am  
what I  
**CAN**  
**DO**”

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## Message #4



**"I NEED  
A SOUL  
MATE!"**

**"The  
more you  
belong,  
the better  
you are."**

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## Love & Infatuation



**"I am  
how I  
AM  
LOVED."**

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security  
+ comfort



riches +  
pleasure

support +  
affirmation



social approval  
+ honor

**from HEALTHY NEEDS to HARMFUL ADDICTIONS**

control over  
my life



power +  
coercion  
over other

intimacy



love +  
infatuation

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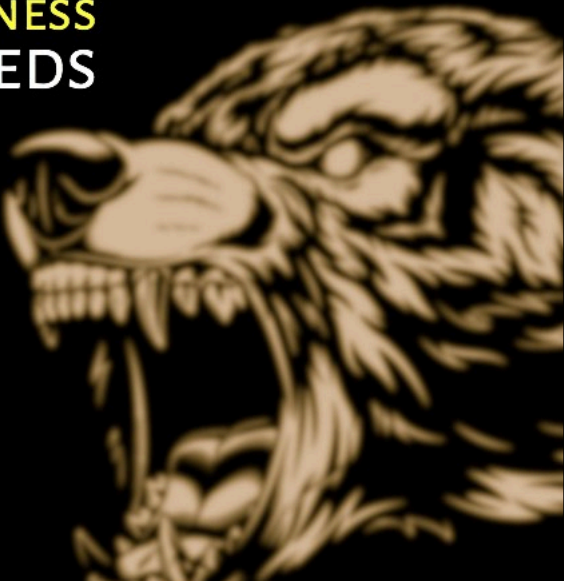
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THE **FIERCENESS**  
OF OUR **NEEDS**



If we don't  
manage  
our hungers,  
they will  
manage us.

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