

ABSTRACT

L'Europa, il sacrificio, l'apocalisse. Il contributo biblico per la pace

Firstly the article considers the conception of the European Community as a peace project. It examines which narratives and particularities characterise Europe and why the European Union has assumed a special vocation to pioneer the realisation of a peace order. Secondly, the significant contribution that biblical tradition offers to a rationality of peace is examined philosophically. Two biblical categories are considered, namely the apocalypse and sacrifice. The paper highlights how apocalyptic tradition represents an ironic challenging of imperial order. Furthermore, the historiography of apocalypticism is imbued with a memory of suffering, a dimension which also shapes the European Union. The work reveals how the Bible reinterprets sacrifice as a gift of life and not of death; furthermore, how the New Testament tradition rejects any imperial sacrificial logic. Thus, secularisation ought not to be understood as a loss of religion, but as an abolition of imperial ideology.