

Ori Hammer and Tongs

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Nicholas Gevers — 19 Nov 1999, 23:27

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Ori Kowarsky — 20 Nov 1999, 13:55 · follows Nicholas Gevers

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Hmmm ... well, you may have a point. I'm not a Catholic, and so I've never had to reconcile myself to the worldly actions of an institution which I believe to be holy. As I wrote in a previous post, perhaps that is the "bridge" which some readers bring with them to the book and some others don't. As a result, then, if you do not believe that crimes on the material plane are exculpabale or even laudatory on the metaphysical plane, then TBOTNS serves equally well as a critique of such an institution as it does a defense for those who do.

Ori