

WHAT DOES G-D'S WORD AND SCIENCE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT

Eating Swine's Flesh

Many believe that it doesn't matter what people eat, thinking everything is sanctified by their prayers. We have reason to believe that G-d made **NO MISTAKE** when He declared the hog to be **UNCLEAN FOR FOOD**. Surely the Creator of our complex, intricate and wonderfully made human bodies knows what is the best fuel for proper maintenance and longevity. [CLEAN AND UNCLEAN MEATS](#) is a topic about which many people have little or no understanding.

Are certain foods harmful? Can every living creature be considered edible? How can we know what is good or fit for human consumption and what isn't? The good news is that G-d did provide us with some helpful instructions in His Word that should tell us that He really does care for His creation. Please read Leviticus chapter 11 and Deuteronomy chapter 14. These chapters contain the laws of Kashrut -- what is kosher and what is not -- what is food and what is not. These chapters in the Bible reveal what we eat is important to G-d and should be important to us.

In Leviticus 11:1-8, G-d speaks so plainly about how we can distinguish between the clean and the unclean beasts that no one would have any difficulty in knowing which may be eaten and which may not be eaten according to the Scriptures. In verse 7 and 8, the L-rd says of the swine, "though he divide the hoof, and be cloven footed, yet he chews not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall you not eat...."

If people were only willing to accept this plain, inspired declaration it would settle the question forever as to whether or not pork products should be eaten. Even among professing Christians, there are many who are not willing to accept G-d's Word as meaning just what it says. When their attention is called to the Scriptures, visions of barbecued pork chops, sizzling bacon and smoked ham and so forth are dancing in their heads. They begin immediately to consider that the beast really serves no useful purpose (like milking cows, working horses, sheep sheared, etc.), therefore, they say, it is good for nothing else, so G-d

must have created it for food, so let's eat it! Why is the same reasoning not applied to cats, rats, mice, lizards, dogs, snakes, etc.

The fact is, almost every living creature on this planet is looked upon by at least one of this world's cultures as a food source. What one culture considers disgusting, another calls a delicacy. Are all animals fit for human consumption, or are some of them actually inedible poisonous time bombs? No one would deny that there are numerous plants which are poisonous, (including house plants), some of which could kill within minutes. The same holds true for some animal flesh, but the poisons act more slowly -- usually taking many years before displaying their harmful effects.

This long term incubation period and the gradual deterioration of other bodily functions in the process, is the reason why the blame is often placed on these "other" problems, other than food. Granted, these other problems contribute to the degenerated conditions, but they are not to be identified as the sole contributing guilty factors.

Medical science is just beginning to discover the truth about the slow-acting poisons found in some commonly eaten animals such as the hog (once again medical science confirms what G-d has already informed us about thousands of years ago). Just because something is considered very palatable and can be placed into one's mouth, chewed up, and swallowed does not automatically categorize it as food. The hog occupies a large space on the dining room tables in millions of homes and many who have been reared in homes where pork was a part of the regular diet are surprised to hear that G-d forbids the eating of swine's flesh and that the medical profession during recent years prove it to be unsafe as an article of food. Let's take a closer look at this creature that millions continue to eat from head to tail.

Now gaze over into that sty my pork-eating friend. See the contented brute quietly reposing in the augmented filth of his own excrement! Look a little sharper and carefully scrutinize his skin. Is it smooth and healthy? Not exactly. So obscured is it by tetter and scruff and mange that you almost expect to see the rotten mass drop off as the grunting creature rubs against any projecting corner which may provide him a convenient scratching place. Stir up the beast and see how the skin rolls along, to reveal a mass of fat. If he were human, he would be expected

to drop off any day due to heart disease or some other cause. And so he will, unless of course, the butcher intervenes and gets to him first.

A Scrofulous Sewer System

But we have not half-examined our hog yet. Climb over into the sty, and take a closer look at the animal that is destined to delight your palate. Make him straighten out his forelegs. Do you see the open sore or spout a few inches above his foot on the inner side? Do you think that it is a mere accidental cut or abrasion? Find the same on the other leg; it is a wise and wonderful provision of nature. Now grasp the leg high up, and press downward. Ah, now you see its purpose, as a mass of corruption, a dark, black, putrid substance, begins to ooze out.

That opening, my friend, is the outlet of a sewer -- yes, a scrofulous sewer; and hence the offensive matter which discharges from it. Should you fill a syringe with some coloured dye and inject the creature, you would be able to trace all through its body, a network of little pipes connecting with it. What must be the condition of any animal so **FOUL**, that it requires a regular system of **DRAINAGE** to convey away its teeming filth? Sometimes the outlet gets clogged by the accumulation of external filth. Then the scrofulous stream ceases to flow and the animal quickly sickens and dies unless the parts are cleansed and opened to once again allow the sludge to flow. Doesn't that sound appetizing?

What dainty morsels these same feet and legs make! What a delicious flavour they have, as every gourmet chef quickly asserts! Why, don't you know that these delicious legs (or hocks) are the primary ingredient for headcheese? (Actually, parts of the head are still used, and even his ears and tail are included.) Do you suppose the corruption with which they are saturated has any influence upon their taste and healthfulness?

Is there no end to his usefulness? His blood is turned into blood pudding; his stomach is transformed into tripe; his feet are pickled; his intestines are used for sausage covers; his heart, liver and kidney are cooked; and his very bristles are sought for wax ends. The hog is virtually consumed from head to toe! "Oh, but the pig has been domesticated for years," you say. "Pigs are better fed now, they eat

wholesome grains and their pens are kept cleaner as well." I will comment on this assertion later.

Lard - Extract of a Diseased Carcass

Now, let's look at the inside of this delicious beast! Just under the skin we find from two to six inches of fat covering a large portion of the body. What is this? "Lard," says one; "animal oil," says another, "an excellent thing to consume." Lard? Animal oil? Very truly, it has become the only substance which many people use to prepare their cooked (fried) foods. And, we will add, as synonyms: disease, scrofula, torpid liver.

Where did all that fat come from anyway? It isn't natural because fat is deposited in large quantities only to keep the body warm in winter. This fat is much more than is necessary for that purpose. It is disease. Impurities collect in the fat. So gross have been the habits of the animal that its liver, lungs, kidneys and intestines have been unable to carry away the impurities. And even the extensive system of sewerage already described was insufficient to purge so vile a body of the debris that abounds in every organ and saturates every tissue. Consequently, this flood of disease, which made the blood a black, turbid current, was crowded out of the veins and arteries into the tissues, and there accumulated as fat. Lard, then, is nothing more than the extract of a diseased carcass. Observe the glands that lie about the neck. Instead of being of their ordinary size, and composed of the usual gland structure, we find in them large masses of scrofulous tissue.

Tubercles in the Lungs

Now examine the lungs. If the hog is more than a few months old, you may find large numbers of tubercles (small abnormal discrete lumps). If he is much more than a year old, you will probably find a portion of the lung consolidated and black. Yet this filthy, diseased mass is cooked as a delicious morsel. If the animal had escaped the butcher's knife a few years ago, he would have died of tuberculosis consumption.

Abscesses in Liver Develop Tapeworms

Cut into the animals liver. In seventy-five cases out of a hundred you will find it filled with abscesses (localized collections of pus surrounded by inflamed tissue). In a yet larger percentage will be found the same diseased products that seem to infest every organ, tissue and structure. It's shocking to see how these rotten, diseased, scrofulous livers are being eaten and relished by thousands.

Look again at the diseased liver. Upon closer inspection we discover numerous little sacs, or cysts, about the size of a hemp seed. As soon as they are taken into the stomach, the gastric juice dissolves the membranous sac, and liberates a minute animal, furnished with a head and four suckers, which attaches itself to the wall of the intestine, and begins to grow. In a short time it produces an addition to its body, which is attached like a joint behind. Soon a duplicate of this is produced, and then another and another, until a body 50 to 70 feet in length is formed. This is a **TAPEWORM**.

Pork-Eating Causes Tapeworm

The embryonic worms consist of a pair of hooklets so shaped that a twisting motion will cause them to penetrate the tissue after the fashion of a corkscrew. Countless numbers of these may be taken into the system since a single tapeworm has been found to contain more than two million eggs. By a boring motion, the parasites penetrate into every part of the body. Piercing the walls of the blood vessels they are swept along in the blood, thus finding their way even to the most delicate structures of the human system. They have been found in all the organs of the body, even in the brain and the eyes.

When developed in the eye, they cause blindness. When lodged in the lungs, or other organs, they interfere with their proper function. In the liver, a serious and often fatal disease, known as hydatids, is caused by the extraordinary development of cysts, which are originally are not larger than a pea, but by excessive growth assume enormous proportions.

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Assist your eyesight by a good microscope, and you will be convinced that you have only just caught a glimpse of the enormous filthiness of

the loathsome pig. Take a thin slice of lean flesh, adjust the eyepiece, and look. If you are fortunate, you will find hundreds of voracious little animals, each coiled up in its little cell, waiting to emerge and begin its work of devastation. A gentleman in Louisville has completed extensive research upon this subject reported that they found at the various packinghouses in the city, one hog in fifty infested with trichinae.

Trichina and its Terrible Danger

The Trichina is enclosed in a little cyst or sac, which when taken into the stomach, is dissolved by the gastric juice. The parasite, set at liberty, penetrates the walls of the stomach and gradually works its way throughout the whole muscular system. It possesses the power of propagating its species with wonderful rapidity, so that once a person is infested, they are almost certain to die a lingering death of excruciating agony. In Helstadt, Prussia, 103 persons were infected and 20 of them died within a month.

Pork-Eating Causes Cancer and Other Fatal Diseases

It is not known how many deaths are due to this cause, for many persons die of unknown diseases. In some of its stages trichinosis resembles some other diseases, and therefore many illnesses are often attributed to something other than its true cause. For example, thousands of people have died of pneumonia who are actually infected with the HIV virus.

Cancer is not a "local" disease, generally speaking. It is the result of complete degeneration in body organs and tissues by the long term accumulation of poisonous toxins. These toxins eventually cause a breakdown in the weakest system or organ so that it appears that the disease has manifested or developed locally. The treatment of cancer requires the treatment of the whole person rather than the commonly accepted local, symptomatic approach to combating the disease. Total detoxification of the body by chelation therapy is necessary in order to begin and restore the body's natural healing processes and defenses.

We have already described the pig's internal sewer system. The fact that the hog does not have sweat glands is another reason for the accumulation of toxins in its own flesh. Does it make sense that man

should then eat the hog? Is it not proved that the hog is nothing more than an animated mass of physical defilement?

A Poorly Designed Digestive System

Some will assert that the pig is no more filthy in its eating habits than a chicken. If this were true, there is still a tremendous difference between the digestive system of a hog and that of a chicken. The chicken has two stomachs, the glandular stomach and the gizzard. This is common in clean (kosher) birds like the chicken, turkey, and certain species of ducks and geese. This system is absent in vultures, hawks, eagles, pelicans, and swans -- birds which are, incidentally, not kosher.

Knowing these facts about the chicken, we can begin to understand why the Creator permitted it to be used for food because it has a digestive system similar to that of other clean (kosher) beasts -- a digestive system more capable of eliminating impurities from the food eaten than the digestive system of unclean (treif) animals.

Kosher animals are those that chew the cud and have a divided hoof (Leviticus 11:2,3). These animals not only subsist entirely on sanitary foods (try feeding the contents of a slop pail to a cow), but they also have a unique digestive system which, because of its cleansing and eliminating possibilities, tends to make their flesh more wholesome for food.

The above fact is emphasized by Dr. Thomas H. Nelson who wrote, "the animals that chew the cud and divided the hoof, such as the ox, sheep, goat, deer, buffalo, etc., because of the saculated condition of the alimentary canal and the secondary cud receptacle, have practically three stomachs, as refining agencies and cleansing laboratories, for the purifying of their food; thus weeding out from their systems most of the poisonous and deleterious matter."

He further states, "It thus takes clean, vegetable food over 24 hour to be turned into flesh... The dietary habits of all such vegetarian animals were also clean in comparison with that of the omnivorous swine. On examining the swine's anatomy, we find that as a supplement to its bad appetite, he has but one poorly constructed stomach arrangement, and very limited excretory organs generally. Consequently, in about three

hours after he has eaten his polluted swill, putrid carrion, or other offensive matter, man may eat the same in second-hand style off the ribs of the pig."

From the foregoing, some may be led to conclude, as I had mentioned earlier, that if the hog was kept in clean quarters and given nothing but pure food to eat, that its flesh would be just as desirable and fit for human consumption as any other animal, but this is **NOT TRUE**. You could take a hog and force it into the most sanitary conditions and nourish it upon delicacies -- and it would still be unfit for food because it would still remain hygienically and physiologically unclean!

Poisons may sometimes appear to be good and very palatable. They may even contribute some very useful components to the system. I could serve you a glass of milk laced with a minute amount of cyanide every day and it would contain many useful nutrients, but over the long term, the poison would still have its effect. If some animals are really poisonous to eat, then why did G-d create them? The answer is quite simple really: they have other purposes. The inappropriateness of the above question may be shown by other similar ones, such as, "If water wasn't meant to be breathed, why did G-d create it?" Or, "If it's possible to set fire to yourself, why did G-d create fire?"

The Purpose of the Hog

It has been definitely proven that food taken into our bodies will, in the course of seven years, change our dispositions and character. G-d, understanding all about this, revealed this knowledge when He divided the meat food for mankind. G-d designed the hog to be a scavenger in the animal kingdom. Everyone who knows anything about the hog knows that it is, by nature, a dirty creature that will eat practically anything (including its own feces).

G-d created scavengers of the land and water to keep and preserve a clean, healthy environment. G-d never intended for man to eat the hog, vulture, raven, lobster, shrimp, crab, shark, etc.; in short, any water creatures lacking fins and scales, birds of prey, animals lacking clean characteristics and unacceptable creeping things, like lizards, crocodiles, snakes and frogs. The smooth-skinned catfish (no scales) for example, is

unclean because it is a scavenger. With the aid of its long tactile barbels, it feeds on debris lying on the bottom of rivers and lakes.

As a scavenger, the hog's snout was perfectly designed (like a vacuum cleaner), to search and probe for corruption, which it consumes voraciously, cleaning up the filth of the land.

It has been medically and scientifically concluded that animal fats are a big factor in producing cholesterol in the blood and too much cholesterol causes hardening of the arteries. Why not lessen the chances of having to suffer the miseries of arteriosclerosis or other terminal diseases by abstaining from pork in all its forms? Dr. Cary Reams, a biochemist, wrote, "Just because today's hogs are raised on grains and in hog parlours under antiseptic conditions...the hog still presents digestive problems." Dr. Reams discovered that the calories in beef, pork, fish, or anything else per gram of lean meat are almost the same. There is very little difference here, but what he discovered is that such unclean meats as pork, shrimp, lobsters, scallops, clams, oysters, and catfish (along with many others) produce very high energy levels. But the problem is that they expend these high energy levels very quickly!

Dr. Reams emphasizes, "You must have a time limit on it. In other words, the unclean meats digest in a period of three hours. The clean meats require about 18 hours. What this means is that the energy in pork and other unclean meats is released in three hours instead of 18."

Why would it be so bad for these meats to digest so quickly? It's bad because according to Dr. Reams: "It's like putting aviation fuel in a compact car - in a motor that's not built for it! With the way we live today, such quick energy tends to burn out our system...causing many physical problems. We may eat these high energy meats for years and appear seemingly healthy, but this continued abuse of our body one day surfaces into a serious terminal disease."

Dr. Reams found that even people who do hard physical work such as construction workers and farmers come in to see him with serious problems, even though they expend a great deal of energy in their work. He states that some people 30 and 35 years of age look like they are 70 or 75 because of indiscretionary eating habits. He adds, "We

take these people off the unclean meats, teach them what to eat, and in six months they look younger than their years!"

G-d's Word on Unclean Meats

It is not difficult to admit that people have drifted so far from G-d and His Word, that almost everyone is given over to eating excessively of unclean foods, especially of pork. To all such persons, G-d makes a forceful appeal, "I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts, a people, who continually provoke Me to My face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on bricks; who sit among graves, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, and the broth of unclean meat is in their pots" (Isaiah 65:2-4). Verse 5 indicates that those who were anciently rebelling against G-d by eating pork, resented being told that they were doing anything wrong, and were ready to tell the abstaining teachers to stand aside with that doctrine which would condemn the eating of swine's flesh. Times may change, but the attitude of many people is still the same today.

As incontestable as the Scriptures are on this subject, a number of common objections are brought against them by those who wrestle with a few seemingly difficult passages on this subject in an effort to justify their own disobedience.

Peter's Vision

It is said that Peter's vision of the sheet coming down with all manner of beasts was a lesson that we did not need to abstain from unclean foods, but Peter explains this differently in Acts 10:28 where he says that "G-d has shown me not to call any **PERSON** common or unclean." It was a lesson regarding men of other nations, and not respecting meats. The fact that Peter, upon beholding the vision said to the L-rd, that nothing unclean had ever entered his mouth, shows that even after at least ten years since the crucifixion of Yeshua HaMashiach, he was still observing Kashrut -- G-d's dietary laws of the clean and unclean. He did not believe that G-d's Torah was nailed to the execution stake and he certainly had not begun eating all kinds of meats. "I have never eaten food that was unclean or treif" (Acts 10:14).

Some will say that Yeshua taught it was not that which entered the mouth that defiled the body, but that which proceedeth from the heart. How true this is! Mark 7:19 is often taken out of context in order to support the false teaching that Yeshua made all foods clean. The fact is, Yeshua never once even hinted that all meats were made clean. The entire context of Mark 7 is a vital concept involving our **MIND** and not physical food. Taking a bit of dirt when you eat cannot defile you, but it is that which comes **OUT** of a man that defiles him. A little dirt doesn't harm you because it doesn't enter the mind; rather it passes through the normal bodily functions (verses 18-19). This passage has absolutely nothing to do with clean and unclean meats.

In the King James version, the word "draught" (Mark 7:19) refers to a sewer or digestive process and "purging all meats" means carrying off all that is eaten (through elimination). Some translators have **ADDED** (in parentheses) a biased statement (not part of the original text) purposely altering the true meaning of G-d's Word. (Compare this verse in the KJV with the NASV, NIV, RSV and the Living Bible.)

Another Scripture often quoted to "prove" that all animal flesh is good for human consumption is Romans 14:14. The first point that should be made clear is the marginal reference in many Bibles that indicates that the word "unclean" should be rendered "common", which is an entirely different word with a different meaning! Notice that both occur in Acts 10:14. "Unclean" (akarthatos) means unclean or impure naturally, whereas, "common" (koinos) means polluted. Romans 14:14 uses the word koinos and is therefore referring to pollution. "Clean" meat is made "common" (polluted) by strangulation and/or by leaving the blood in it (Acts 15:20). It can also become "common" through disease.

With this understanding, the verse in question becomes clear. Nothing is polluted of itself (although it can be unclean) but if anyone thinks that the meat might be polluted (offered to an idol, strangled, or with blood), he should treat it accordingly.

Another difficult passage for many, is 1 Timothy 4:3-5. The meats that G-d created to be received with thanksgiving (verse 3) are clearly stated in His Word (Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14). They are the **CLEAN** meats. They are **KOSHER**. G-d has sanctified (or set apart) certain foods by the Word of G-d, and by prayer, that are good to use, but

many meats have never been sanctified by the Word of G-d. There were some people in the early church who were causing division among the brethren by insisting that believers shouldn't eat meat, (period), and should only eat vegetables (Romans 14:2). Rav Sha'ul (Paul) calls this a heresy in 1 Timothy 4:13.

In II Corinthians 6:17 the L-rd tells us to come out from them (be a separate people), and not touch the unclean, and He will receive us. This text refers to the unclean meats, just as it did in the Old Testament times.

In Isaiah 66:16,17 the L-rd says, *"For by fire and by His sword will the L-rd plead with all flesh: and the slain of the L-rd shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the L-rd."*

People are everywhere claiming to be Christians, and standing behind one tree, or behind a leader, and eating swine's flesh. And as these texts unmistakably refer to the judgment time, which is very near, will you not separate yourself from them, and follow the L-rd as your Leader?

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