



As an aspect of religious ritual, human sacrifice was practiced as early as 1600 BCE, in China; in Europe to the 11th century CE, and as late as the 16th century CE in Mesoamerica and 18th century in Polynesia. It is still practiced in East African *muli* ceremonies and northern Indian Tantrism in spite of statutory prohibition.*

* A probable peak population of 9.22 billion is projected for 2075, (assuming no extraordinary wars, plagues or natural occurrences), followed by a slow decline to a plateau of about 9 billion to be reached about 2300. (Sources: UNFPA, *State of World Population 2004*, revision published April 2005. www.unfpa.org/swp/2004/english/ch1/page7.htm#1 (8.9 billion); US Census Bureau www.census.gov/ipc/www/world.html (projection for 2050, 9.19 billion), accessed Oct 20, 2004, and other estimates)

◆ Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_sacrifice accessed April 21, 2006. ■ = born; P = beginning of prophetic role

A - F A selection of critical situations involving manipulation of religious belief and association. See 'Notes to Chart 4', following. Ian Fry, Chaminate, June 2006 [amended July 2006]