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This dialogue is based on interviews conducted with Wamba in May 2019 in Pretoria and embodies some of the most important ideas he left to us.