One has to be careful to distinguish clearly between the metaphysical/ ethical presuppositions and implications of a given self-understanding/ understanding of existence and the metaphysical/ethical assumptions and consequences of some particular formulation of it. Just as a self-understanding/ understanding of existence is one thing, its explicit formulation in particular concepts/terms, something else, so the necessary presuppositions and implications of a self-understanding/understanding of existence ought never to be confused with either the assumptions made in formulating it or the consequences that follow, given the concepts/terms employed in the formulation.

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