

**OPTIONS**

**MAKING RIGHT VS. RIGHT DECISIONS**  
**The Art of Ignatian Discernment**  
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**Defining Moments**  
*When Managers Must Choose between Right and Right*  
 Joseph L. Badaracco, Jr.  
 Harvard Business School Press

**Our most difficult choices as leaders are NOT right vs. wrong, but **right vs. right.****

J. L. Badaracco, Jr.  
*Defining Moments: When Managers Must Choose between Right and Right*

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**right vs. right choices**

**Right vs. Right decisions clarify our values, making us identify what's more important or meaningful for us.**

Through our right vs. right choices, we tell the world **WHO** we are. We **define** ourselves.

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IGNATIAN  
DISCERNMENT

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Sound Spirituality

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DISCOVERING  
GOD'S WILL

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7 BIG IDEAS  
about

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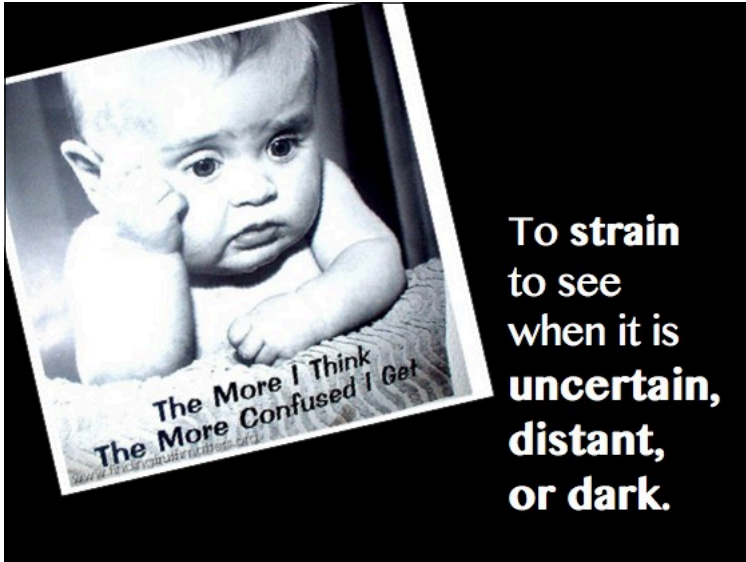
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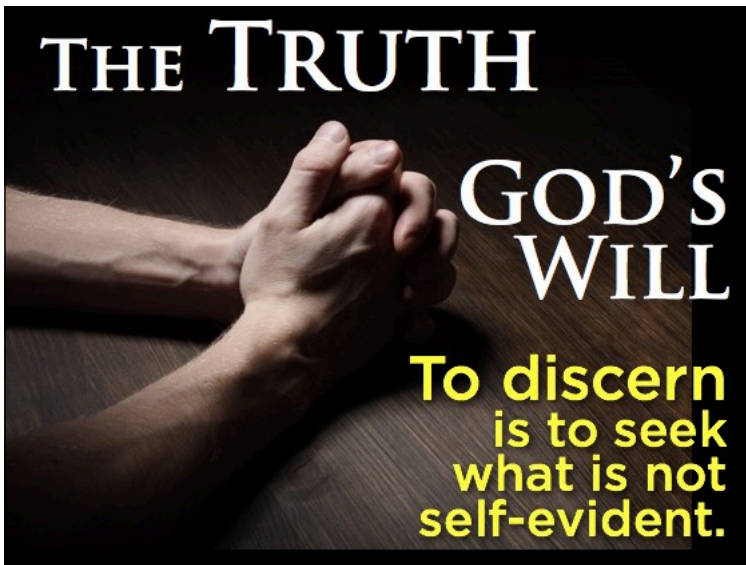
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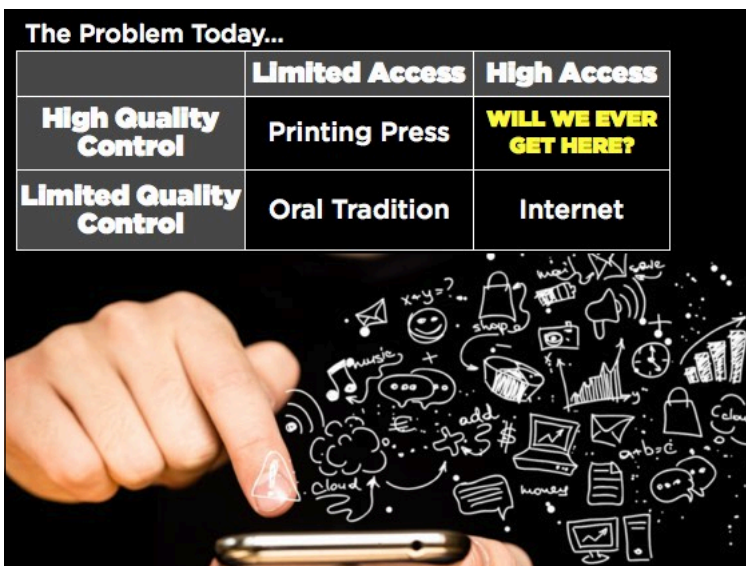
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STEPHEN COLBERT  
The Colbert Report  
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"It used to be,  
everyone was  
entitled to their  
own opinion,  
**but not their  
own facts.** But  
that's not the  
case anymore."

## TRUTHINESS



"Facts matter not at all.  
**Perception is everything.**  
It's certainty..."

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According to POLITICO's five-day analysis, Trump averaged about **one lie every three minutes & 15 sec.** over nearly five hours of remarks.

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Ms. Kellyanne Conway  
Senior White House Aide  
Trump's Former Campaign Manager

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Intellectual Discernment

**POST-**

**T-TRUTH**

When **what is TRUE or FALSE** isn't clear...

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In Spiritual Discernment, we believe that in a given situation, God's Will is the "greater good"



to seek the "greater good"

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God *never* wills EVIL.

Evil

Greater Good

or

Good

GOD'S WILL

God could **never** be calling us to something evil. Discernment is finding out the **GREATER GOOD**

**BIG IDEA # 1** in a given situation for an individual.

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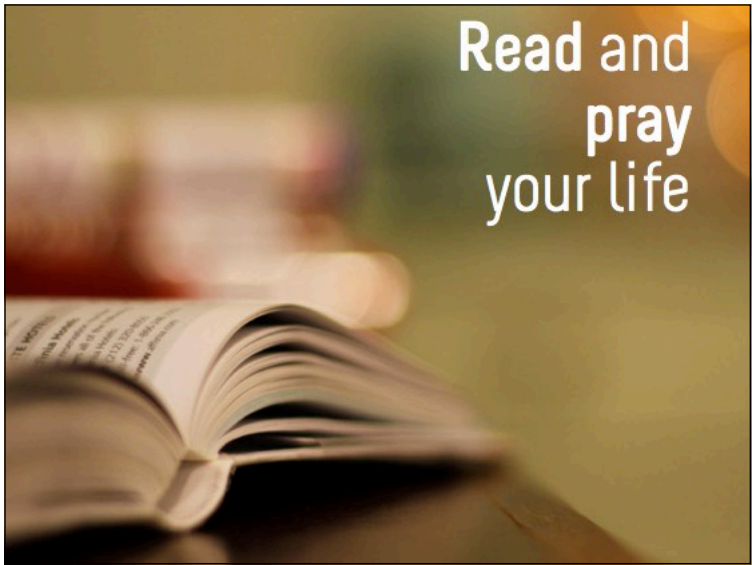
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Read and pray your life



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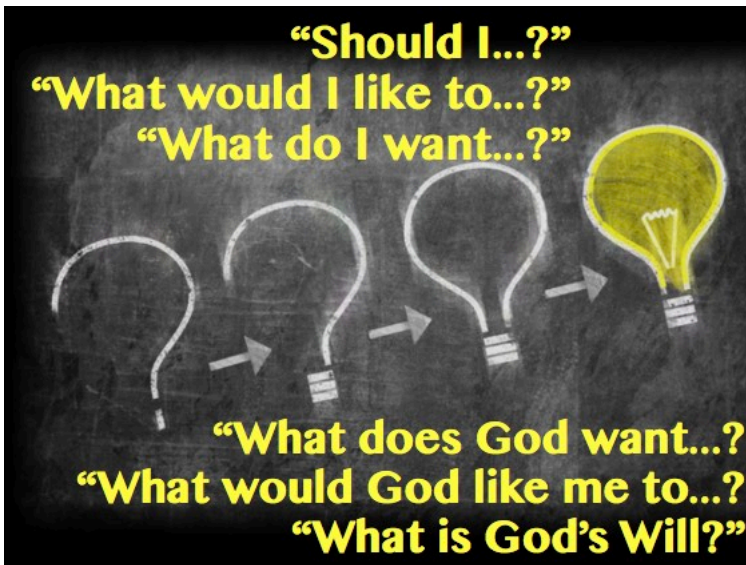
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# What is your QUESTION?



DO YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR QUESTION?

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## WORLDVIEW in discernment

What images of God and of life do we need so that **discernment** makes sense?

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**God is a puppet master.**  
**EVERYTHING is God's Will.**  
God controls ALL the events in our lives.  
He REGULARLY intervenes with the laws of nature and with our freedom.

**Life is a PUPPET SHOW**



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**God is a watchmaker.**  
**Our Freedom + the laws of Nature.**

**God is NOT involved at all.**  
 He just allows nature to follow its laws and leaves us to our own devices.

**Life is a FINISHED PRODUCT**

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**Life is an ONGOING DANCE**

**God continues to be involved, but also respects our freedom & the laws of nature.**

**God is a dance partner.**  
**God's Will + Our Freedom + Nature**



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**Life as a PUPPET SHOW**      **Life as an ONGOING DANCE**      **Life as a FINISHED PRODUCT**

**absolute divine control**  
**no human choices**

**all coincidences & human choices**

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God cares about what happens to each of us.



**BIG IDEA #3** God has a specific plan for each one of us.

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"The Annunciation is why I can never **not** be a Catholic"  
(Elizabeth Scalia)



"Our **salvation** hinges upon our **consent** to being saved."

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God does not get in the way.  
He is not a dictator  
or a puppet master.



**BIG IDEA #4** God respects our freedom and the laws of nature.

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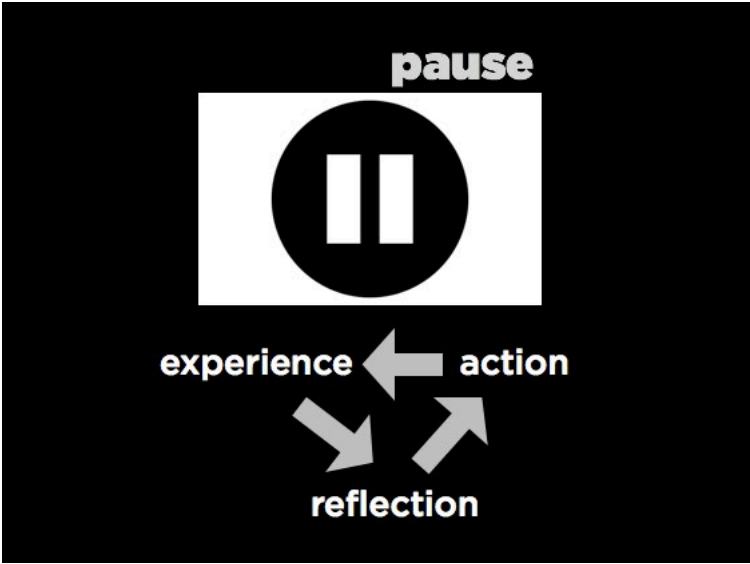
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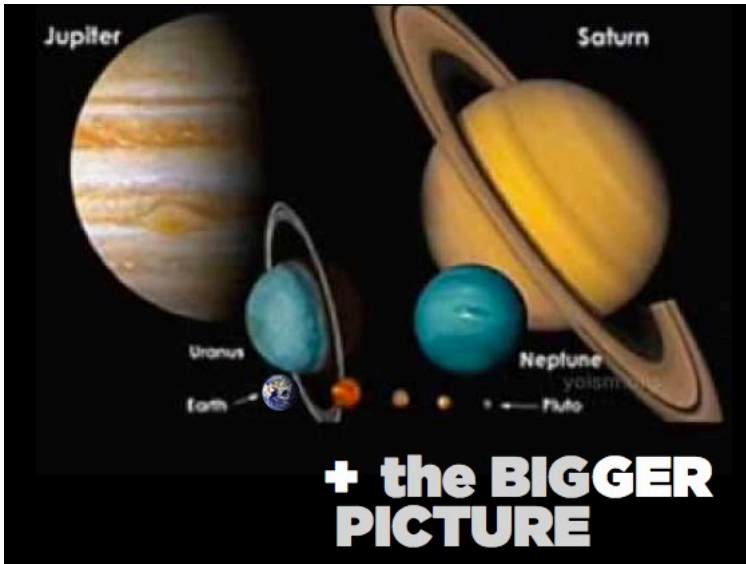
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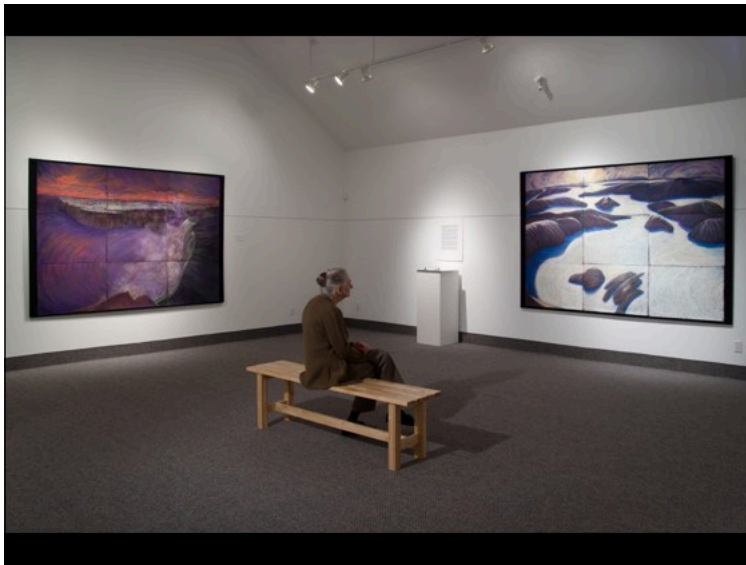
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# The need for SILENCE



## *HORROR VACUI*

\* The Internet has created a fear of empty spaces.

\* We can get an addiction to information, entertainment, and every form of stimulus.

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Silence as an endangered species

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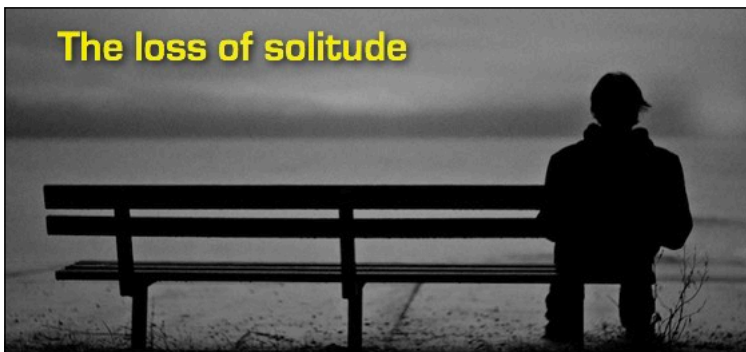
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## The loss of solitude



Feeling my feelings alone, by myself and with myself. Being alone with my feelings without instant distraction or digital support

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**BIG  
IDEA #6**



Following God's Will is best  
NOT done out of  
a sense of duty.

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FOUR QUESTIONS

How can you **GET** more?  
What are you **GOOD** at?  
What makes you **GLAD**?  
What can you **GIVE** the world?

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**GLAD**

**GOOD**

**MEANING  
of life**

**GET**

**MEANS  
of livelihood**

**GIVE**

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**BIG  
IDEA #7**

**MEANING  
of life**



**GOD'S  
WILL**  
is actually  
our deepest  
desires.

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