

Could it be that religious authority properly so-called is, in its way, as *sui generis* as religion itself is, being neither "executive" nor "nonexecutive," nor simply a combination of the two, but, as it were, "the necessary and indispensable third"?

I have no idea about how to answer this question. But it does seem to me worth asking, notwithstanding the lack of exact correspondence between the two distinctions, "executive//nonexecutive" and "intellectual or metaphysical//practical or moral."

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