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Martyrdom in the Three Monotheistic Religions

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Ayoub examines contemporary views of martyrdom in Christianity and Judaism, as well as their roots in their respective scriptures and traditions. His thesis is that, while both religions share a certain respect for those who prize God over their own lives, both also have long been critical of those who would seek martyrdom. A. develops his argument very clearly, using not only scriptural passages but also an adequate number of contemporary commentators on those scriptures to paint a reliable portrait of Christian and Islamic views. In the end, I was persuaded by the piece because A. tried to remain objective and not paint either tradition in too rosy a light, and also because he offered lots of evidence to support his conclusion. While this is a pretty general article and doesn't deal with the groups I've chosen to focus on (Christian anti-abortion activists, child martyrs in the Iran-Iraq War, or Jewish settlers), this general background is really useful for the final section of my inquiry when I will compare and contrast the perspectives of the three religions. It exposed me not only to the similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam, but also to the different points of view within each of these religions over the years.

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