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- What role did myths or mythical beings play in connection to, for instance, illnesses and remedies during the Viking Period and the Middle Ages?

• How did ordinary people experience participation in a more formal sacrificial feast led by ritual specialists?

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