

# Huston Smith on Today's Two Major Worldviews

## SCIENTISM

## TRADITIONAL RELIGION

<b>1. WORLD:</b>	<b>This world is all there is.</b>	<b>Beyond this world there is another world.</b>
<b>2. OTHER BEINGS?</b>	<b>No beings greater than humans or more intelligent.</b>	<b>Many beings greater than humans and wiser too.</b>
<b>3. BASIC TOOL:</b>	<b>Reason &amp; logic</b>	<b>Intuition and compassion</b>
<b>4. MADE OF?</b>	<b>Dead, insentient Matter which briefly allows consciousness But when matter (the body) dies, consciousness dies.</b>	<b>Living Spirit, including consciousness which endures even after matter (the body) dies.</b>
<b>5. SOURCE:</b>	<b>We are the more derived from the less.</b>	<b>We are the less derived from the more. (We are creatures made by a Creator)</b>
<b>6. MEANING:</b>	<b>Meaning is only in human minds and arises only In human minds.</b>	<b>Everything is meaningful. It comes from a perfect source, an infinite master craftsman.</b>
<b>7. BELONG:</b>	<b>We do not belong, because the external objective world has no eternal values, meaning or purposes</b>	<b>All humans belong to the world because people and the world are made of the same stuff: Spirit within an environment that is spiritual.</b>
<b>8. ENDING:</b>	<b>There is no happy ending.  Heaven is just a wish dream that is too good to be true.</b>	<b>Life climaxes in a happy ending both  cosmically and individually.</b>