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**APOSTOLIC PLANNING & DECISION-MAKING  
THROUGH COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT**  
WORKSHOP ON IGNATIAN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP (WISL)  
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Seven Fountains Spirituality Centre  
Chiang Mai, Thailand





To promote deeper  
**friendships in the Lord**  
To live **more** closely to  
**the lives of the poor**  
To preach the **Gospel**  
with greater joy **MAGIS**



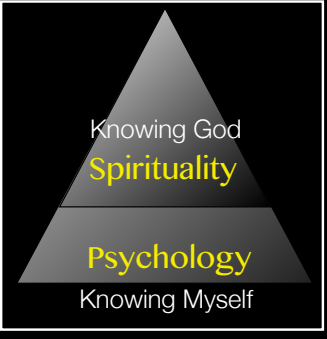
**DISCERNMENT**  
of the **GOD'S WILL**



**MAGIS**  
life-giving  
Greater Good  
Meaning +  
Purpose  
**GOD'S WILL**

Ignacio lo  
quo le quis  
con su.



Knowing God  
**Spirituality**  
**Psychology**  
Knowing Myself

**DISCERNMENT**



WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?  
WHAT IS GOD'S WILL?  
WHAT IS THE MAGIS?

WHAT IS THE GREATER GOOD?  
WHAT WILL DEFINE MY BEST SELF?  
WHAT WILL PROMOTE MY PURPOSE  
AND MEANING IN LIFE?

**DISCERNMENT**



**PRAYER**  
Connect to God

**DISCERNMENT**  
Connect to Self

# DISCERNMENT vs. DECISION MAKING

What is the difference? Why discern?



# DISCERNMENT vs. DECISION MAKING

SOME DIFFERENCES TO KEEP IN MIND



**the question**  
not just what I want, but about what God wants  
**THE BIGGER PICTURE**

**the criteria**  
not just what is easier, more convenient, familiar, or pleasant, but the **GREATER GOOD**

**the answer**  
not just the most logical or reasonable, but also our feelings, values, and needs — the **GREATER GOOD**

**the attitude**  
Honest, Humility, Openness

# DISCERNMENT



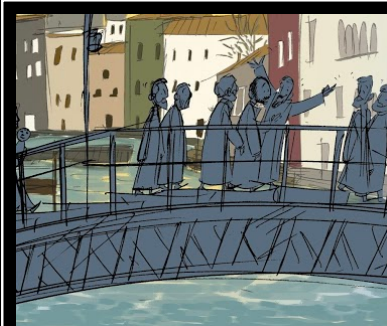
Why *not* just the most logical or reasonable?



the need for discernment  
self-knowledge + mastery

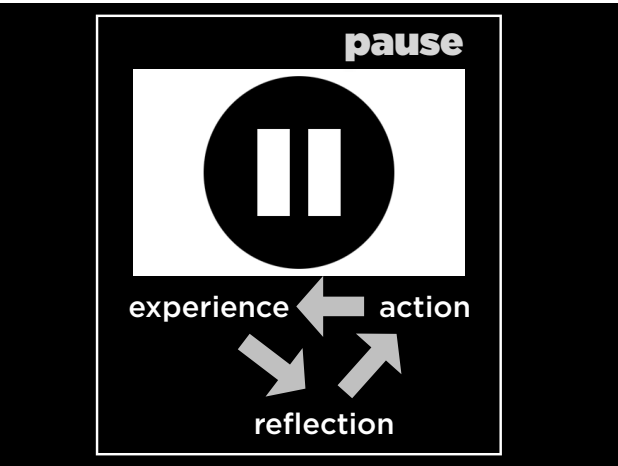
**confirmation bias**  
Motivated Reasoning

# DISCERNMENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS



What are the benefits of discerning over decision making?

Should we use this in our schools?  
In what way?





“What **directions** or **priorities** should we in the **Jesuit education apostolate** set in Asia Pacific for the next ten years?”

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**ASIA PACIFIC 30**

- Australia
- China
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Philippines
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Malaysia/Singapore
- Myanmar
- Thailand
- East Timor
- Micronesia

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CAMBODIA	1
CHINA	6
KOREA	1*
JAPAN	4
PHILIPPINES	12
AUSTRALIA	5
EAST TIMOR	1
INDONESIA	9
MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE	1*
THAILAND	1*
MICRONESIA	1

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 Superior General  
 Society of Jesus

**WHY DISCERN?**

“God is acting in history and is constantly trying to attract our **attention.**”

“an arms race for **attention**”

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**PHUBBING**

**PHONE + SNUBBING**

**GLOBALIZATION OF SUPERFICIALITY**  
Adolfo Nicolas SJ

We rarely connect to our deeper selves.

So we will feel scattered and make wrong decisions.

**dukkah**  
suffering  
dissatisfaction

**dukkah**  
"bad/broken wheel"  
off, awry, out of balance

**If we don't fix our wheel, it will be a hard journey and it will be difficult to reach the right destination.**

**START WITH THE WHERE**

PRAYER + REFLECTION

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      experience --> action[action]
      action --> reflection[reflection]
      reflection --> evaluation[evaluation]
      evaluation --> context
  
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