

### ***The Dietary Law***

Shalom reader and welcome to our article the "Dietary Law". The dietary law is something that has been lost in worldwide Christianity and Islam alike, with the true meaning being obscured from the annals of history. What exactly are the Dietary Laws and to whom are they applicable? On the completion of this class the answer to this question will be made clear without any interpretations given or alleged. We shall let the scriptures speak for themselves with ample support from the scientific communities as to the validity of GOD's dietary law. We shall also show the falsehoods and blatant lies given from spiritual leaders in regards to why the world doesn't observe a dietary code today.

Let's begin with scripture to define what dietary laws actually are:

**LEVITICUS 11:1-2** And YAH spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.

Notice in the above scripture that this commandment is given by YAH and is not thought up by Moses or Aaron, they (Moses and Aaron) are merely the messengers delivering the word as commanded to the people. The laws that YAH is about to give will be the standard diet for all of mankind and humanity, first to the Hebrews then throughout humanity through the Hebrews.

**LEVITICUS 11:3** Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.

**Leviticus 11:3** clearly gives specific criteria as how to determine what should and should not be eaten. The word states that if an animal has cloven feet and chews the cud that animal may be used for consumption. Are their more detailed examples given as to the criteria that an animal must meet before consumption? Lets see.

**LEVITICUS: 4-8** Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divides not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. 5 And the Coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divides not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. 6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divides not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. 7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. 8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you.

These are the examples that one would need if they required more proof as to the practicality of these laws. The argument could be (and probably has been) that these laws do not tell you not to eat an elephant or lion and that the law is incomplete in its' instruction. This argument has no foundation to stand on because of the chewing of cud and cloven foot criteria given. The Holy Scriptures may lack an itemized list of unclean animals, but the judging requirements are still intact, it is very simple, whether it is an aardvark or an antelope if they do not possess these attributes they cannot be eaten. Our Father in his infinite wisdom realized mankind's fallibility in our understanding, which is why consumption criteria's were put into place.

Could there be anything in place to govern what we should eat in the water?

**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.

Once again specific criteria are given to determine what may be eaten in the waters, lakes, rivers, streams, ponds oceans seas, etc. So if a fish does not have fins and scales it cannot be consumed. Could there be any examples?

**LEVITICUS 11:10-12** 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: 11 They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination. 12 Whatsoever hath neither fins nor scales in the waters that shall be an abomination unto you.

The scripture reiterates the law and says that eating such things is an abomination. What exactly is an abomination? Is this something to be loathed or intolerable? Let's explore a dictionary to find out:

### **ABOMINATION**

**\A\*bom`i\*na"tion\, n. [OE. abominacioun, -cion, F. abominatio. See**

#### **Abominate**

- 1. The feeling of extreme disgust and hatred; abhorrence; detestation; loathing;**
- 2. That which is abominable; anything hateful, wicked, or shamefully vile; an object or state that excites disgust and hatred; a hateful or shameful vice; pollution.**
- 3. A cause of pollution or wickedness.**
- 4. Syn: Detestation; loathing; abhorrence; disgust; aversion; loathsomeness; odiousness.**

Uh Oh! According to Dictionary.com abomination is something that is hated or loathed, something that brings about extreme disgust. Are we to believe that eating unclean animals is disgusting in the eyes of YAH? The evidence from scriptures would prove that fact, by simply pointing out that the mere word is mentioned four times in two scriptures. Are we simply to assume that our Father no longer hates these types of practices? How many things in our everyday lives have we hated, only to change our thought process on a whim?

Well you may say that if these dietary laws are in fact divinely inspired why don't they regulate the eating of insects? Let's go find out:

**LEVITICUS 11:21-22** 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; 22 Even 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.

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Well what do you know? Here is something that obviously sets precedence as to whether or not you can eat a roach or centipede. This is getting a little ahead of the class but let us not forget that the scriptures say that John the Baptist was eating locusts and honey in the wilderness. Not true you say?

**Mark 1:6** - And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

I do not want to break the tradition of proving or disproving what the word of YAH instructs, so we shall show that there are examples of what you should not eat:

**LEVITICUS 11:23** But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.

There's that word abomination again, which is what we established to mean extreme loathing and or disgust. Why does this continue to pop up when something to be eaten is mentioned?

Well what about the bird of the air is there anything that regulates their consumption?

**LEVITICUS 11:13-20** And 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, 14 And the vulture, and the kite after his kind; 15 Every raven after his kind; 16 And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind, 17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, 18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle, 19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. 20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.

I think that we should recap, if you eat pigs, bats, roaches, or catfish you are in transgression of this commandment given by the Most High, which he gave to Moses to speak unto the people. Why? The Most High can speak for himself:

**LEVITICUS 11:45** For I am YAH that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

We use words everyday such as holy cow and holy mollie along with other expletives using holy; but do we really understand what it is to be holy? Is YAH giving us a clear-cut example of what being Holy is by sanctifying us through His dietary law? Let's see what the dictionary has to say about being holy:

**HOLY:**

- 1. Belonging to, derived from, or associated with a divine power; sacred.**
- 2. Specified or set apart for a religious purpose:**
- 3. Solemnly undertaken; sacrosanct:**
- 4. Regarded as deserving special respect or reverence:**

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There are several key words used to describe being holy such as sacred, divine and spiritual and belonging to. Is it safe to say that if we do not observe these dietary laws then we are immoral, unsacred and anti-spiritual? The scriptures have spoken and not this assembly. We all like to use one of the most ignorant cop-outs for practicing lawlessness and that is "only God can judge me." How do you think he perceives us right now when we blatantly ignore something that he places so much emphasis on? Shall we use the proverbial phrase "God Knows What is in my heart"? Does the scriptures, which you have been shown thus far validate such thoughts and comments? What would YAHshua (Jesus) do? Let's go into the New Testament and see what Christians use to annul the dietary laws and see what YAHshua or his disciples would have done.

The most common scripture used to nullify the dietary laws is the story about Peter on the rooftop in Acts, let's go in and dissect this to see if this is true or pure conjecture:

**ACTS 10:9-14** 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: 10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, 11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: 12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. 13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. 14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

Let's pay very close attention to the language that Peter uses in response to the instruction given to him by the Holy Spirit; He says, "I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." We must keep in mind that the book of Acts represents the first thirty years of the New Covenant Assembly; this actual event took place eight years after the death of YAHshua. You have one of YAHshua's disciples (Peter) saying that he has NEVER violated the dietary code. Peter even felt so passionately about this issue that he actually says NO to a direct commandment given by the Holy Spirit. Who could possibly say no to the will of YAH with no repercussions or consequences? Jonah did not obey the commandment given to him from YAH and found himself seasoning the tongue of a great fish for three days.

If there was no need for a dietary law or if the death of YAHshua nullified the dietary code, then why would Peter commit such an act of defiance not only once but three times.

**Acts 10:14-16** But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. 15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. 16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

In addition, if the law had been nullified by YAHshua the Messiah then why wasn't this every communicated to Peter and the rest of the apostles during their three years of theocratic service?

Let's get back to Peter's apparent act of insolence and disobedience in order to understand why he refused to break the dietary code. Why wasn't Peter punished for his perceived act of rebellion? Let's take a closer look.

**ACTS 10:17** Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

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Why would Peter after all of these new developments still doubt what this vision could mean? YAH has clearly told him that what he has cleansed let no man call common or unclean, surely this was a license to eat whatever he wanted to right? Before you start to fire up that grill for those baby back ribs, please draw your attention to the three men who had appeared at the gate. Its very interesting to note that Peter had the vision of unclean animals three times, and soon after there appeared three men at his gate. Coincidence? I think not. The common flaw in major religions, particularly Christianity, is that once an answer seems apparent then the reading stops. If we were to continue reading the book of Acts the reasoning behind this revelation given to Peter by the Spirit will be made clear.

**ACTS 10:28** And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew 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.

How about that! We can see that Peter did not receive instruction to eat unclean animals but in fact received instructions to graft in the Gentiles (Indo-Eurasians) into the New Covenant assembly who were previously considered to be unclean. This is not accurate you say? Let's continue to read.

**ACTS 11:1-3** And the apostles and brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

When the scriptures speak of the "men of the circumcision" this is in reference to Hebrew Israelites. If it were not an unlawful thing for Peter to keep company with the Gentiles then why would his fellow Apostles who are in a New Covenant Congregation under the spiritual headship and guidance of YAHshua the Messiah, contend with him about this matter? The lie that has been perpetuated for over two thousand years has been shown as a glaring and unadulterated falsehood. We cannot eat whatever we want but on the contrary we must observe to do what is lawful and holy and that is to observe the WORD OF GOD!

YAH said in Leviticus 11 when he set down these laws that we must be holy for he is holy. If you continue to eat foods that YAH has sanctified (set apart) as unclean then you are UNHOLY! Now let's go to yet another scripture that our friends of Christendom uses to nullify one of the laws of sanctification, the dietary code.

**1ST TIMOTHY 4:1-4** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

Ladies and gentlemen, we apologize for wasting your time with all of the aforementioned scriptures and its commentary. Here we are with a scripture in the New Testament, which clearly states that we can eat all meats whether clean or unclean if we bless it, one of the most highly quoted scriptures in Christianity by religious leaders and promoters of lawlessness. But before we get to comfortable and back away, let's take the time to analyze this scripture and see exactly what Paul was actually telling Timothy.

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First of all Paul says that a religious system would rise which would promote a doctrine (teaching) of DEVILS! Any idea what that religious system could be? Let's see.

Paul says that this system would forbid marriages and command that meats should not be eaten. Let's go to secular and see if we can unearth some history.

*In 529 Benedict drew up his rule or regula, which was gradually adopted by most monasteries in the West. The regula required the monks to take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and their monastery was organized as a family, under abbot – the word comes from the Greek abbas, meaning father. Life in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> century monasteries was severe but not harsh, being divided between sleeping, working and praying. The monks had a pound of bread, two cooked dishes and a measure of wine each day, though eating meat was forbidden. ".Reader's Digest, The Last Two Million Years; Growth of the monasteries; Copyright, 1973, Page 217.*

Forbidding to Marry and Abstain from Meats! The system that Paul saw was the rise of Gnosticism later to be called Christianity under the headship of Ignatius. This would be and will be a religious system, which teaches lawlessness as the process of receiving eternal life and the worship of the Father.

Notice what YAHshua says during the last day during judgment:

**Matthew 7:21-23** Not every one that saith unto me, Rabbi, Rabbi, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Rabbi, Rabbi, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work LAWLESSNESS!

YAHshua is denouncing all religious leaders who have claimed to promote a system in his name by declaring that they were workers of lawlessness. Isn't keeping the dietary law the will of God? Is it lawlessness to break the dietary law? There are only TWO organizations, which profess the Messiah. They are Christians and New Covenant Hebrew assemblies. One organization says that you have to be obedient to the laws of YAH and the other says that the blood of Jesus nullified the laws. Do you have any idea who we are? Which one are you? Lets get back on track and see what Paul says here about meat.

**1ST TIMOTHY 4:4-5** For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Hmmm? Any idea what the word-sanctified means?

**SANCTIFY:**

- 1. To set apart for sacred use; consecrate.**
- 2. To make holy; purify.**
- 3. To make productive of holiness or spiritual blessing.**

Have we seen sanctify anywhere in the bible before? Have we seen the Word Of God setting anything apart?

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**LEVITICUS 11:43-44** 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. 44 For I am YAH 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.

Paul's message to Timothy is now crystal clear, when he wrote that the food offered had been sanctified by the word of YAH. Dictionary .com in giving the definition of sanctified as being set apart; to make holy: are not these the very same words used by the Most High when he gave this law in the first place?

Try as hard as we might we always end up in the law books to qualify the statements of the New Testament. The consumption of unclean animals has never been advocated by anyone in the Old or New Testament who professed to be "Christ like". Christians along with other denominations often misinterpret scripture because they do not understand that Paul oftentimes wrote to people who were familiar with the law.

**2ND TIMOTHY 3:15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

YAHshua the Anointed our Master even let's us know the importance of sanctified consumption:

**Matthew 23:24** - Ye blind guides, which strain out a gnat, and swallow a camel.

Why would YAHshua use this analogy if he along with everyone else in the Hebraic culture did not observe law? A camel according to the guidelines given by Our Father is an UNCLEAN ANIMAL!

If there is no law, then why is there a judgment pronounced on those who eat abominations at the second advent of YAHshua?

**Isaiah 66:16-17** For by fire and by his sword will YAH judge all flesh: and the slain of the YAH shall be many. 17 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 LORD.

If your pastor or religious leader says that you don't have to observe this law he is lying, because the laws of sanctification are found in Leviticus the 11th chapter period! We all need to make a decision as to whom we are going to trust: Elohim or man. The money in the United States reads "In God we trust". It is time to sanctify ourselves by the words found in this book and not what we feel, believe and especially what my pastor said.

Muslims state that they don't eat pork because YAHshua cast a legion of demons into a herd of swine which makes pig unfit for consumption. Where is the aversion to the other animals laid out in the law given to Moses/ The laws according to Muslim dietary code are absent when it comes to shrimp or anything else. Let's deal with the Islamic belief that pigs are possessed by demons.

**Matthew 8:29-32** 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? 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought

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him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them, 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.

The Holy Scriptures state that the herd ran off of a cliff and perished. These pigs did not procreate after this day so 2000 years later how are all pigs accursed? Yet another religious falsehood exposed for what it is; lies and deceit. The reason why you should not eat pork is because the Most High commanded us not to.

Now we know that even after all of these scriptures and commentary you will probably continue to consume meats that have been sanctified as an abomination thereby sanctifying yourselves unto damnation. So here is our last ditch effort. Here is a scientific quote for you from the scientific community, which agrees to what YAH spoke over 3500 years ago.

### **SCIENTIFIC VALIDATION**

Dr. Mercola reported that pigs were scavengers and would eat about anything; we find it similarly interesting that other animals in the lake and sea are scavengers as well, such as:

1. *Lobster*    *Land Equivalent*    *Roach*
2. *Crabs*    *Land Equivalent*    *Opossum*
3. *Shrimp*    *Land Equivalent*    *Roach*
4. *Catfish*    *Land Equivalent*    *Buzzard*
5. *Oysters*    *Land Equivalent*    *Maggot*

These are just a few of the animals that we consume that are actually scavengers, which YAH has forbidden us to consume in Leviticus chapter 11. Would we eat a buzzard, a maggot or how about a roach? Probably not, because we have seen on the nature channel and other wildlife programs of vultures gorging themselves on dead and dying prey. Most people do not see shrimp or crabs eating all of the refuse that float to the bottom of our oceans and streams. These animals do not swim like conventional fish but they dwell at the bottom of the water eating anything that floats to the surface beneath!

We cannot pick and choose which laws that we will follow and which ones we will ignore. If we say that Thou shall not kill then how can we ignore these dietary laws found in the same law book?

An article by Doctor Joseph Mercola states:

The study of pig farm workers and residents in Wisconsin found that 17 of 74 had antibodies to swine flu viruses in their blood, indicating they'd been infected. In contrast, only 1 of 114 blood samples taken from the general population harbored such antibodies.

What do these findings mean? The species barrier between people and pigs may be easier for a virus to cross than previously thought. Also, a pig respiratory tract is receptive to both human and bird flu viruses, making the animal a potential breeding ground in which a

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mutant virus could evolve and possibly be transmitted to people. It's unclear whether infection with a swine flu virus could produce an illness any different from the everyday flu. Pork is actually good meat from a biochemical perspective, but I believe there is more than enough scientific evidence to justify the reservations or outright prohibitions in many cultures against consuming it. Pigs are scavenger animals and will eat just about anything. Their appetite for less-than-wholesome foods makes pigs a breeding ground for potentially dangerous infections. Even cooking pork for long periods is not enough to kill many of the retroviruses and other parasites that they could harbor. This is why the eating plan excludes pork. It's likely that eating pork occasionally might be fine, but it's a risk and the more you consume it the more likely it is that you will acquire an infection.

**CASE STUDY:**

Some diabetics and others with weakened immune systems may do well to steer clear of chitterlings, a dish consisting of boiled pig intestines that are served up as traditional holiday fare in the Southern US. A 12-year-old boy with poorly controlled diabetes became seriously ill after eating the food in three separate Christmas dinners. The child was hospitalized with enteritis necroticans, a potentially life-threatening intestinal infection that is rare in America and causes severe stomach pain, vomiting of blood and low blood pressure. The boy eventually had to have surgery to restore his intestinal function. The culprit turned out to be a chitterlings-contaminating bacterium known as Clostridium perfringens type C, which produces a toxin that is lethal to tissue in the digestive tract. Even cooking the chitterlings, however, may not rid them of bacteria. More common in developing countries, enteritis necroticans can occur in children who eat large amounts of pork... The New England Journal of Medicine April 27, 2000;342:1250-1253

This may seem like some rare arcane unimportant issue, but it is clearly confirmation of the importance of avoiding scavenger animals like pigs. Medical reports across the globe concur that it does not matter how well one cooks pork or other scavengers, one will always be susceptible to diseases, bacteria and viruses by consuming such animals. We are a Hebraic institution of higher divine learning and understanding and this article was written to provoke thought and to encourage you to read your scriptures and hold your ecclesiastical leader accountable for the doctrine you are receiving. Your theology either practices and reinforces the precepts of the law or teaches lawlessness. May YAH bless you in your studies.