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all of whom, in their respective ways and media, recycle religious

motifs and iconography and whose works resonate with, or problematize the motif of, the true image.