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Political Theology of International Order challenges the widely accepted view that international order is a secular arrangement that makes no meaningful contact with religion. It argues that accepted ways of thinking about international relations—*anarchy, balance of power, constitutionalism, contractual international law, and so forth*—reflect a theological pattern that is rooted in a medieval debate about God's nature and the extent of his power.

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