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"A masterly exposition of Islamic pattern and the underlying cosmological principles." (*Art Review*)

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