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that will diminish the violence and lead to an accommodation between radical religion and the secular world.