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The Secular Outlook: In Defense of Moral and Political Secularism shows how people can live together and overcome the challenge of religious terrorism by adopting a ""secular outlook"" on life and politics. Shows how secularism can answer the problem of religious terrorismProvides new perspectives on how religious minorities can be integrated into liberal democraciesReveals how secularism has gained a new political and moral significance. Also examines such topics as atheism, religious criticism and free speech