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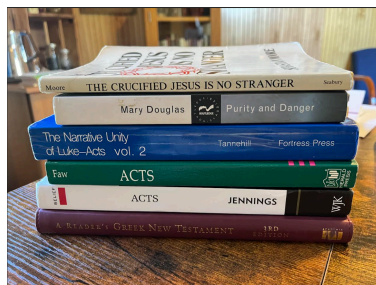


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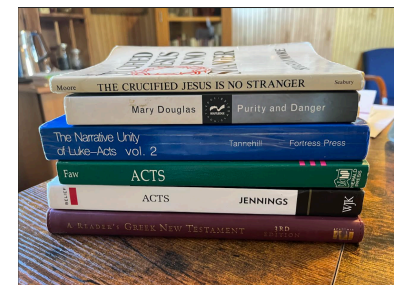


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Original Language English

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and find that the dark, too, blooms and sings,
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