

Abraham and Child Sacrifice

It is interesting that you believe that God desired one of His chosen people, to perform a human sacrifice, which He ordered to be offered on a high place, as a burnt offering.

What did the pagan sun-worshippers do? Because the pagans required a good view of the sun rise, they went up into the highest mountain peaks, where they had built altars in honour of the sun god. Extremely dedicated to their god, the pagans got up very early in the morning, so as to arrive at the mountain top in time to organise the human sacrifice of their son/daughter at precisely the same time as the sun rose. They performed the actual sacrifice by slashing the throats of their children and then burnt them with fire so as to be a suitable offering to the sun (fire) god.

Did the Creator appreciate these pagan sacrificial ceremonies?

2King.17.16

And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

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And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

Seems that God didn't condone human sacrifice.

Jer.7.30

For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

Jer.7.31

And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

Jer.32.35

And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

It is interesting that God says TWICE that such a thought, to burn their sons in the fire on the high places, never came into His heart, nor into His mind. Surely He must not have forgotten that centuries before, He commanded Abraham to climb up on top of Mt Moriah and sacrifice his son Isaac? - or was it Ishmael? - as a burnt offering.

In the Translations of the Qur'an (Koran), Chapter 37 published by the University of Southern California, the child that Allah commanded to be sacrificed in the typical pagan fashion (high on a hill top, as a burnt offering, killed with a knife to the neck), was not named, but later came to be accepted as Ishmael in the Muslim traditional view.

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/MSA/quran/037.qmt.html#037.099>

Isn't it interesting that the One True God and Allah both agree that slitting your son's throat as a human sacrifice, on a high place offered as a burnt offering - early in the morning - is an honourable thing to do?

Perhaps God was only upset that the Israelites were offering their children as human sacrifices to other pagan gods and not to Him? That hypothesis really doesn't sit right either.

What about Jesus? How does Jesus fit into this practice of going up onto a high mountain in the early morning to greet the sun, and cutting our children's throats and sacrificing them as burnt offerings on the high mountains?

Matt.18.6

But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Seems to me that Jesus thinks it's pretty offensive to hurt a little child.