

Religion and the Post-revolutionary Mind

Idéologues, Catholic Traditionalists,
and Liberals in France

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