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"*Stricken by God?* is a highly important contribution at a critical time, bringing together a range of thoughtful voices who raise important questions and pose needed and well-defended answers."

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Trinity Journal

“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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