

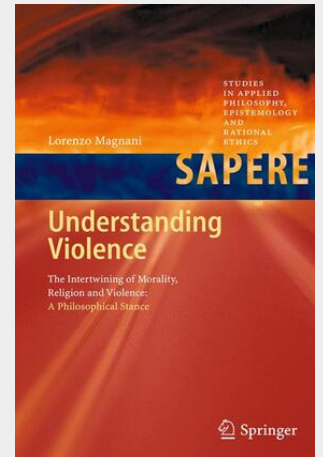
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Understanding Violence

The Intertwining of Morality, Religion and Violence: A Philosophical Stance

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