



## Natural history of cannibalism

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*From the well-documented case of the survivors of that Andes Mountains accident to Aztec cannibalism, from funerary cannibalism of the Fore tribe to the recent case of cannibalism in Mexico.*

### Synopsis:

Eating human flesh is the ultimate taboo of any civilized society. In fact, for many centuries now, cannibalism has been the justification for the persecution and conquest of other apparently less developed peoples. However, as surprising as it appears, recent paleontologic discoveries support the theory that human beings have been devoured by other humans since man began to walk the Earth. We

find such a practice in remote times and in all the regions of the world. With the passing of time cannibalism disappeared in some societies, while in others it was maintained, consecrated, and glorified.

Although the very idea of one human treating another human's body as if it were meat is repugnant for most, the figure of a cannibal inevitably draws certain interest or fascination..

It's the fascination for what is different, for what is strange, and for what breaks from the

norm, even if it is innate in the human species and, consequently, bound to last as long as the species does.

The interest only grows when we face the fact that, in some cultures, cannibalism is not considered a monstrous or unnatural act, but rather a socially accepted practice or a sacred obligation that should be exercised in the interest of all.

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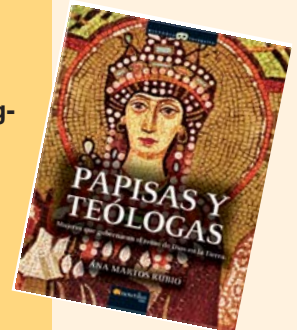


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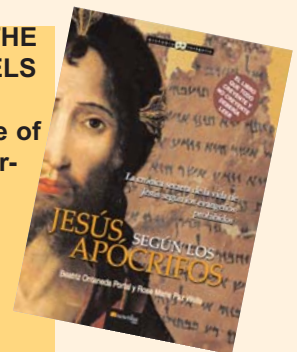
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