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Could it be that the real difference between a religion, on the one hand, and a nonreligious world-view, or ideology, on the other, is that a religion, properly so-called, always makes or implies strictly metaphysical claims, which is to say, claims about not only what we and all other human beings, or sentient beings more generally, somehow have to take into account, but also what anything whatever would somehow have to take into account insofar as it were so much as possible?

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