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God and the Creative Imagination intriguingly draws on a number of non-theological disciplines, from literature to philosophy of science, to show us that God is appropriately likened to an artist or poet and that the greatest truths are expressed in an imaginative form.

Anyone wishing to further their understanding of God, belief and the imagination will find this an inspiring work.

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