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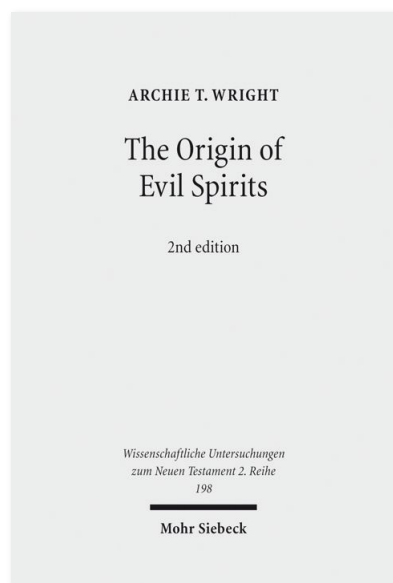
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Philip R. Davies in *Journal of Semitic Studies* 55 (2010)

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Mark D. Owens in *Faith & Mission* 24 (2007), pp. 68-70

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