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Interesting and useful key to the reading and ground for discussion on ethics in the spheres of life is the document at the beginning of the book "The Applied Ethics challenge" elaborated by the "Ethics, Philosophy and Theology" Project of the Fondazione Lanza.

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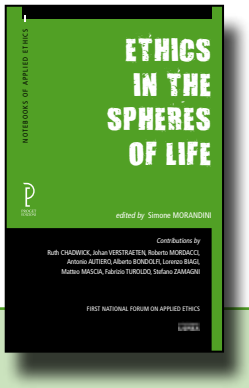

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