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Knowledge acquisition or manifestation of the thought?

Cathedral builders and knowledge acquisition method designers

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