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'... the contributors certainly achieve what they set out to do: this is to look at both historical and contemporary approaches to ideas about good and evil, from a purely Quaker perspective.' The Friend

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