

PART 5

LAW & GRACE

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This is the final part of my five part presentation on 'Law and Grace'. Within the first ad of this presentation, I discuss and investigate the relevance, purpose, benefits of observing YHWH's laws and the way in which the grace brought by Yahshua HaMashiach has fulfilled these laws and did not abolish them. In section 2, we are going to discuss the dietary laws of YHWH and their importance within the life of a believer.

SO MANY OF YHWH'S LAW'S HAVE BEEN
REPLACED BY INCORRECT DOCTRINE
AND PAGAN TRADITION'S



**GOD'S WORD IS NOT A BUFFET TABLE.
YOU SIMPLY CANNOT PICK AND
CHOOSE CERTAIN COMMANDMENTS
AND LEAVE OUT ALL THE REST.**

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CLEAN AND UNCLEAN ANIMALS YHWH'S DIETARY COMMANDMENTS

Keeping kosher for most Christians may seem like a very foreign concept, and almost a little fanatical, but the dietary laws of YHWH, known as the 'Kashrut' are just as essential to living a clean and righteous life, as every other commandment.

The dietary laws are outlined in Leviticus & Deuteronomy, and give us a detailed list of what is and isn't classified as 'food'.

PIGS AND SHELLFISH ARE NOT CONSIDERED FIT FOR CONSUMPTION

Many people class 'treif' (animals that are forbidden to eat) as unclean 'food', but treif is NOT food.

Just because some cultures consider it to be 'food', doesn't mean that that was what the animal was intended for upon creation by YHWH - some cultures also consider the raw testicles of a camel to be a delicious delicacy, but I'm certain that many in the Western world would disagree...



"They shall be an abomination to you; you shall not eat their flesh..." - Lev 11:11

➤ Firstly not once in scripture are non-kosher animals referred to as non-kosher 'food' or unclean 'food'. They are referenced as unclean 'animals', that are not to even be viewed as food, they are not food to us.

➤ Leviticus 20:25 'You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.'

YAHSHUA KEPT ALL THE KOSHER FOOD LAWS



THEY ARE UNCLEAN FOR ALL PEOPLE -
NOT JUST
JEWISH PEOPLE!

In Leviticus, it does not say 'these are the foods that you must not eat', it refers to each unclean animal by their species, because these animals are not biblically considered food, they are considered unclean ANIMALS not food.

UNKOSHER ANIMALS ARE NOT FOOD!



WHAT IS TREIF?

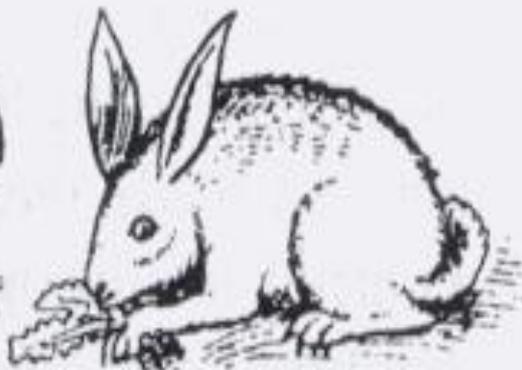
As I stated before, 'treif' are animals that are deemed by YHWH as unclean to consume the flesh or by products of (milk, eggs etc.), or to touch the carcass of.

Leviticus & Deuteronomy give the outline for what is and isn't considered treif by YHWH, in some cases it gives a guideline by which to judge whether an animal is or isn't clean; and in other it states all of the species within a certain category of animals that are unclean- which implies that all others in that category are clean.

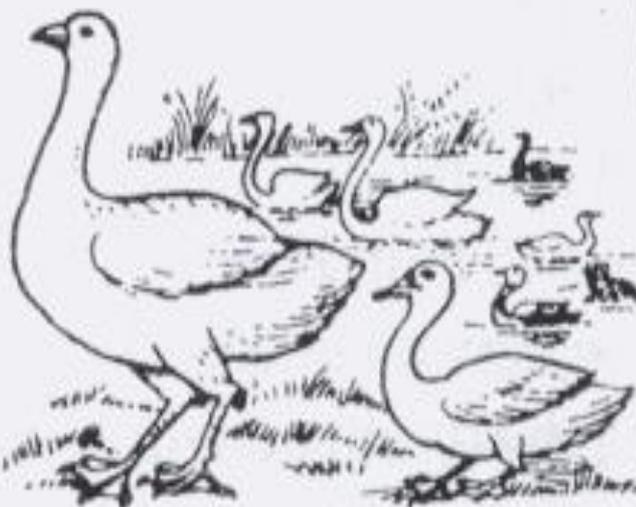
UNCLEAN FOOD



PORK BACON
& HAM



RABBITS, HARES
& RODENTS



WEB-FOOTED BIRDS
& THEIR EGGS

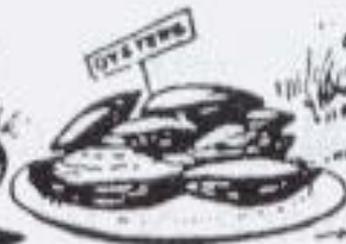


BIRDS
OF
PREY

ALL SHELL
FISH



AND FISH WITHOUT BOTH SCALES & FINS



EELS; SNAILS AND ALL CREEPING THINGS
THAT CRAWL, FLY OR SWIM.

WHAT WE CAN EAT:

- All vegetables, fruit and nuts
- Honey
- Milk, cheese, butter and eggs
- Grain

- Animals that have cloven hooves and chew the cud; chewing the cud is when an animal digests plant-based food by initially softening it within the animal's first stomach, then regurgitating the semi-digested mass, now known as cud, and chewing it again- this is also known as ruminating. (Beef, Mutton, Goat, Venison, Deer, Bison, Lamb etc.) – Leviticus 11:3, Deuteronomy 14:4-6

➤ Birds that are not scavengers or birds of prey (Chickens, Turkey, Guinea Fowls, Duck, Goose etc.) - Leviticus 11:13-19

➤ Fish with fins and scales (Cod, Trout, Tuna, Salmon etc.) – Leviticus 11:9



➤ Insects that have jointed legs above their feet that enable them to jump (Locusts, grasshoppers, crickets etc.) – Leviticus 11:21-22

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CLEAN AND UNCLEAN ANIMALS

<i>Classes</i>	<i>Clean</i>	<i>Unclean</i>
Mammals	Two qualifications: 1. Cloven hoofs 2. Chewing of the cud (Lev 11:3–7; Dt 14:6–8)	Carnivores and those not meeting both “clean” qualifications
Birds	Those not specifically listed as forbidden	Birds of prey or scavengers (Lev 11:13–19; Dt 14:11–20)
Reptiles	None	All (Lev 11:29–30)
Water Animals	Two qualifications: 1. Fins 2. Scales (Lev 11:9–12; Dt 14:9–10)	Those not meeting both “clean” qualifications
Insects	Those in the grasshopper family (Lev 11:20–23)	Winged quadrupeds

WHAT WE CAN'T EAT:

- Pig [Pork, Ham, Bacon] (The pig has a cloven hoof but does not chew the cud)

Note: Nearly all sausages & delicatessen meats are primarily made of pork, such as salami, cabanossi, chorizo etc. – Leviticus 11:7

- Rabbits & Hares. – Leviticus 11:6
- The Ostrich – Leviticus 11:16
- Birds of Prey, Scavenger Birds and some webbed footed birds (Eagles, Vultures, Owls, Seagulls, Heron etc.) - Leviticus 11:13-19
- Anything that lives in the water without both fins and scales (Octopus, Shark, Squid) – Leviticus 11:10
- All small water creatures (Amphibians, Crustaceans, Eels etc.)

➤ The Rock Badger – Leviticus 11:5

Anything that 'goes on it's paws' and all animals that go on all fours that don't meet the aforementioned requirements (Cheetahs, Dogs, Bears, Cats etc.) – Leviticus 11:27

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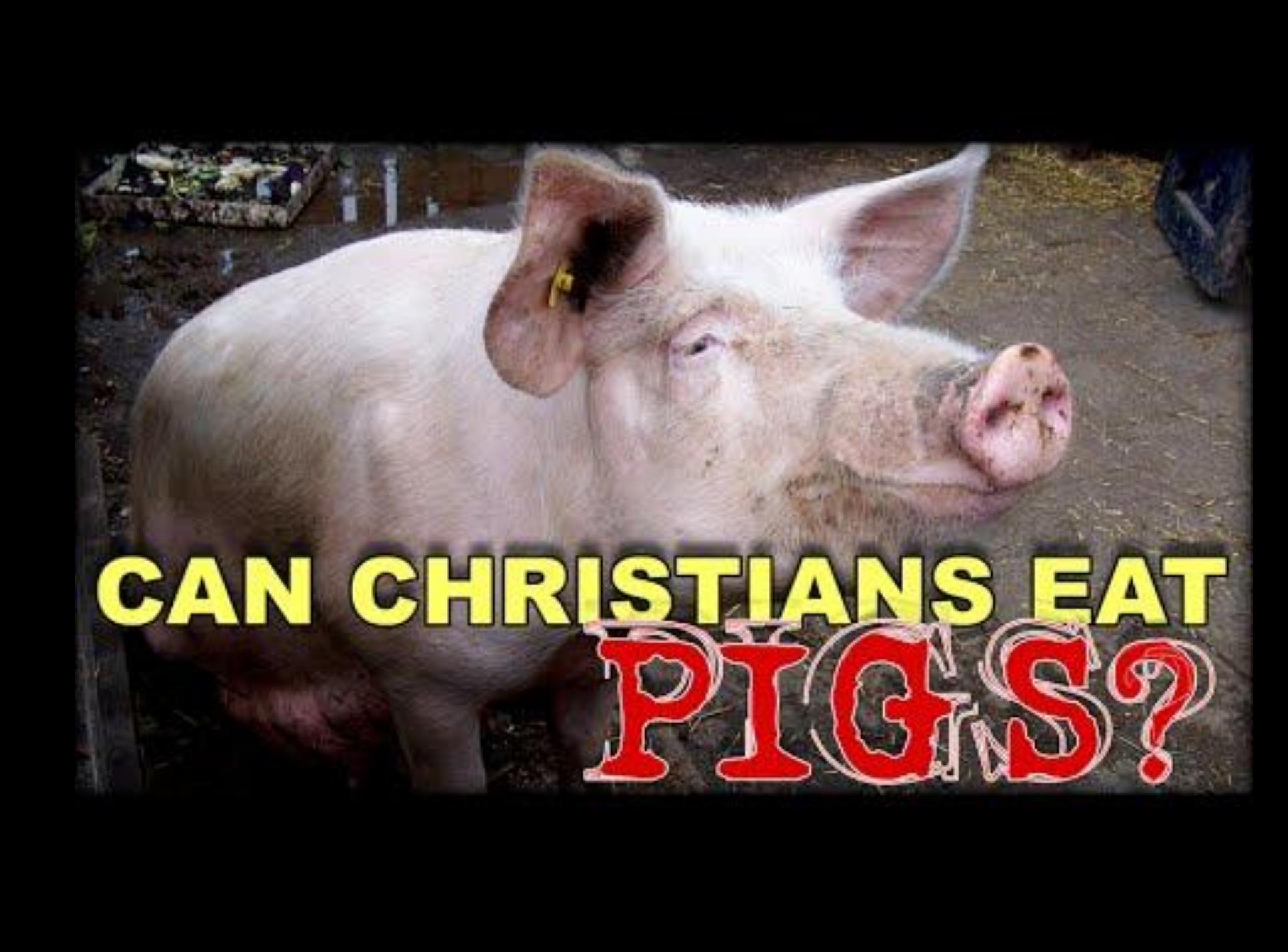
➤ The Camel (Chews the cud but does not have a cloven hoof) – Leviticus 11:4

➤ All winged swarming creatures that go on all fours, except those that are able to jump. (Beetles, Flies, Worms, Caterpillars etc.) – Leviticus 11:20

➤ The blood of any animal - Lev. 7:26-27; Lev. 17:10-14

➤ Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet among all creeping things that creep on the earth. (Centipedes, snakes, snails etc.)

➤ Any animal that dies of natural causes or is killed by wild animals - Deuteronomy 14:21; Leviticus 7:24

A photograph of a white pig with a yellow ear tag, standing in a farm setting. The pig is the central focus, looking towards the right. The background shows a dark, possibly muddy or dirt-covered ground with some scattered debris and a wooden structure in the upper left corner.

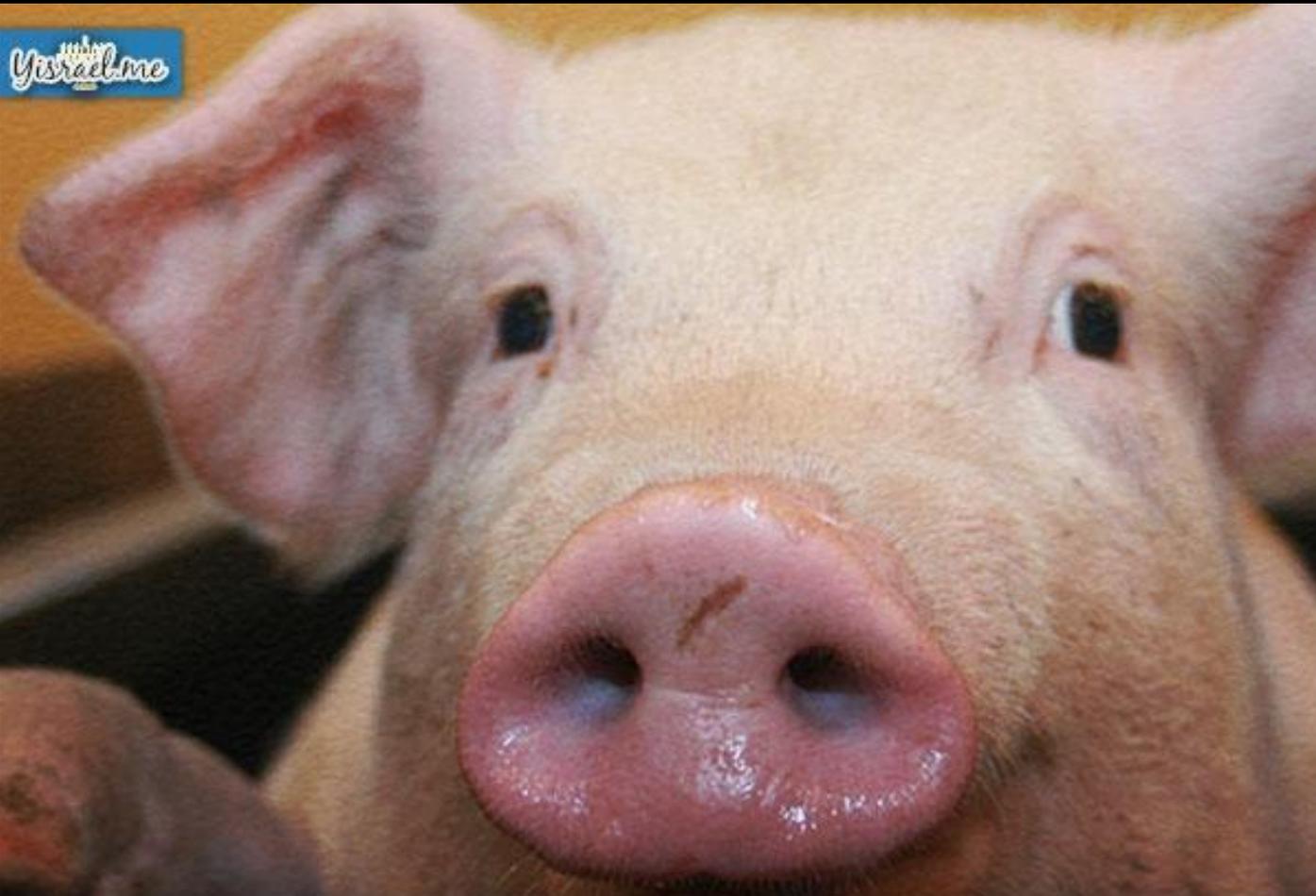
CAN CHRISTIANS EAT
PIGS?

A FEW REASONS NOT TO EAT PIGS

- Pigs will eat anything including urine, excrement, dirt, decaying animal flesh, maggots, or decaying vegetables. They will even eat the cancerous growths off other pigs or animals.
- Cows have a complex digestive system, having four stomachs. It thus takes over 24 hours to digest their vegetarian diet causing its food to be purified of toxins. In contrast, the swine's one stomach takes only about 4 hours to digest its foul diet, turning its toxic food into flesh that many people around the world consume.

➤ The meat and fat of a pig absorbs toxins like a sponge. Their meat can be 30 times more toxic than beef or venison.

➤ When eating beef or venison, it takes 8 to 9 hours to digest the meat so what little toxins are in the meat are slowly put into our system and can be filtered by the liver. But when pork is eaten, it takes only 4 hours to digest the meat. We thus get a much higher level of toxins within a shorter time.



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SWINE'S FLESH

...IT'S NOT ON THE CREATOR'S MENU.

"...and the swine, though it divides the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. They are unclean to you." (Leviticus 11:7-8)

- Unlike other mammals, a pig does not sweat or perspire. Perspiration is a means by which toxins are removed from the body. Since a pig does not sweat, the toxins remain within its body and in the meat.
- Swine and pigs have over a dozen parasites within them, such as tapeworms, flukes, worms, and trichinae. There is no safe temperature at which pork can be cooked to ensure that all these parasites, their cysts and eggs will be killed.
- The swine carries about 30 diseases which can be easily passed to humans.
- We tend to think of parasites as something people pick up when they travel in some third world country, but parasites are far more common in the "civilized" world than people imagine.

- Eating pork is often a direct route to becoming infected with parasites. Pork often carries parasites, some of which can survive even the high temperatures of grilling.
- The parasite, known as cysticercosis, lives in pork tissue. Eating raw or inadequately cooked meat, especially pork. The larvae are released, reach maturity, and mate in the intestines, the females producing live larvae. The parasites are then carried from the gastrointestinal tract by the bloodstream to various muscles, where they become encysted.
- Parasites are difficult to diagnose and even medical doctors miss them. However, if you have vague health problems that have not been resolved after much effort, one possible cause may be parasites. Some parasites attach themselves to the intestinal lining with suction or teeth. If they migrate out of the intestine into other parts of the body they can cause unexpected serious health problems.

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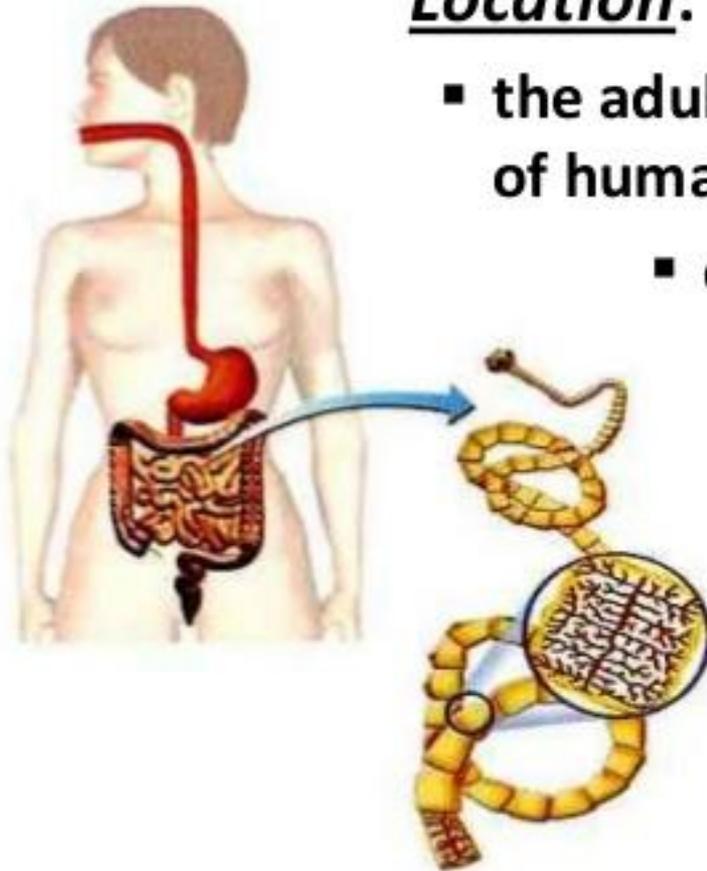
The alarming illness occurs when tapeworm larvae lose their way. Normally, *Taenia solium* has a life cycle that takes it from pigs to humans and back to pigs again. Adult tapeworms, living in the intestines of humans, produce up to 50,000 eggs apiece. The eggs are shed in the infected person's feces. Pigs swallow these eggs accidentally as they rummage for food on the ground. When the parasite eggs reach a pig's stomach, larvae hatch and burrow their way into the animal's bloodstream. Eventually they end up lodged in small blood vessels, typically in the animal's muscles. There they form cysts and wait until their host is eaten by a human. (Pork has to be undercooked for the tapeworms to complete their journey.)

Taenia solium : pork tapeworm

Location:

- the adult lives in the small intestine of humans
- clings to the gut wall by:

- ✓ hooks
- ✓ suckers

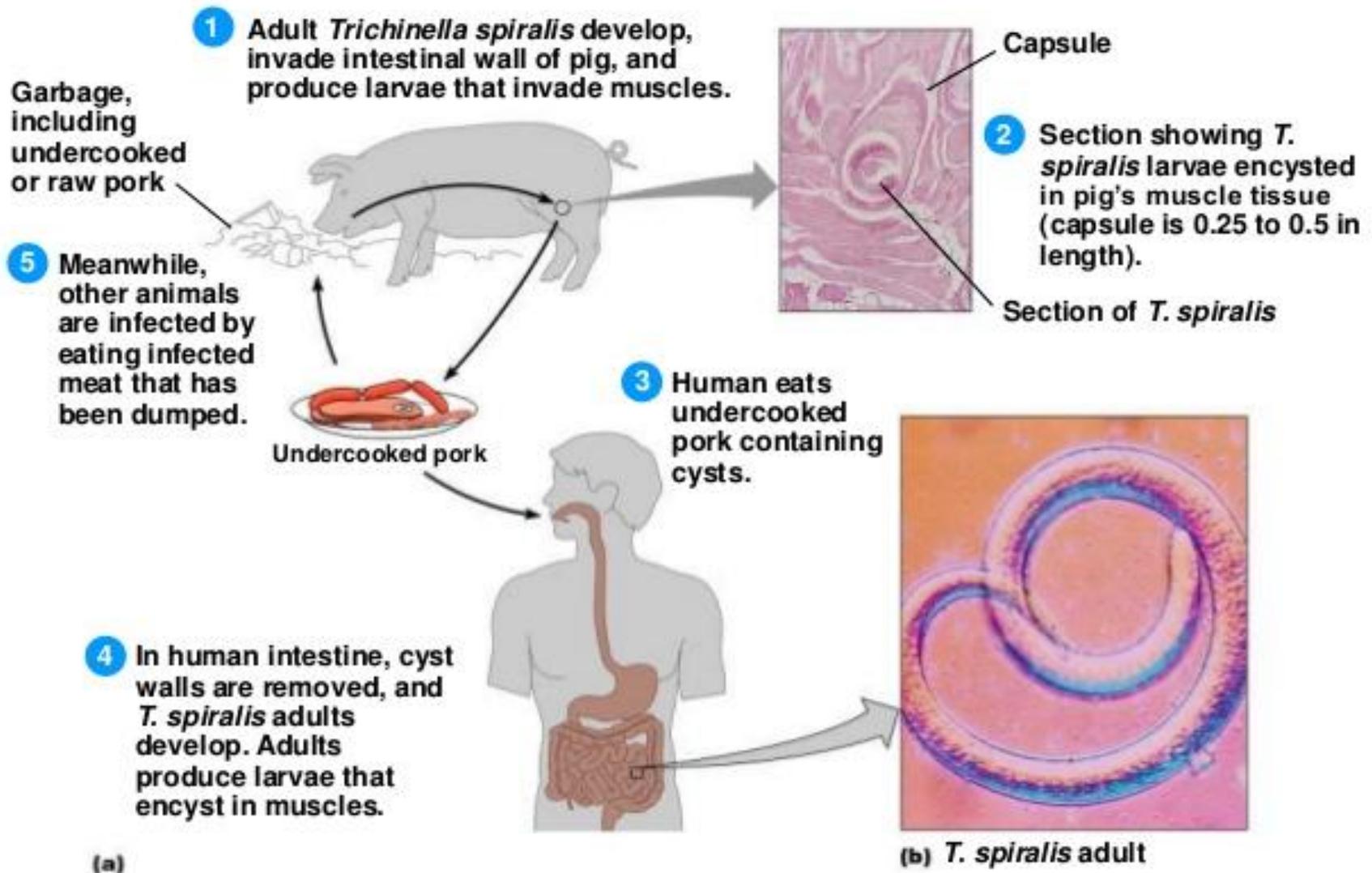


TRICHINOSIS WORM



- Trichinosis, also called trichinellosis, or trichiniasis, is a parasitic disease caused by eating raw or undercooked pork and wild game infected with the larvae of a species of roundworm.
- *Trichinella spiralis*, commonly called the trichina worm. The few cases in the United States are mostly the result of eating undercooked game, bear meat, or home reared pigs. It is most common in the developing world and where pigs are commonly fed raw garbage.

Trichinellosis – *Trichinella spiralis*



Hidden Epidemic: Tapeworms Living Inside People's Brains

Parasitic worms leave millions of victims paralyzed, epileptic, or worse.
So why isn't anyone mobilizing to eradicate them?



A human brain overrun with cysts from *Taenia solium*, a tapeworm that normally inhabits the muscles of pigs.

- [Theodore Nash](#) sees only a few dozen patients a year in his clinic at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. That's pretty small as medical practices go, but what his patients lack in number they make up for in the intensity of their symptoms. Some fall into comas. Some are paralyzed down one side of their body. Others can't walk a straight line. Still others come to Nash partially blind, or with so much fluid in their brain that they need shunts implanted to relieve the pressure. Some lose the ability to speak; many fall into violent seizures.
- Underneath this panoply of symptoms is the same cause, captured in the MRI scans that Nash takes of his patients' brains. Each brain contains one or more whitish blobs. You might guess that these are tumors. But Nash knows the blobs are not made of the patient's own cells. They are tapeworms.

- But sometimes tapeworms take a wrong turn. Instead of going into a pig, the eggs end up in a human. This can occur if someone shedding tapeworm eggs contaminates food that other people then eat. When the egg hatches, the confused larva does not develop into an adult in the human's intestines. Instead, it acts as it would inside a pig. It burrows into the person's bloodstream and gets swept through the body. Often those parasites end up in the brain, where they form cysts.
- The tapeworm larvae often get stuck in ventricles, or fluid-filled cavities, in the brain, sprouting grapelike extensions. In this way the worm actively cloaks itself from immune cells. Protected and well fed, its cysts can thrive there for years.

- As a tapeworm cyst grows, it may push against a region of the brain and disrupt its function. It may get stuck in a passageway, damming the flow of cerebrospinal fluid. This impasse can cause hydrocephalus, or water on the brain, along with dangerously high pressure. A resulting brain hernia can result in stupor, coma, or death.
- <http://discovermagazine.com/2012/jun/03-hidden-epidemic-tapeworms-in-the-brain>

WATCH THIS VIDEO OF TAPEWORMS IN A PERSON'S BRAIN
THAT SURGEON'S THOUGHT WAS A TUMOUR UNTIL THEY
BEGAN TO OPERATE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJCh7bR1Nf0>



The outbreak of disease in people caused by a new influenza virus of swine origin continues to grow in the United States and internationally. Today, CDC reports additional confirmed human infections, hospitalizations and the nation's first fatality from this outbreak. The more recent illnesses and the reported death suggest that a pattern of more severe illness associated with this virus may be emerging in the U.S. Most people will not have immunity to this new virus and, as it continues to spread, more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths are expected in the coming days and weeks.

PIGS ARE FULL OF TOXIN'S AND POISON



- The pig is so poisonous and filthy, that nature had to prepare him a sewer line or canal running down each leg with an outlet in the bottom of the foot. Out of this hole oozes pus and filth his body cannot pass into its system fast enough. Some of this pus gets into the meat of the pig.
- The best reason of all: Because our creator told us that the pig was not food, and that we should not eat it.



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REASONS NOT TO EAT SHELLFISH

- Shellfish are bottom dwellers and scavengers that feed on the excrement and left overs of other marine life.
- Shellfish are notorious for being high in mercury, heavy metals, and industrial contaminants in the environment because they're bottom feeders that eat the ocean's waste.
- Shellfish such shrimp and lobsters can be contaminated with parasites and resistant viruses that do not die even under when cooked on a high heat.

- When you eat shellfish, you are eating it's entire body, with the exception of it's shell, so you consume all of the toxins within the animal's body.
- The bacteria and parasite counts in shellfish are ALWAYS higher, sometimes much higher, than with other types of fish.



Joel Osteen says NO to pork and shellfish

- The pastor of America's largest church has told his 45,000 member congregation that they shouldn't eat pork or shellfish and has warned from the pulpit that the Bible defines these foods as "unclean".
- WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://vimeo.com/5133265>



- Every butchered animal is closely inspected for signs of disease, and any animal that may have been sick is not used.
- According to the market research survey, 62 percent of people who buy kosher foods do so for quality reasons, while 51 percent say they buy kosher for its “general healthfulness.” About one-third say they buy kosher because they think food safety standards are better than with traditional supermarket foods. Only 15 percent of respondents say they buy kosher food because of religious rules.

(Karen Barrow, K.B. April 2010, *New York Times*, *More People Choosing Kosher for Health*)

A FEW BENEFITS OF EATING KOSHER

- The strict rules for producing and certifying kosher food products may result in closer scrutiny of food safety issues. For instance, independent organizations such as the Orthodox Union are paid by food companies to send trained personnel to factories to ensure that all of the restrictions of kosher laws are met. The extra monitoring typically means that kosher products are produced more slowly than other foods.
- Because all kosher meats are thoroughly salted, they may be less likely to carry E. coli and salmonella.





Absolute Proof

**Yahweh's
Laws
Bring Peace
And Health**

**WE NEED TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN
TO EAT REAL FOOD.**

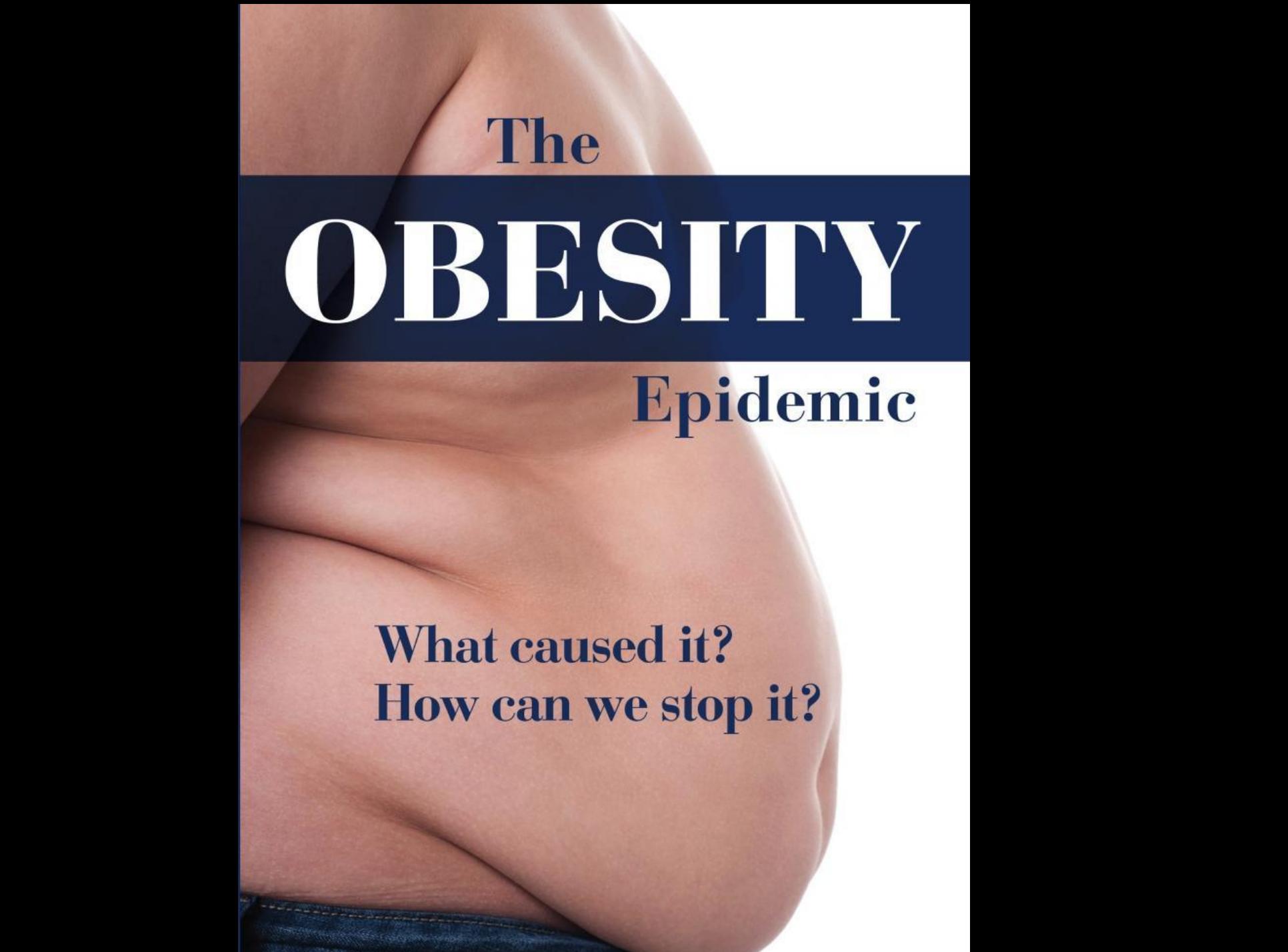
NO FAST FOODS.

NO JUNK FOODS.

NO PROCESSED FOODS.

JUST HONEST, NUTRITIOUS, REAL FOOD.





The
OBESITY
Epidemic

**What caused it?
How can we stop it?**

- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BALANCED DIE WE SHOULD BE EATING TO HELP OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN GO TO OUR WEBSITE
- www.jonahministries.com.au
- And read this power pint presentation about the deadly sin of gluttony and how we can overcome it.

FOLLOW YHWH FOOD LAWS AND HE
WILL RESOTRE YOUR HEALTH

Jeremiah 33:6

Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

Hosea 6: 1

Come, and let us return unto YHWH: for He has torn, and He will heal us; He has smitten, and He will bind us up.

CATEGORIES OF COMMANDS

Generally speaking, the commandments are divided into two categories: logical mishpatim ("laws" or "judgements") and supra-rational chukkim ("decrees").

The mishpatim are for example commandments to give charity or the prohibitions against theft and murder, whose reason and utility are obvious to us, and which we would arguably have instituted on our own if Yahuwah had not commanded them.

- The chukkim are commandments, such as the laws of family purity, which we accept as divine decrees, despite their incomprehensibility and - in the most extreme of chukkim - their seeming irrationality.
- A third category, the eidot ("testimonials"), occupies the middle ground between the decrees and the laws. A testimonial is a mitzvah which commemorates or represents something -- e.g., the commandments to put on tefillin, rest on Shabbat, or eat matzah on Passover. These are laws which we would not have devised on our own, certainly not in the exact manner in which the Torah commands; nevertheless, they are rational acts. Once their significance is explained to us, we can appreciate their import and utility.

**MAN'S
JOB:**

OBEY

GOD

The dietary laws of YHWH fit within the category of 'chukkim', commands that are obeyed through faith and obedience, and not through our ability to rationalize their purpose. Though we may not always be able to understand His reasoning with our mortal minds, we must have faith that 'His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts' (Isaiah 55:9) and that because of this, he knows what is best for us.

Sometimes with YHWH's commandments, we just need to accept that we are not always going to be able to comprehend his purpose for things, no matter how much we try to rationalize His ways with the 10% of a human mind that we utilize, we are not always going to be able to. Regardless of His reason behind the dietary commandments, they are still commandments, and commandments were given so that they would be followed by all those who believe in Him.



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

MILK AND MEAT

Most Jewish people who keep kosher do not mix milk and meat together within the same meal. I, however, and some people that I have encountered, do not adhere to this 'law' and I will explain to you why and attempt to convey my view on this topic.

This tradition of not mixing milk and meat together derives from a few verses within the Torah, the first of which states; **Exodus 23:19** 'You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.'



This statement is made 3 times throughout the Torah, and is versed in the same manner each time. In traditional Judaism, the Rabbis are the interpreters of scripture and are given a license to interpret the word of YHWH however they see fit. In regards to these scriptures, the Rabbis decided that this statement was actually referring to mixing milk and meat together in the same meal, and not the boiling of a young goat in it's mother's milk.

I am here to argue, that YHWH's command was not implicitly referring to the mixing of milk products and meat products together in the same meal, but to the actual practise mentioned; of boiling a young goat in it's mother's milk.



HE IS A GOD OF CLARITY NOT CONFUSION

The interpretation of 'not boiling a young goat it's mother's milk' as 'not mixing milk and meat together within the same meal', is a fairly ambiguous one, in my opinion.

You really could interpret this statement in a variety of ways, such as a commandment regarding cruelty to animals, or possibly a supporting statement to verses in Deuteronomy regarding the killing of an animals young in front of it.

Why would YHWH command the Israelites in such a vague manner, one which could be interpreted in a variety of ways? Would that not only cause disagreement and confusion among his people?

YHWH wills us to follow his commands closely and to be observant in all of his laws, so why would he make a decree that actually referred to something quite unrelated?

The scriptures clearly demonstrate YHWH as a G-d of clarity and not of confusion, a G-d who gives clear and concise commands, a G-d that deals in specifics and preciseness and is not vague in his instruction.

1 Corinthians 14:33 teaches us that 'YHWH is not a G-d of confusion'. We see these attributes of YHWH throughout the commandments of the Torah, his instructions are very exact, he does not speak in metaphors when giving statutes- because he knew that men would most likely inaccurately interpret them; which is something that we have witnessed throughout this presentation.

*God is not the author
of confusion,
but of peace.*

1 Corinthians 14:32

In regards to the dietary laws of YHWH, his commands are so detailed, concise and exact, to the point where he actually specifically lists certain species that man may have questioned the cleanliness of; such as the rock hyrax, the camel, the swine etc.

In my opinion, if YHWH did not want us to mix milk and meat together in meals, he would have stated so, and in the same manner as he has done throughout the Bible when giving commands; not through vague metaphors or obscure riddles, but through clear, direct and concise instructions.

Personally, rather than trying to form a vague and most likely incorrect interpretation of my own, I would prefer to take the statement as literally as possible and see where that direction of thought leads me...

Let's have a look at the first occurrence of this statement in scripture:

Exodus 23:17-19 Three times in the year shall all your males appear before YHWH your Elohim. 18 “You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with anything leavened, or let the fat of my feast remain until the morning. 19 “The best of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of YHWH your Elohim. “You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.”

The scripture is speaking of Feasts and first fruits to begin with, giving instruction to the Israelites as to the requirements of these moedim. The entire scripture seems succinct and each verse flows into the next with ease, but then the scripture ends on a seemingly random statement; 'You shall not boil a young goat in it's mother's milk'.

This statement, to begin with, seems stilted and disjointed from the rest of the passage, but as you continue to read on, the purpose for this command is revealed in the following verses.



But before we do that, we're going to take a look at the practise mentioned of 'boiling a young goat in it's mother's milk'.

Through some investigation of the origin of this practise, I learnt that this ritual actually began in ancient Canaan and was a pagan fertility rite. Here's an extract from a document written by Keith Hunt about the parallel between the ancient Canaanite ritual and the biblical commandment regarding the boiling of a kid in it's milk:

'On May 14, 1929, at a site in Syria that we now call Ugarit and that the local Arabs call Ras Sharma, French archaeologist Claude Schaeffer was excavating a room that turned out to be a royal library. On that day he uncovered the first of more than a thousand cuneiform tablets from about the 14th century B.C., written in a hitherto unknown script consisting of only about 30 signs - a kind of cuneiform alphabet...

The Ugarit cuneiform alphabet



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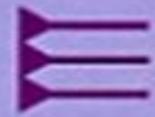
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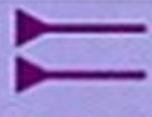
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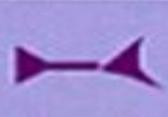
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Some of these tablets are of a more ritual character, illuminating the daily practice of religion in ancient Canaan. One of these tablets describes an obscure Canaanite religious ritual. The tablet was first published in 1933 by Charles Virolleaud, the local director of antiquities at Ugarit, who later became instrumental in the decipherment and publication of the Ugaritic tablets.

Virolleaud called the text "The Birth of the Gracious and Beautiful Gods." On one side of the tablet was a list of ritual commands; on the other was a story about some of the sexual escapades of the head of the Canaanite pantheon, the supreme god EL.



In the myth related on one side of the tablet, El fathers the gracious gods, who are suckled by the goddesses Athirat (biblical Asherah) and Rahmay.

Performance of the rituals prescribed by the text may have accompanied the re-enactment of these mythical events. The purpose of the ritual was to ensure fertility, symbolized by the birth of the good gods.

ANCIENT ASHERAH IDOLS

Note that all of the Asherah or 'Athirat' idols are represented as holding their breasts or breast feeding.



Our present concern is with one line in this tablet. Unfortunately, this critical line is damaged. Virolleaud therefore "restored" as the scholars say - more accurately, he reconstructed - part of the text. The reconstructed text now reads as follows: 'Cook a kid in milk'. A few years later, H.L.Ginsberg published several studies of this text in which he drew attention to the biblical parallels.

Both the Ugaritic text and the Bible contain references to cooking a kid in milk. Ginsberg concluded that the ritual described in the Ugaritic tablet was the "same idolatrous custom that the Torah forbade."

In the Canaanite ritual, the milk in which the kid was cooked symbolized the milk that the newly born gods were given when suckled by the pagan goddesses Athirst and Rahmay. The cooking of a goat in milk was forbidden in the Bible because it "symbolizes the suckling [by the pagan goddesses} of the newborn gods!"

In the ensuing years, this explanation gained wide acceptance among both Ugaritic and biblical scholars, and indeed became almost a dogma of scholarship. Anton Schoors concluded that "the parallel is most striking and the biblical prohibition is certainly directed against the practice described in this text." Umberto Cassuto said, "It is clear that this was the practice of the Canaanites on one of their holidays" and we can now "guess that this custom was widespread in the ritual of the [Israelite's] pagan neighbors."

And Edward Ullendorff found that the two texts "astonishing verbal resemblance helps to illuminate some of the obscurities of both: it is clear that the Pentateuch is inveighing against an obnoxious Canaanite custom, perhaps a fertility cult or some other ritually significant ceremony."

Bible commentaries quickly made use of the scholars' work of illuminating this previously obscure commandment. The Interpreter's Bible, Moody Bible Institute Commentary, Tyndale Old Testament Commentary, Daily Study Bible, New Century Bible Commentary, Torah Bible Commentary, Bible Study Textbook Series, Old Testament Library, and other commentators, all concluded that the Ugaritic text conclusively demonstrated that the Bible prohibition was aimed at discouraging the Israelites from participating in some sort of Canaanite fertility rite.'

As you can see, there is significant archaeological evidence to support the prevalence of this fertility rite within the area of ancient Canaan, and as it stated in the extract, many scholars, both biblical and secular agree that the biblical command to 'Not boil a young goat (kid) in it's mother's milk' is a direct reference to abstaining from the practise of this ancient Canaanite ritual.



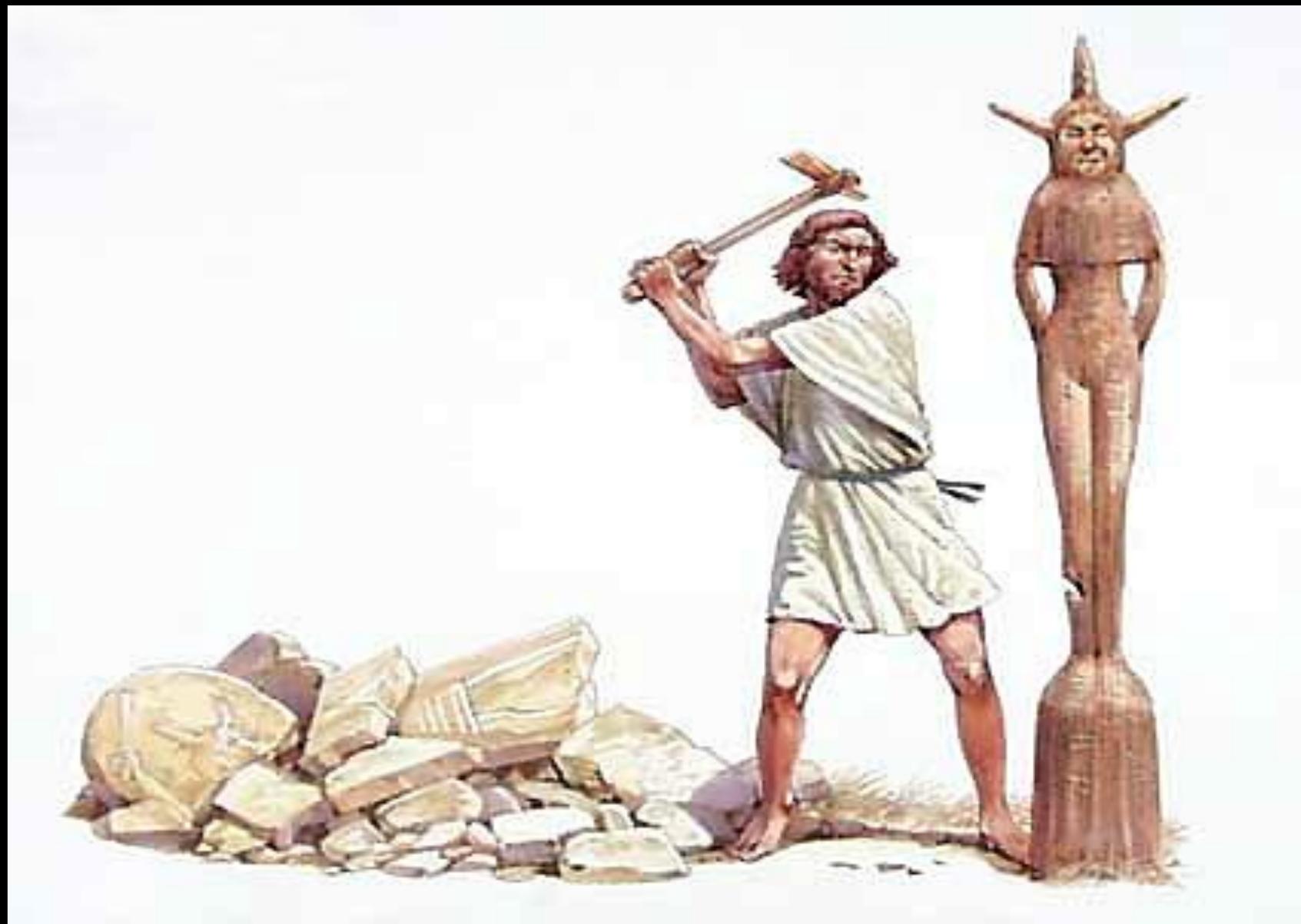
This theory is heavily supported by the surrounding verses of the original statement in Exodus 23:19:

Exodus 23:19-25 The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

20 "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. 21 Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. 22 But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

23 For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off. 24 You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars.

25 “So you shall serve YHWH your Elohim, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. 26 No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number



YHWH gave this command in Exodus 23 to 'Not boil a young goat in it's mother's milk' just verses before sending an Angel to instruct the Israelites in entering the land of Canaan. Yahuwah was specifically warning the Israelites against this pagan ritual that was common throughout the land they were about to enter.

In verse 24 we see YHWH once again warns the Israelites in greater depth against the practises of these people, saying; 'You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works'.

We can see here that YHWH was clearly referring to abstaining from the pagan rituals of their heathen neighbours, and not forbidding the mixing of milk and meat together in a meal.

Without going into too much more detail about this topic, I would like to state that all 3 occurrences of this command in the Torah, are either directly before or after statements that refer to the condemnation of pagan practises, foreign nations and their different beliefs, or a combination of the two. Yahuwah detests the practises of the pagans, and regularly warns His people throughout the scriptures against the observing of them:

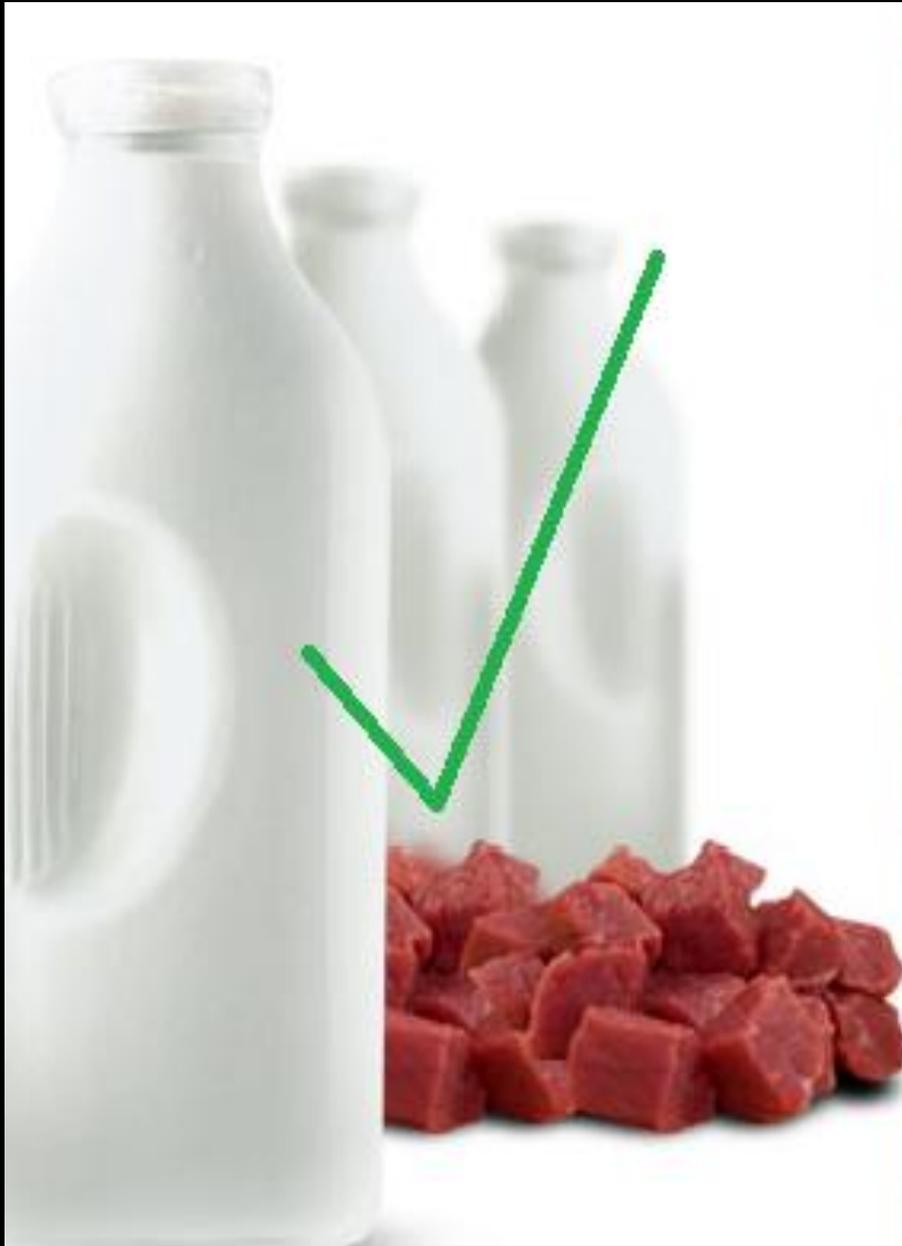
Leviticus 19:4 'Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am YHWH your Elohim.'



Deuteronomy 12:29-32 "You MUST NOT worship YHWH your Elohim in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things that Yahweh HATES; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it."

Leviticus 26:30 'And I will destroy your high places and cut down your incense altars and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols, and my soul will abhor you.'

The commandment made by YHWH to 'Not boil a young goat in it's mother's milk' was not alluding to an obscure dietary law about not mixing meat and milk together, but was actually forbidding the practise of pagan rituals among the Israelites.



FOLLOW YHWH FOOD LAWS AND HE
WILL RESOTRE YOUR HEALTH

Jeremiah 33:6

Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

Hosea 6: 1

Come, and let us return unto YHWH: for He has torn, and He will heal us; He has smitten, and He will bind us up.

YAHSHUA IS THE
BREAD OF HEAVEN



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WHY CHRISTIAN DONT FOLLOW
YHWH'S FOOD LAWS

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WHY WE SHOULD NOT EAT
HALAL (FOODS OFFERED TO
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