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human truths. Gold examines these strategies with regard to epistemology and to the study of religion as a collective endeavor.
