It now seems clear to me that the distinction between being a sacrament and being an example is not parallel *either* to the distinction between being the *decisive* re-presentation of the meaning of ultimate reality for us and being merely *a* re-presentation of that meaning, *or* to the functionally equivalent distinction between being the explicit primal ontic *source* of authority and being merely *an*, even if *the* (primary) authority.

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