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Patterson's discussion straddles realist, liberal–revisionist and postliberal theological schools, and analyses their various positions before going on to develop and apply a theological model of 'language-ridden' reality. This model affirms that worldly reality has a radical dependence on God. Finally, the book explores the theological and ethical implications of the model it proposes.

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