

Another term for "explicit primal ontic source of authority" is "decisive re-presentation." Because or insofar as Jesus is the *explicit* primal source of authority, Jesus is a *re-presentation*. Because or insofar as Jesus is the explicit *primal* source of authority (as distinct from any source of authority that is merely *an* authority, even *the* authority), Jesus is *decisive*.

But what is the nature of the distinction between a primal source of authority and the primary authority of which it is the source? It is clearly a very different distinction from that between a secondary authority and the primary authority by which it, in turn, is authorized. Whereas a secondary authority is *temporally* distinct from the primary authority authorizing it, a primary authority and its authorizing source are *semantically* distinct.