

X can be credibly (or truly) said to be the *ontic* pole of a decisive revelation or re-presentation of the meaning of ultimate reality for us if, and only if, the following two conditions are fulfilled:

1. X is taken by Y, functioning as the *noetic* pole of the revelation or re-presentation, *as* making explicit a certain possibility of self-understanding;
and

2. the possibility of self-understanding that Y takes X *as* making explicit is, in truth, our authentic possibility as human beings (as determined by properly metaphysical and moral arguments respectively).

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