Introduction
A World Of Difference
• 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?