

The Binding of Jeff Dahmer: What Gregory O'Meara's Biblical Reference Reveals About the Story



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I've been looking at Gregory O'Meara's 2009 academic paper on Jeff Dahmer. Here's the link if you want to read it:

[He Speaks Not, Yet He Says Everything; What of That?: Text, Context, and Pretext in State v. Jeffrey Dahmer.](#)

Gregory O'Meara was the assistant district attorney in Jeff Dahmer's fake 1992 trial. He later became a Jesuit priest and is currently the [rector at Marquette University](#) in Milwaukee.

The title itself, borrowed from Shakespeare, hints that there's more beneath the surface. But it was something in the conclusion that caught my attention.



Gregory O'Meara, Assistant DA in Jeff's fake trial and now Jesuit priest

The Reference to the Biblical Story of Abraham and Isaac

O'Meara closes his paper with a reference on page 136 to the [biblical story of Abraham and Isaac](#), discussing how philosopher Søren Kierkegaard viewed Abraham's silence as an ethical failure:

By remaining silent, by not informing Isaac that he was told to sacrifice him, Kierkegaard maintains Abraham failed to act ethically.

At first glance, this might seem like an elegant philosophical flourish to end an academic paper. But what if it's much more than that?

First of all, O'Meara's framing is absurdly understated if we're talking about a real serial killer.

Saying a serial killer "failed to act ethically" by not warning his victims is like saying a bank robber who shoots a guard "failed to practice proper firearm safety." It completely misses the appropriate moral category. If Jeff really did what he was accused of, his silence with victims wouldn't be an "ethical failure" - it would be part of his monstrous predation.

The Abraham comparison falls apart completely:

1. Abraham was silent because he was following divine commands and faced a genuine moral dilemma
2. A serial killer's silence would be purely predatory and manipulative
3. There's no comparable ethical dilemma for someone luring victims to their deaths

This bizarre framing makes much more sense if O'Meara is actually referring to something else entirely—perhaps the people [who put Jeff in this position without telling him the full truth](#) about his role in a larger scheme. (I'll be writing about w

those people might have been because the Archdiocese of Milwaukee didn't pull it off all by themselves. They had assistance.)

If Jeff was an *unwitting* participant in a fabricated case, those orchestrating it would have had to keep him in the dark about certain aspects - much like Abraham not telling Isaac the truth. This would be a genuine ethical failure on their part, not just technical oversight.

O'Meara's strange phrasing suggests he might be directing his ethical critique not at Jeff but at those who used him—possibly including himself and others in the justice system or the [Archdiocese of Milwaukee](#) who participated in constructing this absurd “serial killer” story.

It's a classic case of someone seemingly talking about one thing while actually referring to something else entirely. The inappropriate comparison and understated moral language reveal that the surface meaning can't be what O'Meara actually intended because O'Meara isn't dumb.



Jeff Dahmer's Courtroom Behavior Screams Isaac, Not Abraham

Jeff Dahmer's seemingly casual, even joking behavior in the courtroom aligns much better with someone who doesn't fully grasp the gravity of the situation than with a calculating killer facing life imprisonment. Of course, we know it's a fake news story and Jeff Dahmer was just a young man playing a role. However, how much was Jeff told about this role?

At one point, Jeff showed people a tabloid claiming he killed his cellmate, treating it as a joke. This suggests someone who doesn't seem to understand the seriousness of what's taking place.

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This behavior makes little sense for someone who actually committed the horrific crimes he was accused of.

However, it makes perfect sense if:

1. Jeff Dahmer was playing a role *he didn't fully understand*
2. He didn't actually commit the crimes (we know he didn't) and saw the sensationalist media as absurd
3. He was being led, like Isaac, through a process without comprehending the full implications

This behavior supports the interpretation that O'Meara may have seen Jeff Dahmer analogous to Isaac—**someone being led to a sacrifice without understanding the truth**. While Abraham (those orchestrating the case) knew what was happening, Isaac (Jeff Dahmer) remained partially in the dark.

Jeff's inappropriate courtroom behavior would be deeply troubling if he were actually guilty. But if he was an unwitting participant in this fabricated case, his inability to

maintain the appropriate demeanor becomes more understandable - since he was actually the monster he was portrayed to be, he couldn't fully inhabit that role.

This brief courtroom vignette adds another layer to O'Meara's cryptic biblical reference and suggests his choice of the Abraham/Isaac analogy may indeed have been deliberately chosen to communicate something about Jeff Dahmer's true position in the case.



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The Dual Burden: Silence and Obedience

The Abraham and Isaac story involves two profound moral challenges: the burden of silence and the weight of obedience. Abraham remains silent about his intentions (failing ethically, according to Kierkegaard), but he's also following orders from an authority he cannot question.

This dual struggle perfectly mirrors what O'Meara himself might have experienced since the case against Jeff was fabricated. As a prosecutor who later became a Jesuit priest, O'Meara would understand obedience intimately - both to the legal system and to Church authority.

Throughout his paper, O'Meara emphasizes Jeff Dahmer's silence:

Dahmer's guilty plea constituted the bulk of the words he said in open court before sentencing... he was never sworn in as a witness, he never spoke at trial, and all of his words were mediated by others who reported them.

This silence now appears strategic rather than incidental. By keeping Jeff Dahmer from speaking directly, those controlling the narrative could avoid unexpected contradictions. But it also means Jeff, like Isaac, remained silent as others determined his fate.



"The media has exaggerated stories about the priests because it hates Catholicism and doesn't understand us. So they make each story more gigantic than it should be."
(Gerald Boyle, Jeff Dahmer's attorney)

Gerald Boyle (Catholic), Jeff Dahmer, and Wendy Patrickus (Catholic)

Contradictions That Point to Fabrication

Throughout his paper, O'Meara methodically documents inconsistencies in the case.

- Jeff's accounts of his first murder changed dramatically over time
- The physical evidence didn't match Jeff's descriptions (like the impossible "teeth of bones")

- The strange absence of corpse mutilation charges despite the nature of the all crimes
- The lack of questioning about inconsistencies in Jeff's statements

These contradictions suggest a narrative constructed for effect rather than truth. the system proceeded as if everything made sense - perhaps because, like Abrahan those involved were following orders.



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Why This Matters

By invoking the story of Abraham and Isaac, O'Meara might be expressing his own discomfort with a deception that sacrificed Jeff Dahmer to protect others – potent members of the Catholic Church facing sexual abuse allegations.

The most haunting aspect of this interpretation is what it would mean for Jeff himself. Not a monster by nature, Jeff is a young man cast in a monstrous role—walking up mountain, unaware of why he was really there, silenced by those who should have told him the truth.

It's a reading that completely transforms our understanding of one of America's most notorious criminal cases. And it all hinges on one biblical reference that might be the key to unlocking the truth O'Meara couldn't state directly.

An Appeal for Truth

Father O'Meara, if you're reading this, I believe your paper contains clues about what really happened to Jeff. As someone who has dedicated his life to spiritual service, you understand better than most the tension between obedience and ethical truth-telling.

Your reference to Abraham's ethical failure suggests you feel the weight of silence, perhaps the burden of having obeyed institutions at the expense of complete truth. Like Abraham on Mount Moriah, perhaps you've carried this moral complexity for decades.

The Catholic tradition values confession and reconciliation alongside obedience.] there was a deception that used Jeff Dahmer as an unwitting sacrifice, sharing the truth could bring healing and justice – not just for Jeff but for all those affected by the fake news story.

It takes tremendous courage to question institutional obedience, especially when the institution is one you've committed your life to. But as your paper implies through Kierkegaard's critique, neither silence nor obedience absolves us of ethical responsibility.

The time for truth is now.

For more information, see [Why Did DA Michael McCann Share an Address with J Dahmer?](#) and [Jeff Dahmer's \\$10 Million Judgment: Why Did His Parents Escape Liability?](#)

For a detailed analysis of the trial (how they pulled it off), see [Jeff Dahmer's Trial: Exploration of the Peculiar Legal Process](#).



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It's great that you're continuing to investigate this story. I'm currently in Milwaukee and I'm doing a weekly radio show on a community radio station. I would like to do an episode on this case so I'm going to be looking over all of your articles soon. One comment I have about this one is the focus on CIA involvement. Miles Mathis, probably the leading researcher on fake serial killers, repeatedly reminds us that cases in which we are shown Court proceedings as a marker for CIA involvement. Essentially they are CIA courts.

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