

A sunset scene with three crosses on a hill and the word SACRIFICE in large blue letters. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and long shadows. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright sky. The word SACRIFICE is written in large, bold, blue capital letters.

# SACRIFICE

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GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER 2021

WHAT IS 'SACRIFICE'?

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THIS IS HOW NORMAN OSBORN UNDERSTANDS IT...



Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNZNwGVP8LU>

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**DISCUSS:** Which is more important to consider when deciding what you're willing to sacrifice?

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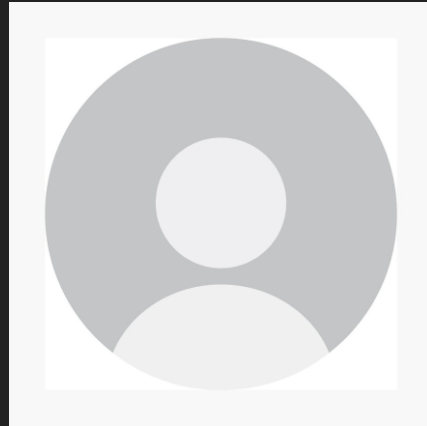
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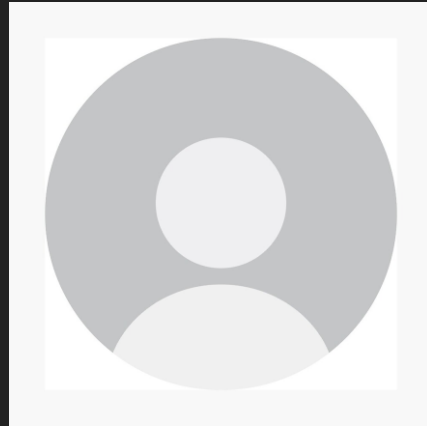
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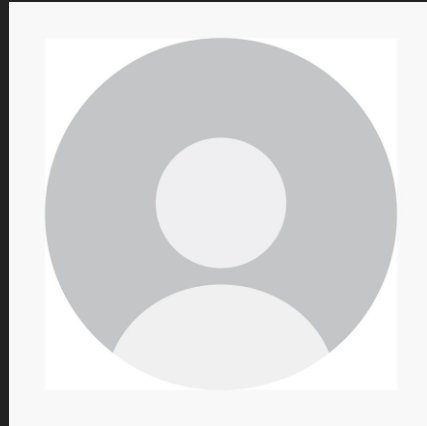
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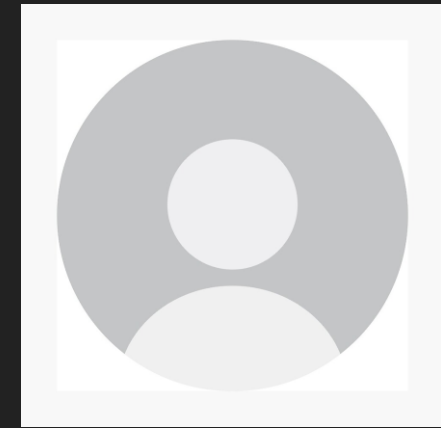
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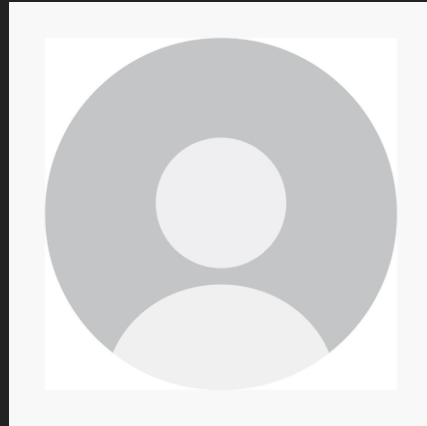
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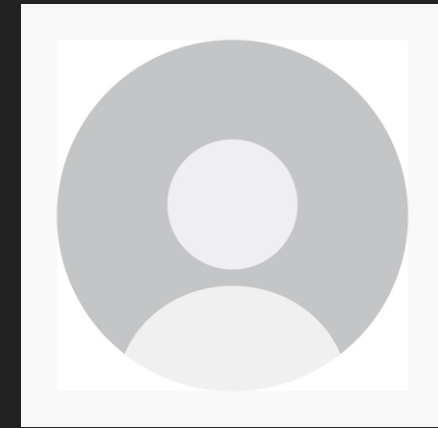
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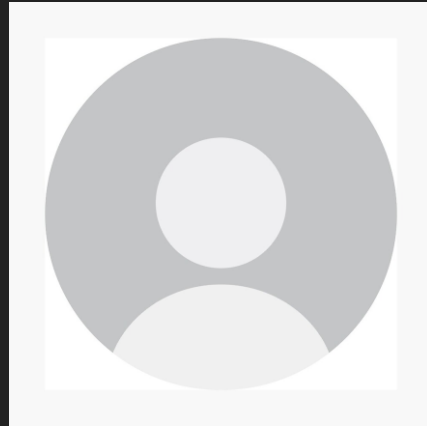
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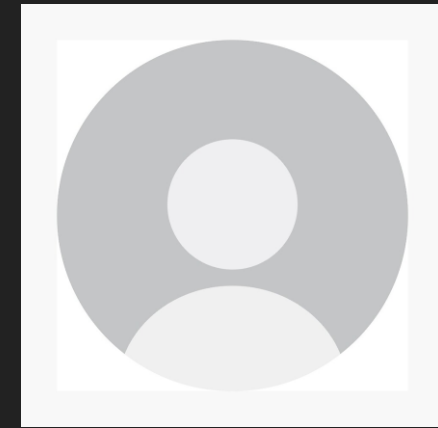
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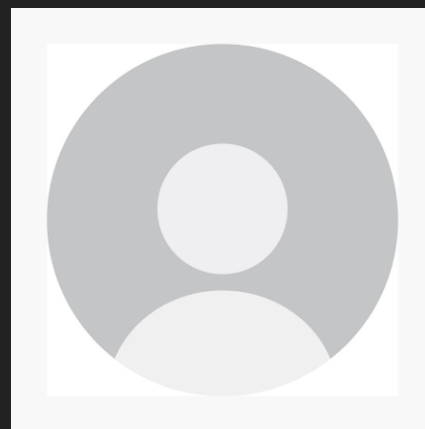
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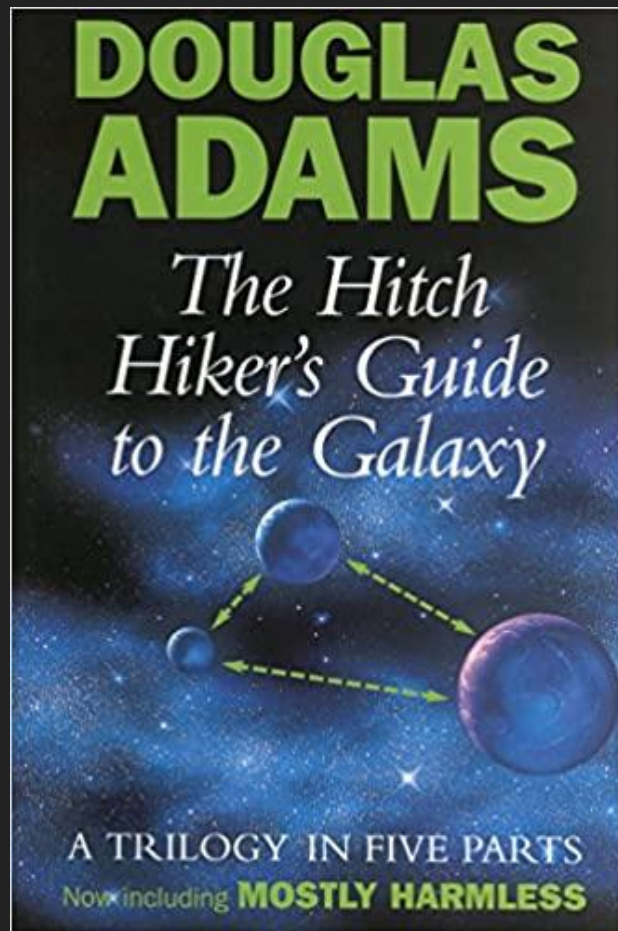
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QU: Could anything be worth always  
putting other people first?

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## Somebody Else's Problem Field (S.E.P. Field)

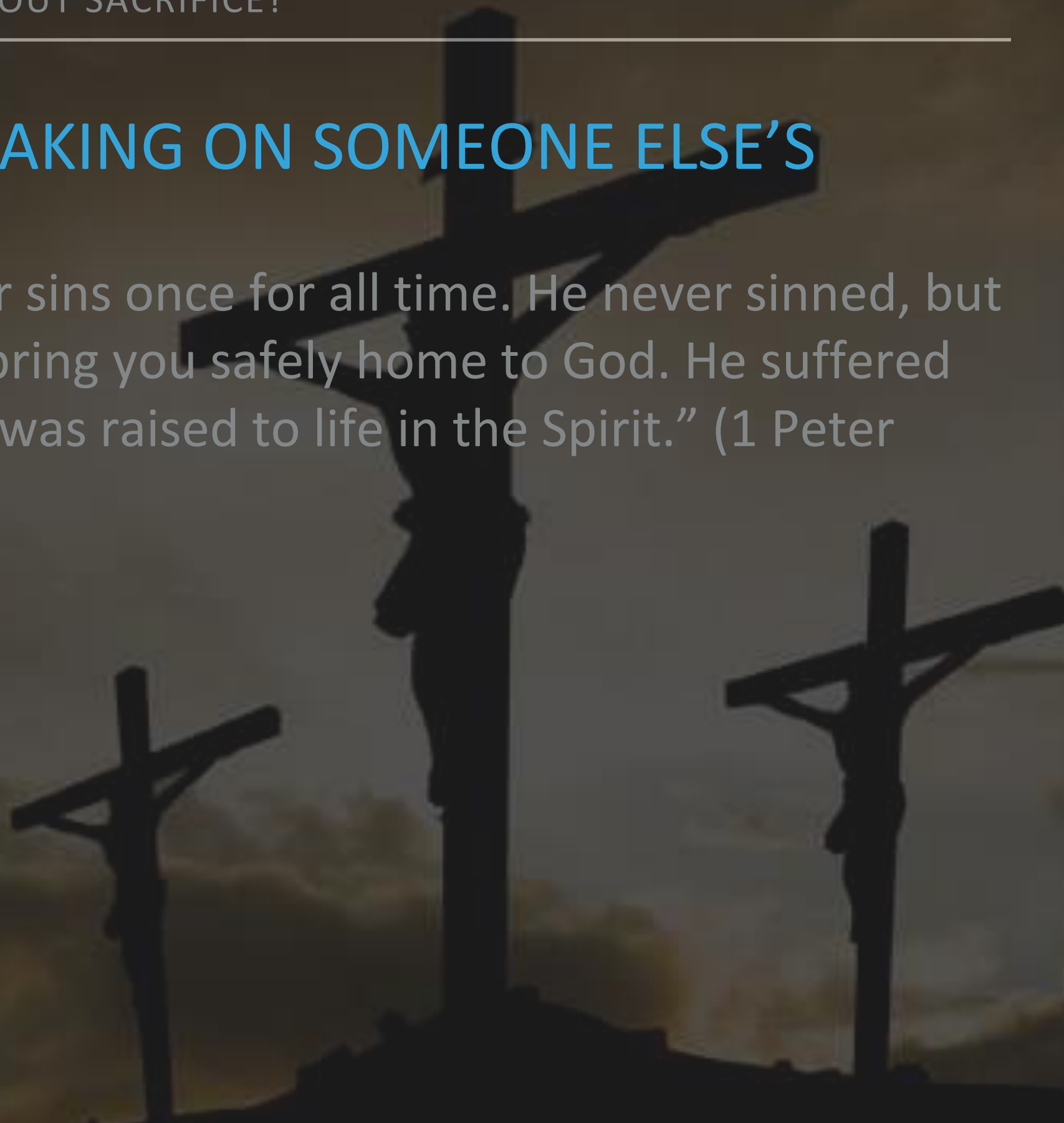
The Somebody Else's Problem Field, or SEP, is a cheap easy and staggeringly useful way of protecting something from unwanted eyes.....Any object around which an SEP is applied will cease to be noticed, because any problems one may have become Somebody Else's.

(Douglas Adams, [Hitchhikers.wikia.com](http://Hitchhikers.wikia.com))



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QU: What problem is Jesus' death on the cross fixing?

WHAT DID JESUS HOPE TO GAIN BY HIS SACRIFICE?

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CHRISTIANS BELIEVE JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE TO FIX EVERYTHING:  
SO PEOPLE WHO TRUST HIM CAN SHARE HIS NEW LIFE FOREVER

You can watch this [3min video](#) to see what Good Friday and Easter mean  
in more detail, if you have time

## FINAL DISCUSSION

- ▶ What is it about people giving up their lives to save someone else that affects us so deeply?
- ▶ Is it possible to 'sacrifice' something without thinking about what good thing will happen if we do?
- ▶ Why do Christians across the world sacrifice their livelihoods, their safety, their freedom and even their lives for their faith in Jesus?
- ▶ Do all cultures across the world and across history value this kind of sacrifice?