

This bachelor work deals with the problem of human sacrifice and its goal is to find the reasons for this ritual practice. The work is divided into six parts.

First part discusses the problem of human sacrifice among the Aztecs. This chapter is largest because this theme was discussed largely in literature. In this chapter is also given a short essay about the Aztec's practice of ritual violence.

Next chapter deals with human sacrifice in the Andes and especially among the Incas. There you can find also little chapter about iconography of the Incas and about the quechua term huaca.

In third part are discussed human sacrifices of the Celts. There is also given a short essay about cult of head which was largely practiced among the Celts.

Fourth part deals with some theories about human sacrifice.

The final part of this thesis tries to compare and summarize the facts given in previous chapters and compare them with the existing theories about human sacrifice and deal with them.