

<sup>^22</sup> Blood sacrifices were made by both Canaanites and the Hebrews but the former looked on the blood as nourishment of the gods (W. R. Smith, *The Religion of the Semites*, p.234) while the Psalmist in 50:7-15 provides us with a fine polemic not against the blood sacrifices themselves (cf. Ps 50:8) but against that way of interpreting them. Anath was carnivorous to the point of "devouring his (Baal's) flesh without a knife and drinking his blood without a cup." (See AB16, p.308)

<sup>^23</sup> *The Structure of Biblical Authority*, pp.162-4.