

Link Between Coronavirus and Unclean Meat

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In the Operating Manual that Almighty God gave to mankind, there are instructions regarding animals that should, and should not, be consumed. The primary reason behind these instructions is to create an environment where everyone can be healthier, happier, and more prosperous. Unfortunately, the majority of mankind rejects God's law and commandments, and then experiences the very consequences His instructions were designed to avoid. One consequence is serious illness and sometimes death associated with SARS, MERS, and CORONAVIRUS. These are abbreviations for transmittable viruses that have been identified within recent years. In an article entitled, "MERS vs. SARS: Compare and Contrast", from Helio Infectious Disease News – February 2014 issue, the following conclusion was made.

"SARS was caused by a Coronavirus that made a species jump from bats to humans through the intermediate host of **farmed civet cats** bred for human consumption in China." (Donald Kaye, MD; Marjorie Pollack, MD).

SARS killed close to 800 people between 2002-2003 and, according to God's law, cats of any kind are not be consumed.

And **whatever goes on its paws**, among all kinds of animals that go on all fours, those are unclean to you (Lev. 11:27a).

Also, as bats are carriers of deadly viruses, they are to be avoided and should not be part of mankind's diet.

And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, (including) the stork, the heron, the hoopoe (lapwing), and **the bat** (Lev. 11:13a, 19; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Another deadly virus is MERS, with approximately 80% of the cases occurring in Saudi Arabia. After extensive research it was found that people who contracted MERS were infected by dromedary camels or other people who had previously contracted the virus from camels. Statistically, about 3.3 million camels are slaughtered each year for their meat which, according to God's law, should not be consumed.

Among the beasts, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves and chewing the cud – that you may eat. Nevertheless these you shall not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves: **the camel**, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, is unclean to you (Lev. 11:3-4).

All those creatures that can, and should not, be consumed are detailed in Leviticus 11:1-23 and Deuteronomy 14:3-20. Another animal that God did not create to be eaten by mankind is the pig. Consequently, the consumption of pork products can have immediate or long-term effects. The consumption of pork liver is the top food-based transmitter of Hepatitis E, a virus that infects approximately 20 million people each year and can lead to liver failure and death.

Pork-averse nations like Israel and India have a remarkably low rate of Multiple Sclerosis, while heavier consumers like West Germany and Denmark have sky-high rates of MS. (healthline.com/nutrition/is-pork-bad;

www.psychologytoday.com>blog>perfect-health-diet>is-pork-still-dangerous).

According to a study entitled, "National Mortality Rates from Chronic Liver Disease and Consumption of Alcohol and Pig Meat" *liver cancer and cirrhosis rates are affected by pork consumption* (US National Library of Medicine; National Institutes of Health).

A 1985 study entitled "Hepatocellular Carcinoma – Relationship to Wine and Pork Consumption by Nanji AA, and French SW, *"pork intake correlated with hepatocellular carcinoma deaths as strongly as alcohol did."*


Not only can pork carry Trichinosis, which is a parasitic disease caused by specific roundworms that invade the intestines causing diarrhea, stomach pain and vomiting, there is now Yersinia bacteria associated with under-cooked pork. Annually, Yersinia causes approximately 35 deaths for every 117,000 cases of food poisoning in the United States. Those who survive are 47 times more likely to have reactive arthritis that is triggered by the infection. Also, Graves' disease can be associated with the infection.

Pork doesn't even need to be consumed to cause serious problems for mankind. In an article from The Science Daily quoting Mount Sinai Hospital/Mount Sinai School of Medicine, *"The 2009 swine H1N1 flu pandemic caused 17,000 deaths worldwide. It originated in pigs from a small region in central Mexico. The scientists say their findings represent the first time that the origin of an influenza pandemic has been determined in such detail."*

For those "Christians" who claim God's law regarding clean and unclean creatures is no longer in effect, their Master confirmed that it is

still valid when he gave permission to some unclean angels to enter some unclean animals en route to their death.

When Christ had come to the country of the Gadarenes, there met him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the cemetery, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way, ²⁹And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with you, Jesus, you Son of God? Have you come here to interrogate us before the time (of judgment)?" ³⁰Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. ³¹So the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." ³²And he said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water (Matthew 8:28-32; Ed. Note in parenthesis).



AND THESE YOU SHALL REGARD AS AN ABOMINATION AMONG THE BIRDS; THEY SHALL NOT BE EATEN, (INCLUDING) THE STORK, THE HERON, THE HOOPOE (LAPWING), AND THE BAT.

Leviticus 11:13a, 19 Ed. notes in parenthesis

Had this herd consisted of goats, sheep, or cattle, Jesus Christ would not have given the demons permission to enter them because these animals are regarded as 'clean' by Almighty God. As demons are unclean due to their sin, Christ would not have permitted the 'unclean' demons to contaminate the 'clean' goats, sheep, or cattle.

Unfortunately, because of mankind's farming practices even 'clean' animals can become sick due to overcrowding in 'factory farms.' This will

not occur in the future following Christ's return to rule this planet. Instead, flocks and herds will have wide open pasture in which to graze. Also, these animals will be given clean fodder, or grain to eat. This will remove any possibility of Mad Cow disease or other illnesses that mankind might inflict upon animals due to our "greed for profit".

In that day your cattle will feed in large pastures. ²⁴Likewise the oxen and the young donkeys that work the ground will eat clean fodder, which has been winnowed with the shovel and fan (Isaiah 30:23b-24).

It's interesting to watch the "eco-warriors" completely avoid the issue of unclean sea creatures being eaten by humans, as if it has no effect on our environment. For instance, oysters play a huge role in keeping the oceans clean, but we're killing up to 90% of them in some areas. Just one oyster can filter up to 50 gallons (227 liters) of water a day, removing pollutants and chemicals. This is one of the reasons God said we're not to eat them...not to mention that when we do, we are ingesting the very chemicals the oysters just filtered out of the water.

These you may eat of all that are in the waters: you may eat all that have fins and scales. And whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for you (Deuteronomy 14:9-10).

In Asia and other countries, sharks are killed just for their dorsal fins. These sea creatures are part of an essential "clean-up crew" that consumes dead and decaying sea animals. Without them, our oceans would be even dirtier than they already are. Included in this crew are lobsters, crabs, hagfish and sea cucumbers. According to the instructions in Deuteronomy

14:9-10, none of these sea creatures are to be consumed by mankind.

In the skies above, we have all kinds of birds but some are not to be killed and eaten by mankind for good reason. Many of these are "birds of prey" that are designed to keep other animal populations in check. So if these "birds of prey" are hunted for human food, there will be a dramatic increase in rodents, snakes, and other creatures that can cause problems for mankind. Typically, "birds of prey" do not have large numbers of young. For instance, an eagle may have only one or two chicks that survive into adulthood. Therefore, they could be hunted out of existence quite easily. In contrast, a domestic chicken can incubate 10 to 14 chicks in a short period of time, which means they are highly unlikely to become extinct.

So again, a loving Creator does not want His children to suffer potential illnesses associated with handling, managing, or eating unclean creatures, but mankind operates independently with the freedom to reject God's instructions. Even more importantly, through the law of clean and unclean creatures, God is teaching spiritual lessons that are currently lost on mankind. For more information on this aspect of clean and unclean, please review the following articles:

- Christ's Sacrifice and Unclean Meats
- Did the Early Church Teach that the Law of Clean and Unclean had been changed?

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