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innumerable moral challenges. The study reveals that bodily status was the fundamental problem of human salvation, in which artists, patrons,

and viewers alike had an interpretive stake.	