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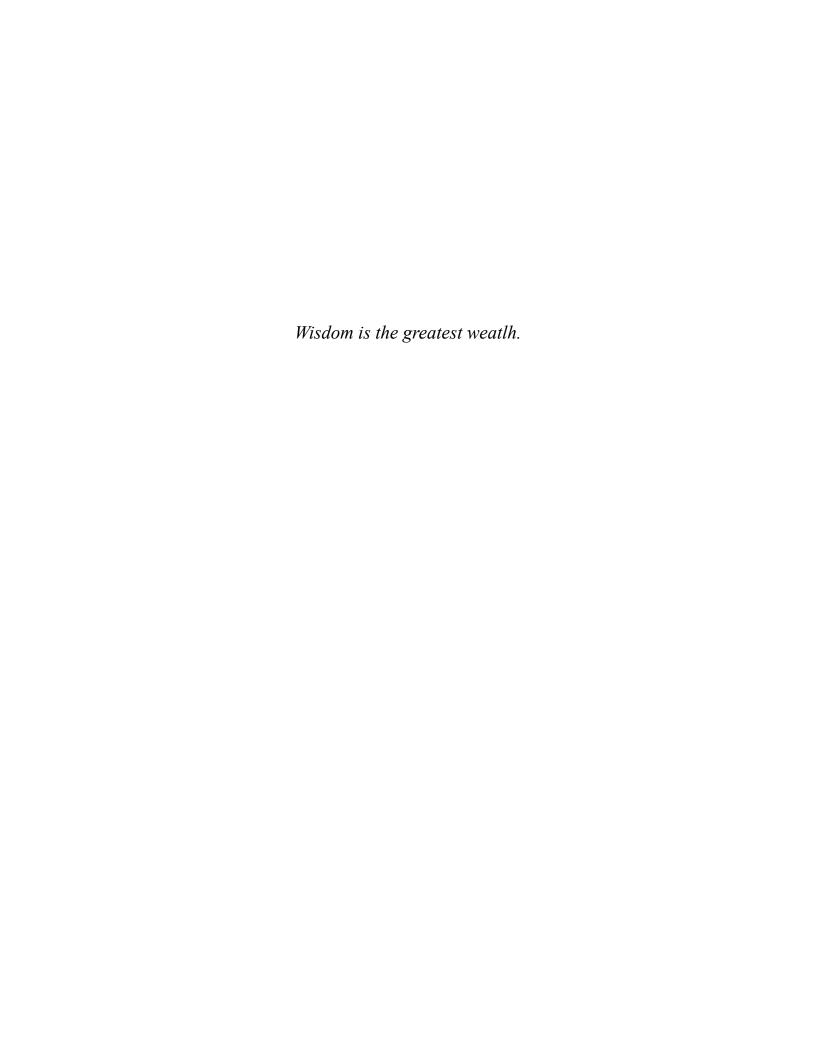
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Introduction

The purpose of this book is to provide an examination into the numerous foods that Yah-weh has provided for Christians through His undying Law. This distinctive work shatters several myths supporting the "eat anything doctrine" that has become rampant among mainstream 'churches' by examining the scriptures false prophets twist to teach that it's somehow okay to eat swine (or even worse abominations). While offering Christians a set of guidelines helping them to make informed choices at the grocery store, it will also arm the reader with the scriptures needed to disprove those who promote such immoral doctrines.

Perhaps more than any other aspect of Christianity God's own food Laws will be the one area that you're attacked most for honoring. Negative sentiment often comes from unlearned or hard-hearted "believers" themselves who have been erroneously taught to dismiss Yahweh's food Laws as an outdated Jewish concept. Strictly following the Biblical food Laws is not necessary for salvation itself because Christians are saved by grace, not works (Ephesians 2:9). Still, Yahweh gave these commandments (not suggestions) so they should be honored by sincere Christians who desire to know the morality of their own God.

Not everything found at the local grocery store meat counter is "fit to eat" so believers much turn to God's own food Laws transcribed in both Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. There is an extremely hard-hearted attitude toward following these clearly-defined dietary habits that our Creator Jesus would have us follow. Surprisingly, the justifications for eating what God has forever cursed come mostly from self-professing Christians who feel that following these eternal Laws means they would be 'judaized' by doing so. From these types of ignorant statements one can safely deduct that these same so-called "believers" are in reality fictional 'judeo-Christians' because within their own words they also claim that the jews are somehow 'God's chosen' by misidentifying them as Israelites.

To over-simplify those among the Christian faith who refuse to follow the eternal Law in which we're Judged according to by Yahweh it would simply be antichrist. To deny the Mosaic Law is to also deny the clear-cut teachings of the Bible that state it was Jesus Christ who gave these perfect Laws and adamantly protested that "one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law (Matthew 5:18)." The Biblical definition of antichrist is one who denies Jesus as 'Christ' and in essence believes that Emmanuel is not "God with us (Matthew 1:23)" meaning YHVH Himself. In short, those who choose to deny Paul's plain teachings in 1st Corinthians 10:1-5 that the "Rock was Christ" further deny Jesus His rightful position in the trinity.

It's a sad state of affairs when so-called Christians choose to dismiss over two-thirds God's Word feeling that it is somehow obsolete or 'not-binding' when the only Biblical definition of sin is "a transgression of the law (1 John 3:4)" and found in the New Testament. It seems that many people would rather pervert the title of Christian by using it as a shield to promote all manner of wickedness and instead "give heed to jewish fables (Titus 1:14)" or "love the lie (Rev. 22:15)."

While a majority of Saxons having morals would never consider eating a vulture nor slug, many love to suggest that the mud-dwelling pig is magically now made clean with the help of man.

This is simply not so.

The Law: Yahweh's Will

When studying the Mosaic Law one must always remember one thing – Yahweh's Law is forever. While Jesus Christ certainly abolished the statutes or blood rituals being "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8)," His entire ministry was devoted to teaching this same Law and correcting those who had fallen aside to doctrinal perversions. There are well over a hundred recorded events in the Bible where our Savior corrected the masses by simply repeating "It is written." The reason for this is the eternal Law -- here are several examples:

Leviticus 3:17; "It shall be a perpetual [eternal] statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood."

Leviticus 10:9-10; "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever [perpetual] throughout your generations: And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean."

Leviticus 16:31; "It shall be a Sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever."

Leviticus 23:31; "Ye shall do no manner of work [on the Sabbath]: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings."

Deuteronomy 4:39-40; "Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that YHVH is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which YHVH thy God giveth thee, for ever."

Deuteronomy 12:28; "Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of Yahweh thy God."

Deuteronomy 19:9; "If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love YHVH thy God, and to walk ever [forever] in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three."

Deuteronomy 29:29; "The secret things belong unto Yahweh our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."

Ecclesiastes 12:13; "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Luke 6:46; "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Surely everyone can agree that 'forever' really means forever because that is exactly what these verses are saying. We've established three important facts thus far -- #1) God's Law itself is eternal, #2) Jesus as God taught these same Laws and #3) Sin means transgression of these same Laws. Now, if these same food Laws are eternal and 'ever-binding' than we should be able to trust that Yahweh knows what's in our best interests to eat even if we don't.

Taking this one step further we could simply mention that Jesus is the Word from the beginning (John 1:1), the Alpha and Omega (Revelation 1:8) and the living Word (Revelation 19:13), so man's refusal to accept 'the unity of the scriptures' is in essence denying the Messiah Himself who birthed these same Laws. God in the Old Covenant says; "For I am YHVH, I change not (Malachi 3:6)" and the New Covenant exclaims; "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8)."

Moreover, the first and foremost command is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me (Exodus 20:3 & Deuteronomy 5:7)" further proving that those who refuse to acknowledge Jesus as "King of kings and Lord of lords (1st Timothy 6:15)" are serving another god not found in our Testaments who is without a doubt one (John 10:30) and equal in all aspects. Neither the scriptures nor God change, thus those who speak of 'contradictions' in the Bible serve a contradictory and changing God at best.

Sadly, a majority of 'Christian scholars' are bewildered concerning the difference between an ordinance, statute or a law and instead teach that the Old Covenant Law is obsolete and no longer binding. Ironically, these same types of anti-Christians can be found lobbying to remove the 10 commandments displays from American courthouses but (by Jesus' own definition) they can be no more Christian than Satan himself.

Matthew 5:17-18 plainly reads; "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

There is so much wisdom to be found in this verse. Notice that Jesus says "Think not?" That means that it's a violation of His commandment to even assume that Yahweh's Law is 'nailed to

the cross' or done away with. Jesus also says He didn't come to destroy these Laws but to "fulfil" them. The word used here for fulfill is taken from the Greek *pleroô* (pronounced play-ro'-o) which means "verify, perfect or supply (Strongs #G4137)." Jesus also says that until "heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." As long as this old earth keeps spinning around the Sun, these Laws are to be followed and obeyed just as Jesus kept Yahweh's Law perfectly. It's truly amazing that so-called 'teachers' would say otherwise considering Jesus Himself even added additional commandments to Yahweh's unspoiled Law proving He was God (Deuteronomy 4:2).

One that proves this point is found in Matthew 7:21; "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

The Animals: Mammals

The so-called 'first giving' of the Law is recorded in the 11th chapter of Leviticus and the 'second giving' is found in Deuteronomy 14. Sincere Christians should memorize these chapter numbers for easy reference until they're familiar with Yahweh's suggested eating habits. "Yahweh spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat (Leviticus 11:1-3)."

"Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. Every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat (Deuteronomy 14:3 & 6)."

The condition for mammals is that they must "part the hoof" or be cloven-footed and "chew the cud" or be a free-grazing animal. The Bible teaches that they must do both and even lists the exceptions;

"These shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you (Leviticus 11:4-8)."

"These ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you. And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase (Deuteronomy 14:7-8)."

The coney and hare are both types of rabbits and as such are rodents -- an abominable food to Yahweh equal to that of the pig. In Isaiah 66:17 it states; "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 Yahweh." The camel has hooves like that of a horse but chews the cud so he's unclean while the pig is the exact opposite with a split-hoof but doesn't chew the cud. Both of these animals are unclean.

"These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois (Deuteronomy 14:4-5)."

Here's a few extras; "These also shall be unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise after his kind, And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole. These are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even (Leviticus 11:29-31)."

Often, false prophets like to teach that 'swine' meant something entirely different during Biblical times so an examination on the abomination known as the hog is in order. The word 'swine' used in both instances is taken from the Hebrew word *chaziyr* (pronounced khaz-eer') and it literally means "hog, boar or swine (Strongs #H2386)." In the New Testament 'swine' comes from the Greek *choiros* (pronounced khoy-'ros) which also means "hog or swine (Strong's #G5519)."

No doubt about it, today's modern pig is the same filthy swine of yesteryear.

The Animals: Fish

Conditions for seafood begin in Leviticus 11:9; "These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat. And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you: They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you."

"These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat: And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you (Deuteronomy 14:9-10)."

The seafood category is relatively easy; creatures from the sea must have fins and scales. Catfish and shark are unclean because they have no scales but have fins, shrimp are an abomination as is the lobster because they both have neither and survive off the feces of other fish. As you can already see among each class of animals Yahweh has separated out the 'clean' from the 'unclean' and the short of it this -- the unclean are considered scavengers. Think of a fresh-water fish tank, one may become hungry just looking at a fresh salmon but few people would want to have the 'algae-eater' or 'sucker-fish' for supper.

The old adage of "you are what you eat" really does apply in life because the human body absorbs every toxin that an unclean animal harbors throughout its life. For example, the pig has no sweat glands and usually eats 'slop' and garbage. Every bit of that disgusting bile the animal eats is retained within its fat tissue and a human who eats that animal ingests the same filth, both spiritually and physically. Go to a pig roast in the Deep South for example and notice the patrons eating become 'dulled down' as if a mild case of retardation is setting in. This is also why the secular media pushes swine on practically every fast-food television commercial from bacon burgers to Mc®ib sandwiches, all while abstaining from the meat themselves.

Christians should always be on guard.

The Animals: Birds

Let's look deeper at fowl starting at Leviticus 11:13; "These are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, And the vulture, and the kite after his kind; Every raven after his kind; And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind, And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle, And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you. Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth."

"Of all clean birds ye shall eat. But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind, And every raven after his kind, And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind, The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan, And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant, And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. And every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten. But of all clean fowls ye may eat (Deuteronomy 14:11-20)."

The condition for birds is that they must "have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth" and not fall into any of the listed unclean categories. Naturally, only the eggs of clean fowl can be eaten. For the most part, there are very few violations of this rule within the Christian societies because nobody really eats owl, hawk, eagles or bats because most of these animals are protected in the United States of America and Great Britain. "Science" will also say that the bat is a rodent and not a bird like it's any better a creature.

Ostrich is sometimes packaged like burger meat but it's still forbidden.

The Animals: Insects

"These of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind. But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you. And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever touches the carcass of them shall be unclean until the even (Leviticus 11:22-24)."

The thought of eating insects is almost disgusting to most Christians and many trains of thought believe the grasshopper to have been "Prophet's food." However, one can see the personality of Yahweh in this passage because a Christian believer will have to search long and hard to find a "four-footed" insect.

Insects have six legs, so have fun looking.

"Every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten. Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination. Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby. For I am Yahweh your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth (Leviticus 11:41-44)."

The Penalty: Preperation

Yahweh gives Christians several provisions on how to prepare meat for consumption. In Deuteronomy 14:21 it states; "Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto Yahweh thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk."

First off, don't boil a baby calf in his own mother's milk -- common sense. Also notice that our meat must be slaughtered and prepared for the purpose of eating only. Any animals that die of old age, disease or unknown reasons are unclean and must be discarded with the utmost care. "If any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even. And he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even (Leviticus 11:39-40)."

Remember that even touching an unclean animal's carcass is forbidden. Use extreme caution around raw swine because it hides under numerous names -- ham, bacon, boar, hog, pepperoni, salami, rinds and meat sticks are just a few. Also be wise to snacks that are prepared using lard, in the Deep South many snack-cakes are cooked in pig's fat and some generic soaps are processed with lard. For example, the standard-issue bar of soap given to inmates in prison are made with swine so self-conscious inmates must purchase better brands from the system itself.

The Penalty: Diseases

Many types of common diseases found in man can be traced back to the intake of swine including a few you might not be aware of like diabetes, colon cancer and high blood pressure. The Review and Herald Magazine published June 20, 1899 offers this tidbit of information; "The eating of pork has produced scrofula, leprosy, and cancerous tumors." Of course some circles within the *pharmakeia* like to claim such quotes are outdated but a decent self-study will result in some surprising results.

A Christian that trusts in Yahweh must also do what He says and not turn aside to following current trend. One can't neglect these mandatory food Laws given to us by Yahweh (through His servant Moses) and expect to be in good health with a sober mind.

In this same train of thought consider this telling passage; "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous (I John 5:3)."

The Excuses: Peter's Vision

Those that seek to follow lawlessness will usually quote Peter's vision in the book of Acts more than any other section of scripture. This account can be found in Acts, chapter 10 starting with verse 9; "On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, call not thou common (Acts 10:9-15)."

Interesting of note is that the Apostle Peter himself "doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean (Acts 10:17)" but so many modern teachers claim to have 'all understanding' about this particular vision. They will usually state that it's here where Yahweh lifted the ban on His numerous food Laws and that because of this account it's okay to eat pork again. The sad thing about this mentality is that these same false teachers are bastardizing the Dispersion to the Gentiles given to Peter and his ministry. Let's see what this vision really means

using the Bible as it's own narrative.

Simply skip on down to the 28th verse and we'll find the needed answer when Peter himself says "Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Judean to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean." There is a huge difference between man and animal and as you can see this is the exact opposite teaching of what most 'one-verses-preachers' seek to promote. It's suggested that you take the time to read the entire account in your own private study because if you intend to do as Yahweh says, this will be the verse that our common enemy uses against you, guaranteed.

The Excuses: Man's Heart

Another popular verse with antinomians is found in the 15th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew and it's a passage spoken by Christ himself. In verse 11 Jesus teaches us "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." What's so sad about the unequipped rebel who uses this verse is that it can easily be discredited by reading the entire account.

Start at the beginning and we can see that it's a teaching about 'washing hands' spoken to the scribes and Pharisees. It states; "Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition (Matthew 15:1-3)?"

Following that, Jesus continues; "Hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man (Matthew 15:7-11)."

Here we see that Christ is referencing the prophet Isaiah who said "Wherefore Yahweh said, Forasmuch as this people draw near with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men (Isaiah 29:13)." Like usual, the Messiah returns to the scripture to drive home His point -- these Pharisees didn't keep the Mosaic Law, rather their own traditions.

Finally, Jesus begins to tell us what we need to know; "Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable (Mat.15:12-15)."

Notice that we're told "every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" proving once again that there are literal seeds on earth that are not planted by Yahweh. Jesus later expands this in the parable of the tares and wheat and later strikes down the spurious fig tree Himself (Matthew 21:18-22).

Finally, the answer from Jesus himself; "Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man (Matthew 15:16-20)."

Does this sound like Jesus Christ was teaching that it's okay to eat mouse and bat or was teaching a lesson on hypocrisy? Notice how He referred back to Yahweh's Word when teaching against "the commandments of men?" Ironically, today's government preachers preach the food Laws are abolished but Jesus' own Words teach otherwise.

The Excuses: Swine Herd

Friends, about the silliest thing I've heard was a fellow Christian that suggested pork was now made 'clean' because Jesus had cast demons into pigs resulting in their death. I'm certainly not clear on how this theology would suddenly make swine any cleaner a food because by my reasoning the account would make them even more forbidden to eat by Christians. This concept is a prime example of a new doctrine so we should read the account itself in Matthew 8:28-34 before any more fall aside;

"When he [Jesus] was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine (Matthew 8:28-31)."

As we can see, there were two men possessed by demons that were "exceeding fierce" and very dangerous. As soon as Jesus draws near to these unfortunate men the demons ask Him "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God?" and further request to be cast into the filthy swine nearby. Devils and demons in the scripture are also considered 'unclean spirits (Matthew 12:43)' meaning that they can only occupy an unclean vessel or unrepentant sinner, not viseversa.

Here's how Christ answers; "Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and

perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts (Matthew 8:32-34)."

The Messiah grants their silly request to 'go into' the nearby swine but as a result the hindered hogs become frenzied and run down the hill into the ocean waters and perish. This is yet another proof that Jesus was God because only Yahweh can kill evil spirits but what we need to focus on here is what happens afterwards -- the ungrateful hog farmers run to town to complain and in turn the townsfolk request that Jesus leave. Things never change when it comes to "the love of money (1 Timothy 6:10)."

Does this story sound like Jesus had a change of heart and made the forever-cursed pig fit to eat? Christians who might fall aside to this twisted logic must somehow 'spiritualize' this account and assume that because the unclean spirits were cast into unclean pigs that they were made clean. It's sort of like the 'new math' that is taught in our government indoctrination centers known as public schools, that is: 1+1=0.

Twist as they like, the theory doesn't fit.

The Truth: Isaiah's Prophecies

Towards the beginning of this book we covered a few of the passages that antinomians use to push filthy boar on well-meaning Christians, mainly the infamous "Acts Answer" and Jesus' own teaching on hand-washing. As you can already gather from having read this far, nothing is too outrageous and no verse is safe when it comes to those who seek to justify their own lawlessness in the Bible. Still, we should probe deeper at three particular passages that are found in Isaiah that many swine-eaters purposely overlook.

Starting in Isaiah 65:2-5 it reads; "I [YHVH] have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way not good, after their own thoughts; A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day."

We should all be able to deduct from this passage alone that the "way" considered not good by God is people who walk "after their own thoughts" or inventions. Furthermore, these same people who refuse God's Law provoke Him to anger continually and again the eating of pig is listed by name as one of the things that offend. Notice that the hypocrites who engage in this filthy

practice consider themselves "holier than thou?" Nothing ever changes.

Also, in Isaiah 66:1-4 it states; "Thus saith Yahweh, The heaven is my throne, and the earth my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith Yahweh: but to this will I look, to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not."

Practically building on the same theme of those who feel more 'holy' than God by throwing out His perfect food Laws comes this great passage proving Yahweh chooses those who are poor, of a contrite spirit and 'tremble' at God's Word and commandments. We also find the use of two negative contrasts -- the dog and hog. Yahweh says these lawless souls delight in their filth so He hands them over to delusions and fears because they refuse to listen to the Word of God.

Finally, a few verses later in Isaiah 66:15-17 we can read this latter-day prophecy; "For, behold, YHVH will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will YHVH plead with all flesh: and the slain of YHVH 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 YHVH."

Facts remain, the swine is listed by name as a filthy beast numerous times in both the Old and New Testaments and the increased intake of this abomination by mankind is a sure-fire sign of the end-time apostasy (Isaiah 66:17).

Indeed, even those who posses a public-school education should be able to gather that this is speaking of the return of Christ. YHVH returns with fire in anger against all flesh and many will be slain. Once again we discover that those who eat the disgusting pig shall (not might) be consumed together like all things that offend. This is a very serious situation for those who choose to risk their own interpretations over what is plainly written. It's simply not worth it.

The Truth: Artificial Creators

God's food Laws are important because what we eat directly affects both our physical and mental health and depending on how clean or unclean our bodies are regulates our portion of the Holy Spirit that refuses to dwell in an unclean 'vessel.' The lawless will stoop to almost retarded levels of justification for their reasons to refuse God's eternal Law and nowhere in scripture can

we accuse others because Jesus says "I have foretold you all things." Christians can't blame false prophets during Judgment.

Extreme idiots love to dream up long lists of animals that are so-called 'created' by man and once during a debate this author heard another Christian put forth the theory that the chicken is just as dirty as the pig because it's supposedly man-made. I say to you that man doesn't posses the ability to create anything rather pervert what Yahweh had already made perfect. I simply asked if the cock that crowed when Peter denied Christ was made in a laboratory ending the futile conversation.

Many New Testament Christians like to point out that James wrote "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all (James 2:10)" as if this verse says we shouldn't strive to keep Yahweh's food Laws. In reality, this complete passage is a teaching on the Law further proving that those who do strive to as Jesus says are double-blessed for doing so. People who use this verse to eat dung-meat will most likely also throw a baby out with the bathwater.

Those who are not familiar with the Israel message will at times rebuke you for doing as commanded because they're not given the "eyes to see" from Jesus -- this is most-likely the most dangerous type of all. Many people, Christian and atheist alike, detest the jews to the point that they can't see they've really been judaized and will attack true believers calling them 'Jewish' for following Christian commandments. Only a genuine study into the "migrations of Israel" wil help these poor souls.

The Truth: Probable Suspects

Another interesting tidbit of deranged logic from those who like to preach lawlessness comes to us from the unholy Roman catholick 'church.' These double-minded pagans like to perpetuate the false myth that Jesus was somehow Jewish and they also promote the false doctrine known as 'judeo-Christianity' all the while refusing to even follow the ways of their own "Jewish Christ." In fact, they flat-out teach that it is against catholick religion to even eat kosher foods! Good luck trying anyways.

In 465 a.d. the Council of Vannes in France said; "Everyone successively, whether clergy or lay is to avoid conviviality with Jews; and is not to accept any conviviality with them. Because, when among Christians they do not use the common food, it is shameful and sacrilegious that their food be taken by Christians, since the things that we take with permission of the apostle are judged unclean by them. And so Christians begin to be inferior to Jews, if we use what is laid out by them, but they spurn what is offered by us."

While I intentionally refuse speaking on the false Roman 'church' outside of the glorious fact that their own jewish pope John Paul II died on the very date of this year's solar Passover,

surely we should look at how ludicrous this statement is. While it is certainly possible for a Christian to follow a strict diet of Biblically clean foods, one would almost have to completely abstain from ever shopping at mainstream supermarkets and refuse about 85% of all name-brand items found within them to live 'unkosher.' This statement should not be seen as a promotion of the many "kosher food taxes" that have inflated our American food dollars over the years yet it's because of these same taxes that I can make this claim.

This perplexing fact is important for two reasons. #1) It's the catholicks who are now pushing this new "demonic pork" theory and #2) We should be able to notice that the ever-changing Roman 'church' of over 1,500 years ago taught entirely different than it does today. While the serious follower of Jesus Christ might be aware that this same pagan cult is responsible for more Christian deaths than any other group in history, the milk-toast believer might not so self-study is suggested if in doubt.

Intention

My intention in writing this book is to give readers an overview of Yahweh's commanded food Laws and hopefully shed some light on what is good to eat. Leviticus 11:47 states my purpose much better than I can when it says "To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten." These rules are given to us by our God so we can lead healthy and focused lives. Your Father wants you to be the best that you can be when serving in His army and because of His love we should honor these Laws out of instinct.

It's my hope that I can raise a new awareness in those seeking the truth in this regard and that we always notice how the enemy pushes these unclean foods on the masses. Keep yourself fit, follow these perfect and unchanging Laws and the result will be a clearer head and much fewer doctor bills. As always, I pray that Jesus Christ will use this study to reach the Saints and bring about His perfect Will on earth. Christian followers, we serve an awesome and powerful God so let's do all we can to do as He asks, it's the whole duty of man.

Yahweh cares enough about us to give us guidelines and standards to live by. We can't serve both God and mammon (Matthew 6:4 & Luke 16:13) so a decision must be made when deciding who has our best interests in mind. A person who says the forever-soiled swine is now okay to eat because man has invented refrigerators is in essence saying that God is imperfect and that man knows better -- let's not fall into that trap.

AMEN

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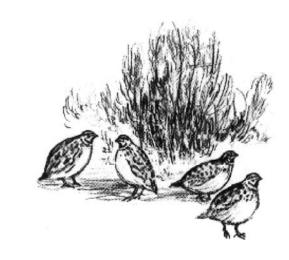
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