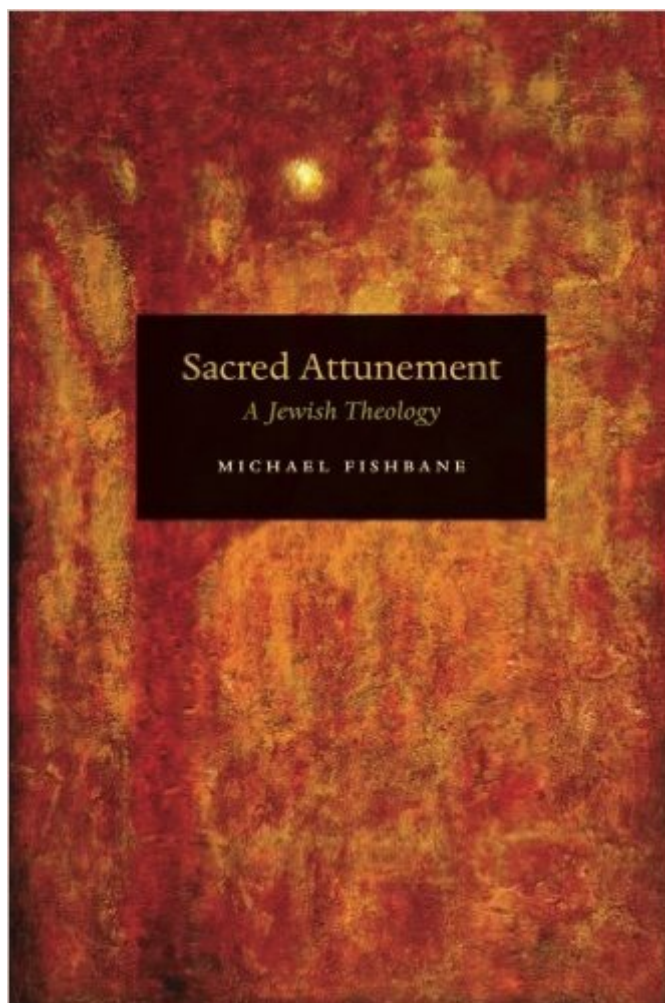


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Synopsis

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Michael Fishbane's theological ruminations are among the most honest, thorough, and moving that I've ever read. "Sacred Attunement" will one day be considered essential Jewish reading, of this I'm sure. Moreover, it should be considered by all theologians, irrespective of religious affiliation, as a worthy attempt to, as Fishbane puts it in the book's Acknowledgments, "provide [readers] with a

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Rabbi Ronald Levine, Ph.D.

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