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“This is a helpful work for those who are keen to explore the issues related to the violence which is inherent in Christ’s work on the cross in the context of a violent world.”

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