

were created to be received? In this text we have two positive statements, that it is the meat CREATED TO BE RECEIVED, and the other is the meats SANCTIFIED BY THE WORD OF GOD. The word "sanctify", means to set apart for holy use. The unclean animals were never created to be received for food neither are they sanctified (set apart) by the Word, for food. In the previous scripture given in Leviticus 11th ch., it is very easy to learn the meats that were set apart by the Word of God for food, and those created to be received. Let us not wrongly interpret these scriptures.

**"And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you".
Leviticus 11: 7.**

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DEATH IN THE KITCHEN

The United States Medical Association has sent out many broadcast warnings about the danger of eating swine's flesh. A Post Mortem examination showed Trichina in the bodies of 75 per cent of dead people over 60 years of age in a certain large city of America, and this city was no exception. Others were supposed to rate just as high.

All pork (swine's flesh) is infested with a small serpent like worm so small that they cannot be seen without a strong magnifying glass. These worms are called "Trichina". In different ways, when pork is used they get into the human body, and lodge in some organ, bring on a diseased condition and death, which occurs sometimes after a few months or weeks, and sometimes causes a lingering illness.

One writer describes the case of a sufferer in these words, - "An intelligent lady, and a teacher in the public schools, who died of this horrible disease in consequence of tasting a single mouthful of uncooked sausage said to the writer, as she was panting for breath, after suffering untold agonies from myriads of those horrible parasites which were working their way through every fiber of her body: "WARN PEOPLE NOT TO EAT PORK!"

These little worms get into the blood stream and are carried to all parts of the body. If they set up their breeding quarters in any organ, that person dies of that disease without mentioning its cause. It has been claimed by medical authorities in the US, that 50 percent of the deaths of people over 30 is caused by this infection.

In thousands of grocery stores in America they sell different kinds of meat along with the cheese. People purchase cheese cut by the same knife and on the same block with the meat, which is contaminated. Then it is eaten without any cooking and the person takes the eggs and larva into their bodies. They even buy pork and smear it around in the dishes before cooking it and thus it is spread. The eggs are so very small fifty of them in one lump cannot be seen with the naked eye. It is almost impossible to detect them and if the truth were known they are to be found in every piece of pork. It is said that cooking thoroughly, will destroy the larva and eggs, but they have been found to be fertile after rendering the lard from the fat. From time to time we read of entire families having been wiped out by this dreaded disease.

Dr. Owen S. Parret, who has made an extensive study of diseases in food animals, declares:

"Anciently unusual medical knowledge was given the Hebrews through the prophet Moses. Referring to him Virchow, known as 'the Father of Modern Pathology,' said, 'Moses was the greatest hygienist the world has seen.' Depending upon revealed knowledge and possessing no scientific equipment, Moses taught in its essentials nearly every principle of hygiene now practiced. Among them we find disease prevention, disinfection by fire and water, epidemic control by reporting and isolation of communicable disease or its carriers followed by thorough disinfection of all possibly contaminated articles. Personal cleanliness was enjoined, and sewage disposal was enforced, so that the Jewish camp was as clean as a modern city. Though exercise was provided, overwork was guarded against by frequent forced periods of rest and relaxation."

"Very rigorous food inspection was carried out by the priests who served as medical officers. We still go to Moses as authority for the clean and unclean meats. Moses forbade the use of both swine's flesh and shellfish; and it may be pertinent

It is claimed that the swine and all kinds of unclean creatures were cleansed, and can therefore be eaten as good food without danger to one's health. This is man's interpretation of the intention of the vision but in verse 28 we have the Spirit's interpretation. Peter says, "God hath SHOWN ME that I should call NO MAN, (not the animals) common or unclean". So dear reader, let us believe what Peter says about it, and not some man's statement contrary to the scripture.

Peter was undergoing a test as to whether he should go in among Gentiles or not as you will gather from reading the chapter. This was the way the Father chose to show him that all men were the same and the middle wall of partition between the Jew and the Gentile had been broken down. Those led by the Spirit after knowing what it says in verse 28, will no longer misrepresent this lesson, but will teach it as Peter tells us to teach it.

Another fact worth noting here is that this was eight years after Pentecost and Peter says, "I have never eaten anything common or unclean". Verse 14. Surely, if the swine had been cleansed by the shed blood on Calvary, as many claim, Peter would have known it and would not have been abstaining from eating the unclean meats for these eight years.

Another text frequently used is found in 1 Timothy 4:3-5. It says the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some will forbid people to marry, and "command them to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving. Every creature of God is good and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving. For it is sanctified (or set apart), by the Word of God and prayer."

Many honestly believe that they sanctify swine's flesh through prayer and make it clean. But notice just what it says here. It says it is sanctified (set apart) by the WORD of GOD. Now what meats are set apart by the Word of God and what meats

Millions are paying dearly for this as they make good business for the undertaker.

One of the texts is where the Master in speaking about washing and not washing of hands said, "Not that, that entereth into the mouth defileth the man, but that which proceedeth from the heart". Even drunkards misuse this text, and many who take poison to commit suicide find in it an excuse.

It was spoken of concerning the coming Messiah that "He would magnify the law and make it honorable". Isa. 42:21. He did magnify it. He said, "He that looketh upon a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery already in his heart". Adam and Eve had sinned even before they plucked the forbidden fruit. They were sinners when they had it in their hands before eating it. It was not the going into the mouth that defiled them but the defilement proceeded from the heart. It is just the same today."

The command was given to Noah after the flood to "Kill and eat". There was a surplus supply prepared, for all vegetation was destroyed. It was necessary for them to eat, but as the clean beasts entered the Ark by sevens, while the unclean were taken by twos, Gen. 7:2, it was not intended for Noah to eat the unclean ones. Therefore the very nature of the animal was such that it was not fit for food long before the days of Moses, when definite laws were made regarding food.

In the 11th chapter of Leviticus it is very clearly given what kind of flesh was intended for food, and the kind that was unclean. There are, however, certain texts in the New Testament that people wrongly interpret, like the one mentioned above.

Another text which is taken for an excuse to eat the swine is found in Acts 10th chapter, where the apostle Peter was shown in vision a sheet let down from heaven with all manner of four footed animals, and a voice said to him, "Arise Peter, kill and eat. What God hath cleansed call thou not common".

to remark that the Gentile world which largely ignores these health rules shows an estimated occurrence of trichina infection among adults in the States, of an alarmingly high percent.

After man sinned there was a curse brought forth upon the earth, and the earth produced thorns and briars, we are told. Also there was death. Then there needed to be buzzards, vultures and pigs for scavengers to eat up the rotten flesh of things that died. The pig is a scavenger. It has four canals one running down each leg with the outlet in the bottom of the foot. When this outlet gets stopped up the pig gets down in the back and can't walk. I well remember my folks calling an animal doctor when I was a boy at home to see what was the matter with the hogs, as they had a big pen full of them. It had been a long spell of rain and the mud was thick. This outlet had got clogged up with mud. When the veterinarian saw them, he knew at once what was wrong. He dug the dirt and mud out of this outlet, and the matter and puss squirted out in a stream. When eating pork the puss in these canals is eaten too, as food.

Hogs are scavengers, created for that purpose. Strychnine will not kill them. They eat poison and it passes off in this way. A rattlesnake infested patch of hills in the western part of the U.S.A., not so far from where we lived, was cleaned up by fencing and turning in a bunch of swine. Bell Isle between Michigan and Canada, was also infested with rattlesnakes, a very poisonous snake, and it was cleaned up the same way. The hog is a product of the curse, and by nature scavengers like the buzzard and vulture.

When I was a young man at home with the folks, there were three women, shown in the accompanying photo all members of our religious group known as "The Church of God". They abstained from eating pork. Everyone else ate it because they wrongly interpreted certain scriptures, as many honest people do today. I always believed there must be a reason for the Creator setting the swine aside as unclean for food.

I wondered many times if it were possible that the eating of forbidden food shortens the lives of people.

I watched these three women for many years, and as time went on all the men and women of that neighborhood died from early fifties to middle sixties. These three women were all that were living of our aged people in that whole neighborhood for miles around.

Twenty five more years passed by and behold, they were still living, going strong and enjoying life. My mother to the left and Aunt Jennie McCance, center my Father's sister, both lived well into the nineties, and Sister Jane Childs, as we called her, to the right lived to over 100 years. The age of 104. I became fully convinced by this and by the following scripture found in Isaiah 66:15-17 as follows, "For, behold, the Lord 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 the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord."

This text is future but near at hand, when He will render His anger with flames of fire.

It says that the people eating swine's flesh stand behind one TREE. A tree symbolizes a person. Jeremiah 17:8, Psalms 1:3. Many Gentiles stand behind their pastor, who misunderstands the scripture and mis-applies it, as the following fully explains.

Others single out a person who eats the swine and still lives to an old age. They stand thus behind one person and go one eating what the creator said was not good.



Left to right - The Editor's mother Mrs. Virginia Bell Dugger- Lippincott, Mrs Jennie McCance (Aunt Jennie as we knew her), a Sister to the Editor's father, Elder A.F Dugger. Both lived well into their nineties and Mrs Jane Childs a neighbor and life-long friend of the former, and also a sister in the church, lived to the age of 104.

There are a very few people, maybe one out of a thousand that will not be seriously affected, just like a flock of chickens. A disease comes among them and perhaps a half dozen will not take it. The same with cattle sometimes one or two from a large herd will not take a disease that all the others have.

You can find old people who went through a war, and were not hurt. Are we to assume from this that war is not dangerous to life? Just so with eating the swine, one gets through while ten thousand die prematurely.

You select out ten people in any community around 60 years old who eat the pig. Then select ten who do not eat it. Go away and come back in ten years and you will be convinced. Most of one class will be dead while most of the others will be living. This has been tried out many times.

For Those Who Read The New Testament

How terrible is the curse, and in a land where they profess to know the Creator and believe the Bible, yet by taking certain texts in the New Testament, without the correct application and meaning, they find an excuse for eating that which the all wise Creator told us was unclean.