



The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son: The Transformation of Child Sacrifice in Judaism and Christianity. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1993

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Pp. 258. The Jewish-Christian relationship will never be the same if this book receives the wide and careful reading it deserves. Both traditions, it is argued, rest ultimately on the ideal of child sacrifice, as this is explicitly commanded in Ex. 22:38 ('You shall give Me the first-born among your sons.'), exemplified in God's command to Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son and in Joseph's willingness to give up his beloved Benjamin.