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> faith of the scientific optimists and the lack of scientific engagement of the theologians of hope. Wilkinson argues for a rediscovery of the

theological theme of new creation and the centrality of bodily resurrection.