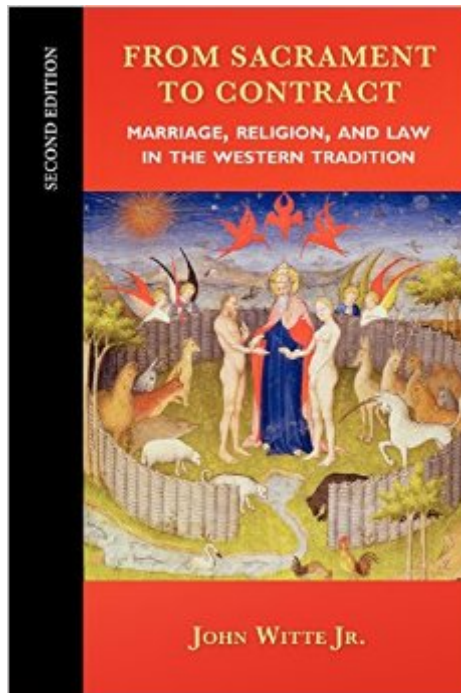


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I took a course with this professor and he is a man of incredibly incisive intellect and the book is one of the best summaries on the evolution of marriage in the west

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