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## Transcendence and the Secular World

Life in Orientation to Ultimate Presence  
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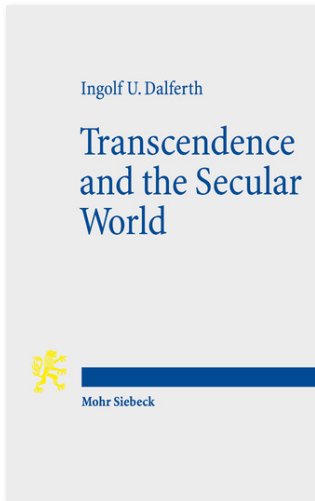
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