

To authorize is at once (1) to *entitle* and (2) to *empower*.

But, then, the *implicit* primal authorizing source of authority with respect to our existential question must be conceived (1) as the *whence* (*Woher*) of our authentic existence, which as such is objectively real *extra nos, sine nobis, et contra nos* (this being the *metaphysical* aspect of the primal source); (2) as *entitling* us to understand our existence authentically; and (3) as *empowering* us thus to understand ourselves (these two together being the primal source in its *moral* aspect).

Accordingly, any *explicit* primal source of existential authority may be conceived, in R. Bambrough's words, as (1) "the enunciation of a truth"; (2) "the pointing of a way [sc. of living]"; and (3) "the renewal of a life."

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