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Various similarities exist between baseball, which is a popular sport in today's culture with a deep history, and ancient sacrificial rituals. Although they may seem as two different activities when looked at superficially, these practices have several things in common such as competition, community and rituals that are used to express their deeper human desires and beliefs.

In ancient human cultures, the practice of sacrificing things had important religious, social or political meanings. These acts of sacrifice were an unbreakable part of community life that made the people in it feel like they were one entity; they also helped them to know who they were. Baseball brings together both players and watchers of the game to create this sense of being part something bigger than themselves. When everyone shouts for joy because their team won or cries when it lost, there is created among them all an emotional tie stronger than any other.

Besides, strange rituals and baseball tournaments are accompanied by a spectacle. In ancient times, ceremonies were complex events with music, dance, and special observances that sought to please the gods or bring a good harvest. In like manner, a modern day baseball game can be noted for its great display. Before the game begins, there is usually a spectacular ceremony accompanied by a lot of shouts from the crowd as well as some very dramatic plays made on the field.

Both baseball games and sacrificial rituals have competitive and conflicting aspects. Sacrificial games were previously held during religious festivals or funerals in which participants sought honour, glory or divine approval. Similarly, baseball matches require skill and strategy for victory with teams seeking fandom adulation through competition. Central to both activities is the anticipation of the pursuit of greatness through rivalry as well as the challenge of becoming better at something.

Further to that point, there is a degree of sacrifice in both sacrificial rituals and baseball games. Sacrifices in ancient times often took the form of offerings to the gods, which were symbolic gestures of devotion or supplication. In baseball, players give up their time, energy and sometimes even their physical well-being in order to win. Fans too have things that they give up whether it's money for tickets or time spent following their favorite team.









