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the afterworld, not only throw new light on Polynesian attitudes but also contribute some novel ideas to
