

# Introduction

## A World Of Difference



Libetes, who, from  
above to send the  
and withdraw, you  
over your quarters  
No I draw back, and  
drink of the blood  
"You want to know  
from this land for  
Neptune, who still  
lashed his sea. Still  
can restrain yourself  
the Tritonian island,  
longer to the sun, who  
these flocks unharmed  
may yet after much  
I forewarn you of the  
Even though you rise  
after losing all your  
trouble in your house,  
who are devouring your  
and making presents to  
your wife.

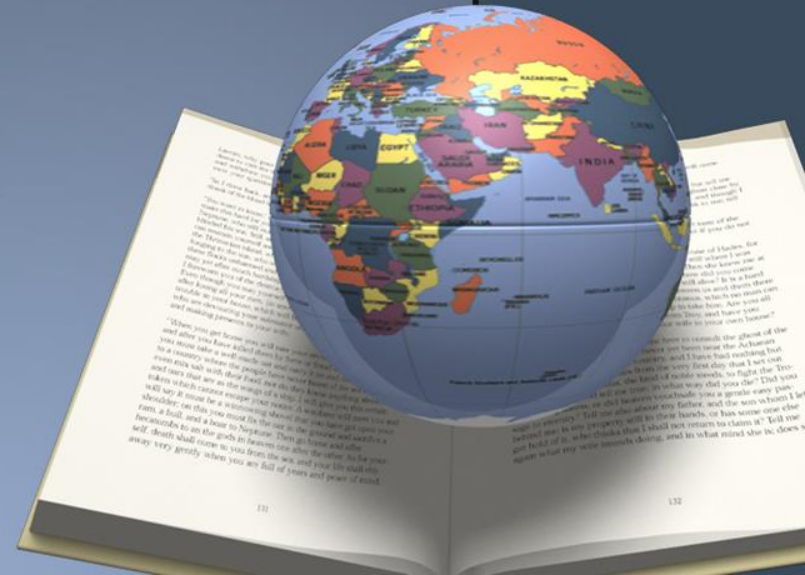
"When you get home you will take your revenge  
and after you have killed them by force or fraud  
you must take a well-made oar and carry it on and on  
to a country where the people have never heard of the sea  
even mix salt with their food, nor do they know anything about  
and oars that are as the wings of a ship. I will give you this certain  
token which cannot escape your notice. A war-fleet will meet you and  
will say it must be a winnowing shore; that you have got upon your  
shoulder, on this you must fix the oar in the ground and sacrifice a  
ram, a bull, and a boar to Neptune. Then go home and offer  
hecatombs to an the gods in heaven one after the other. As for your  
self, death shall come to you from the sea, and your life shall ebb  
away very gently when you are full of years and peace of mind.

will come  
but tell me  
about some by  
and though I  
ask to see, tell  
I taste of the  
if you do not  
because of Hades, for  
still where I was  
Then she knew me at  
how did you come  
will alive? It is a hard  
between us and them there  
was, which no man can  
up to take him. Are you all  
from Troy, and have you  
your wife in your own house?

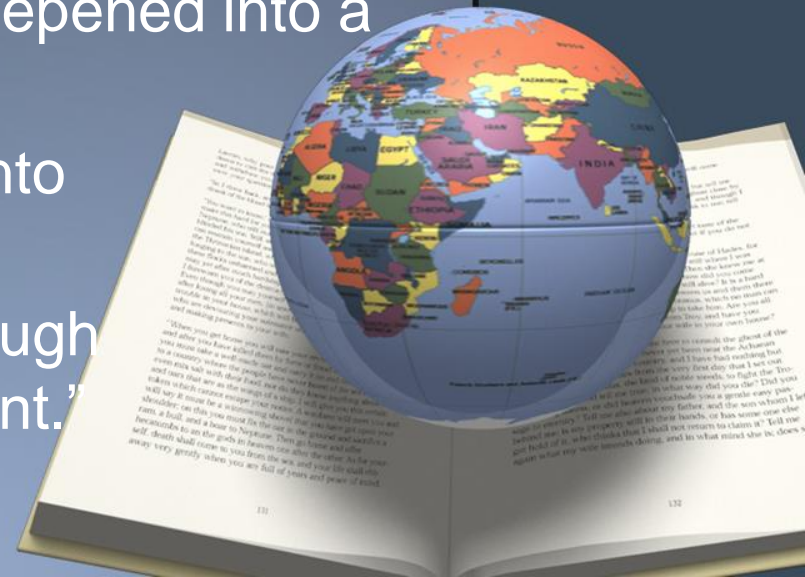
... here to consult the ghost of the  
never yet been near the Achaean  
country, and I have had nothing but  
from the very first day that I set out  
... the land of noble steeds, to fight the Tro-  
... at tell me true, in what way did you die? Did you  
... or did heaven vouchsafe you a gentle easy pas-  
sage to eternity? Tell me also about my father, and the son whom I left  
behind me: is my property still in their hands, or has some one else  
got hold of it, who thinks that I shall not return to claim it? Tell me  
again what my wife intends doing, and in what mind she is; does she

- The struggle to discover our own faith, our own worldview, our beliefs about reality, is what this book is all about.

Sire, pg.17

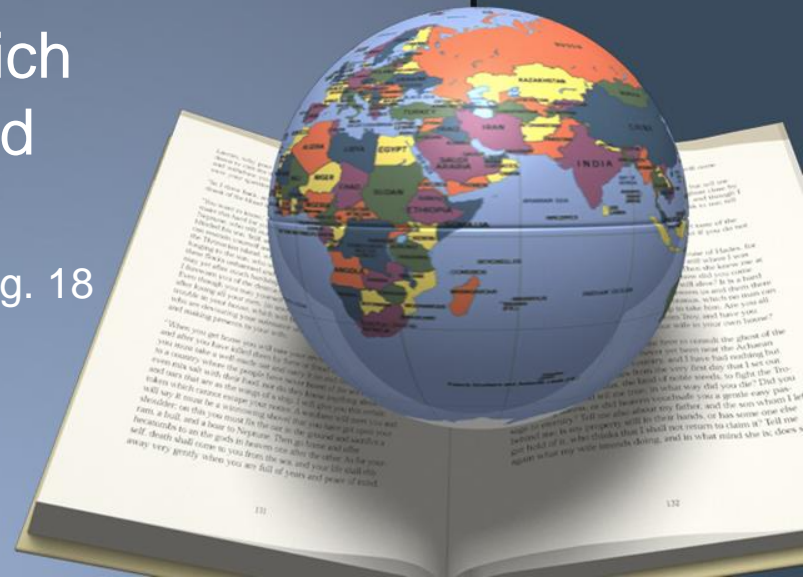


- “A worldview (or vision of life) is a framework or set of fundamental beliefs through which we view the world and our calling and future in it.
- This vision need not be fully articulated: it may be so internalized that it goes largely unquestioned;
  - it may not be explicitly developed into a systematic conception of life;
  - it may not be theoretically deepened into a philosophy;
  - it may not even be codified into creedal form;
  - it may be greatly refined through cultural-historical development.”



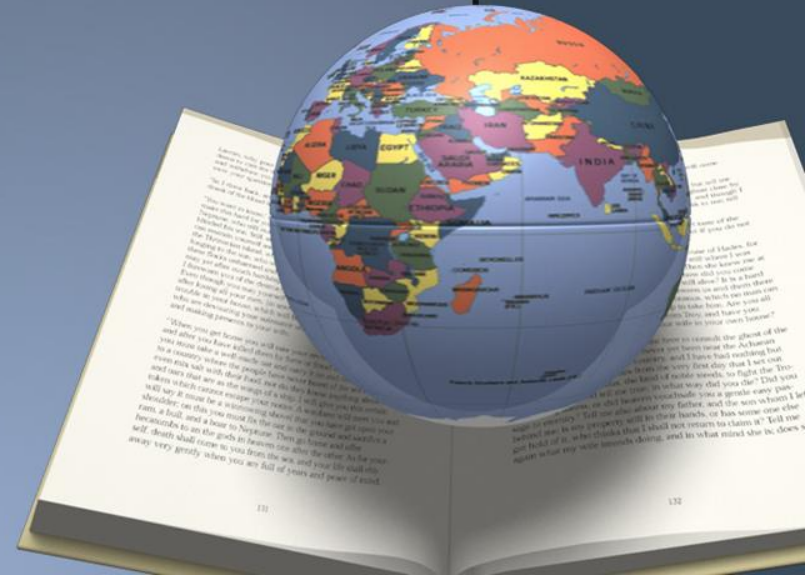
- “Nevertheless, this vision is a channel for the ultimate beliefs which give direction and meaning to life.
- It is the integrative and interpretative framework by which order and disorder are judged;
  - it is the standard by which reality is managed and pursued;
  - it is the set of hinges on which all our everyday thinking and doing turns.”

James H. Olthuis pg. 18



# What is it not

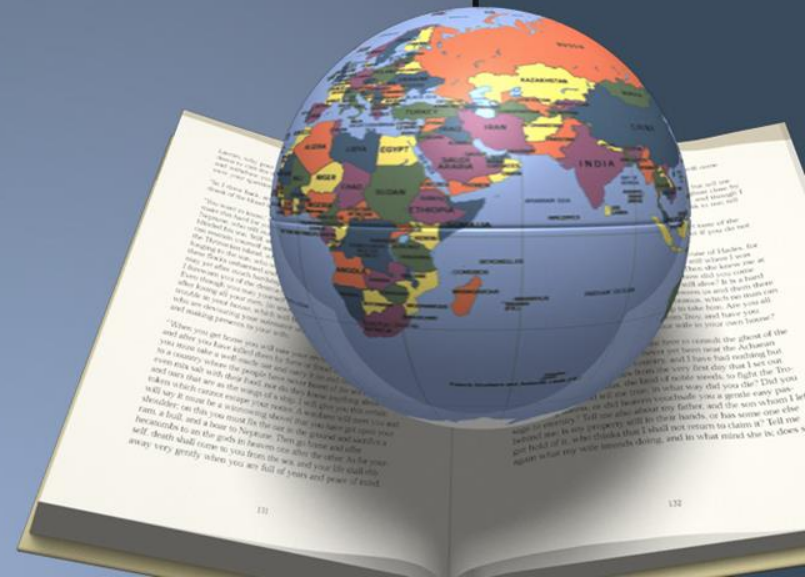
- not a work of professional philosophy.
- not a work of theology.
- not a book on comparative religion.



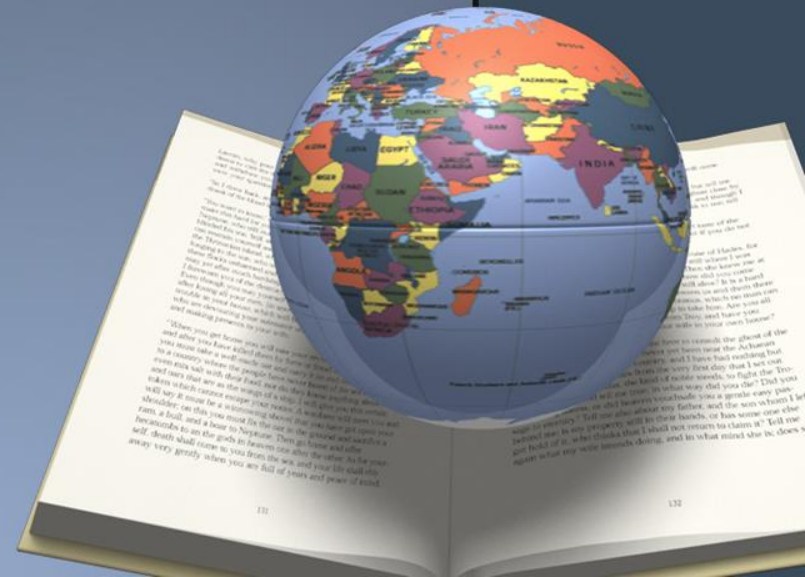
- Everyone has a worldview



- Worldview as a commitment

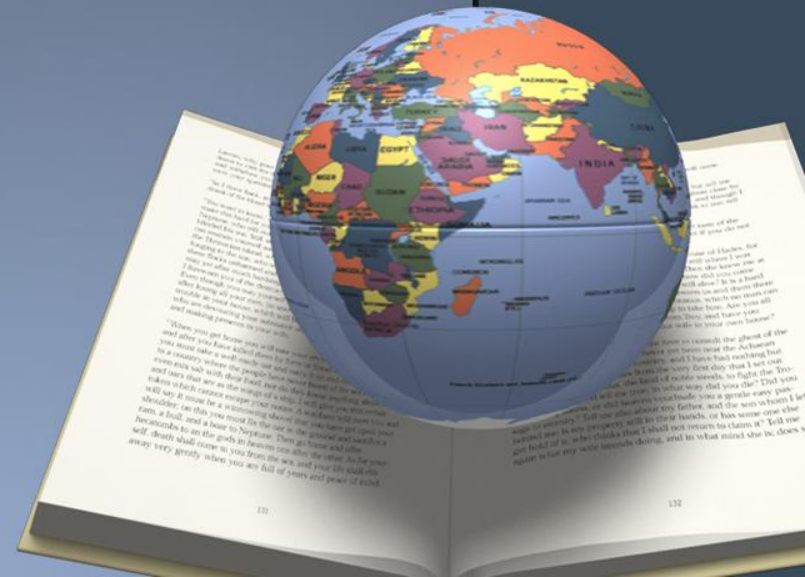


- Expressed in a story or a set of presuppositions

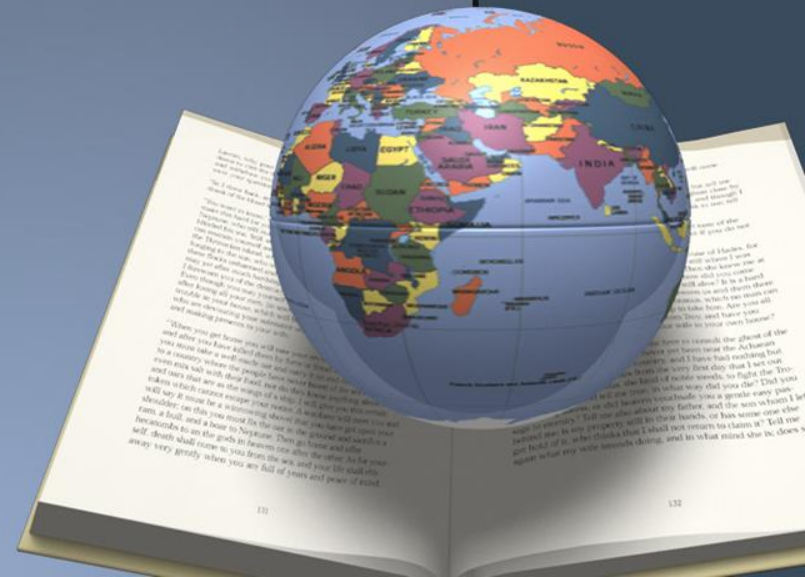




- Assumptions that may be true, conscious, consistent

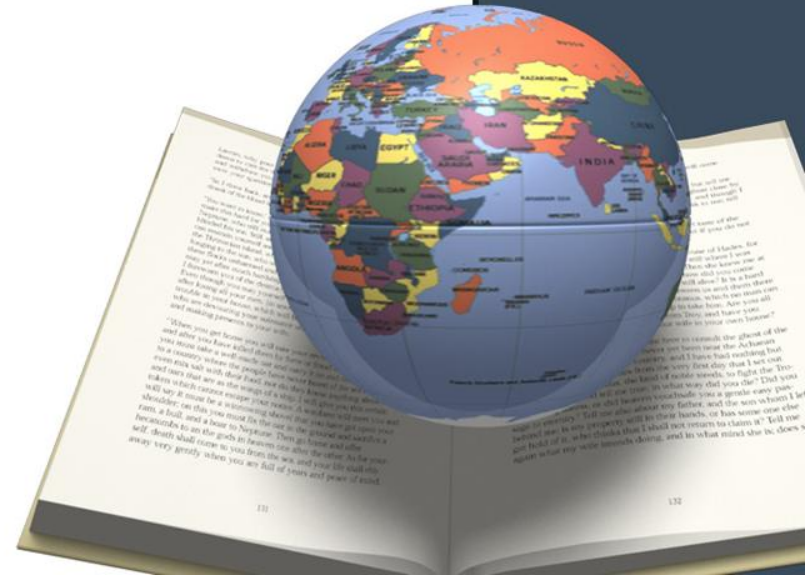


- The foundation of which we live life...



# SEVEN BASIC QUESTIONS

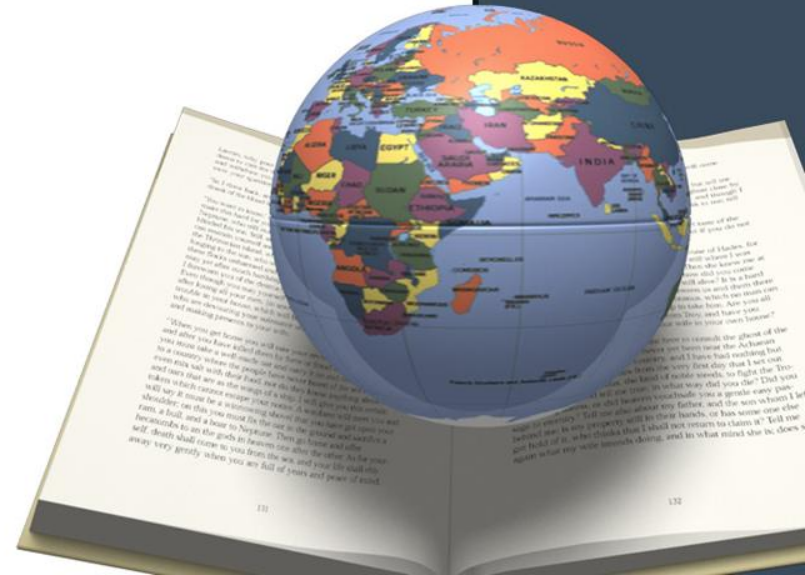
- Q1: What is prime reality-  
the really real?



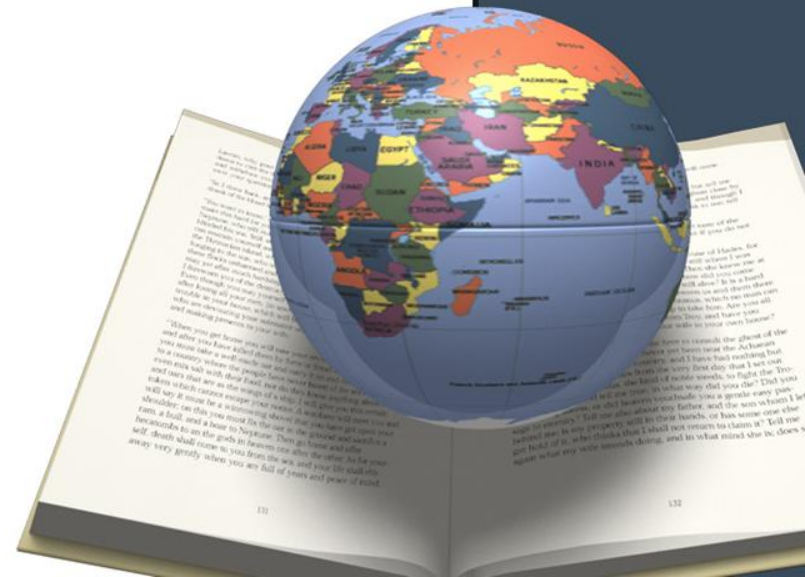
- Q2: What is the nature of external reality, that is, the world around us?



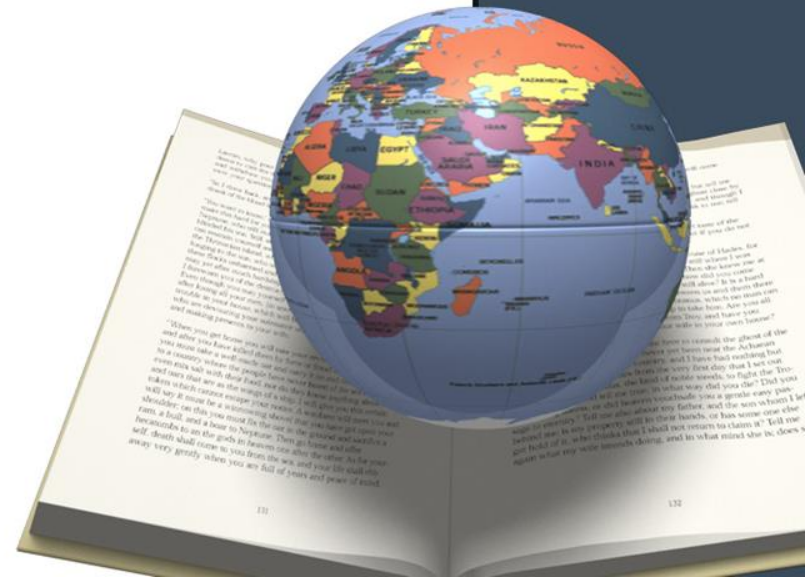
- Q3: What is a human being?



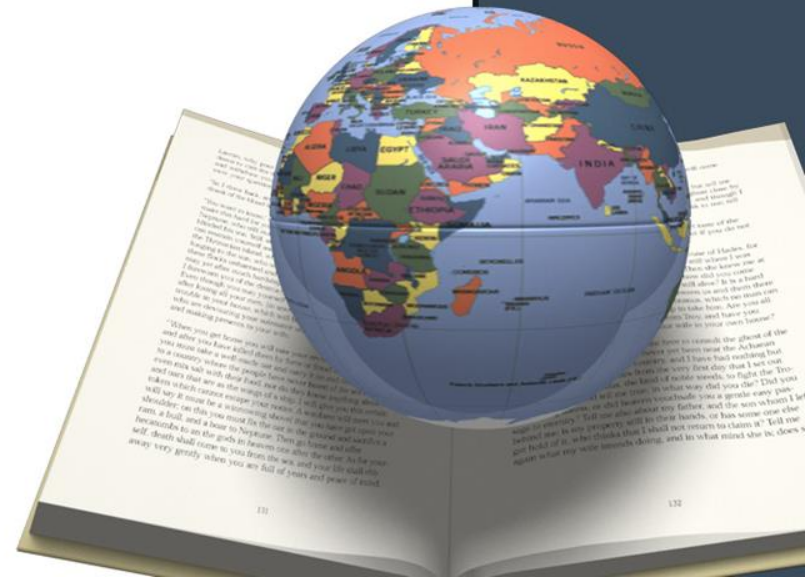
- Q4: What happens to a person at death?



- Q5: Why is it possible to know anything at all?

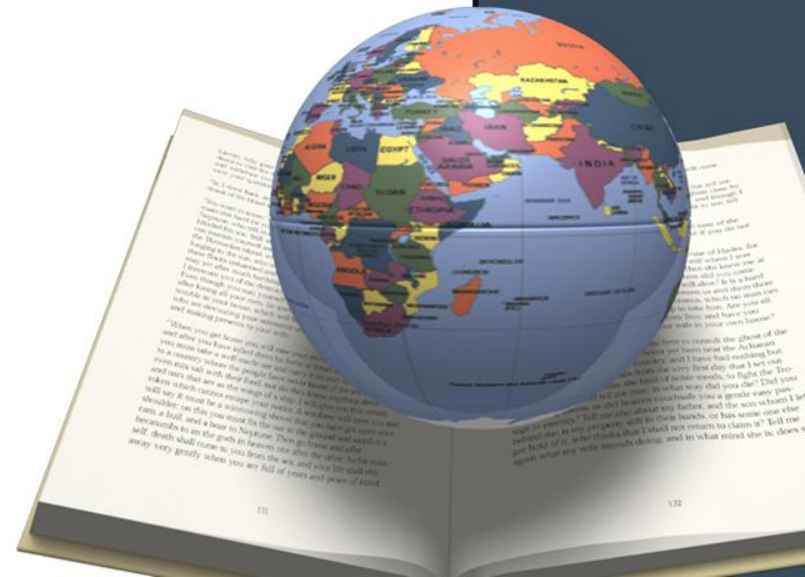


- Q6: How do we know what is right and wrong?

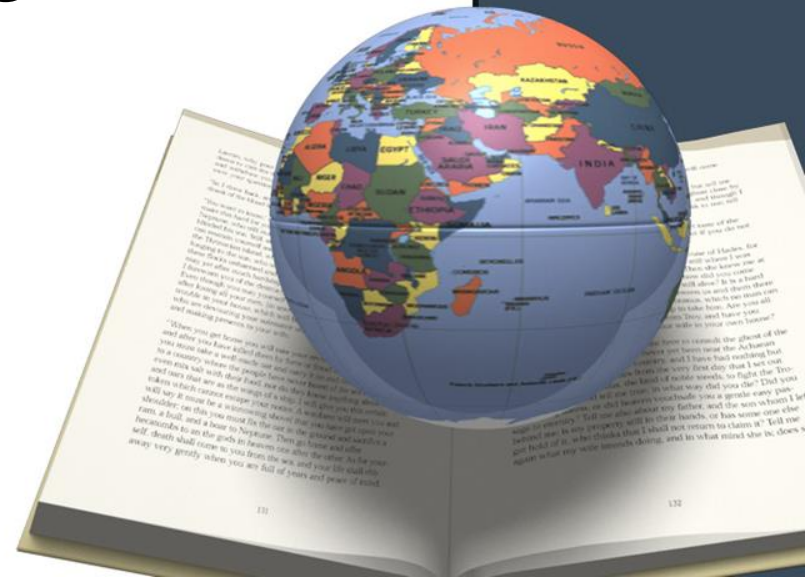




- Q7: What is the meaning of human history?



- Q8: What personal, life-orienting core commitments are consistent with this worldview?





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