



Macro Worldviews

	Naturalism	Animism	Far Eastern Thought	Theism
EXPRESSIONS:	Nihilism, Existentialism, Secular Humanism, Positiveism, Atheism, Skepticism, Agnosticism, many expressions of Post Modernism.	Shinto, Witchcraft, Astrology, Fortunetelling, Spiritism, Native American Religions, and Voodoo	Buddhism, Hinduism, Hare Krishna, Transcendental Meditation, Taoism, Janism, some elements of the New Age movement	Judaism, Christianity, Islam Spin-offs: Jehovah's Witness, Mormons, Nation of Islam, etc.
AUTHORITY SOURCE	Human Reasoning	Human Experience	Tradition	Revelation
ULTIMATE REALITY	No such thing as supernatural existence	Two-fold reality: Spiritual and Natural. What goes on in one affects the other.	Impersonal life force which is constantly moving toward unity with itself	Actual, infinite and transcendent God who is the creator and sustainer of the physical universe.
NATURE OF MAN	Natural biological creatures which have evolved the largest and most complex brain in the animal kingdom.	Humans who live in the physical realm are responsible to performing various rituals which meet the needs of spirits in the spirit world.	Expression of the impersonal life force which has been successively reincarnated and has finally reached the human level	Special creation of God
PURPOSE OF LIFE	Personal pleasure and personal meaning in this life. There is no after life.	To take care of the spiritual obligations which keep the gods satisfied. This affects not only the individual, but the family and society as well.	To merge with the ultimate expression of the impersonal life force,	Discern the will of God and live it out on earth.