

# VEGANISM, CARNIVORES, UV RAYS AND AGING - PART 1

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As I was scrolling down through my Facebook news feed, I came across a certain timeline post with the lengthy title of "Eden Is Vegan -- A Return to the Divine, Blueprint, Why Adam and Eve Were Vegan, Why Eden Was Cruelty-Free, Why Peace and Paradise Require a Vegan World". To be honest, even before reading the commentary, and just from glancing at its title, I already knew exactly where it was headed, so I was not the least bit surprised by its conclusion.

Let me begin by saying that I do agree with some of the more truthful things which this person stated in his commentary. For example, he pointed out that the Garden of Eden was a

very balanced, harmonious, peaceful, non-violent place full of abundance where death and the killing of animals did not exist. I agree. He likewise mentioned how Adam and Eve were vegetarians, as were all of the animals. So everything was indeed good. Again, he is correct, and I agree with him up until this point. Consider the following Bible verses which confirms these points:

"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

Genesis 1:29-30, KJV

"And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

Genesis 2:9, KJV

The author of this piece likewise mentioned that death and the killing of animals entered the world when Adam and Eve listened to the Devil, and partook of the forbidden fruit, thus not only disobeying the Lord and bringing sin into the world, but also resulting in the Lord having to kill the first animals in order that they could cover their nakedness with coats made from animal skins. Again, we Christians know that this is indeed true, as we can determine by this group of Bible verse:

"And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed . . . And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons . . . And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? . . . Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

Genesis 2:25, 3:7, 10-11, 21, KJV

Let me mention here that while discussing Genesis 3:21 where the Lord made coats of skins for Adam and Eve, this person made a strange statement which I personally have never heard before. He says "This verse is often misunderstood as divine endorsement of killing animals." Well, that is interesting. Often misunderstood? Really? By whom? I have never heard a single Christian interpret that verse in such a manner, and I most certainly have never viewed it that way. I've simply understood it for exactly what it says.

So as I mentioned earlier, aside from what I just stated, up until this point, I agreed with much of what this person had posted. However, as I dug deeper into his opinion piece, my jaw dropped as I realized how he intentionally, purposely -- and very conveniently -- ignored certain Bible verses which outright contradict his personal vegan perspective; how he cherry-picked verses which agreed with his personal point of view; how he even told a number of half-truths; and how he twisted and completely took out of context some verses which he did use, so that they appeared to support his position, even though they really don't. Of course, he is by no means the first person to do this. I am reminded of the following verses:

"And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

2 Peter 3:15-16, KJV

As I've mentioned a number of times before, in the previous verses, the word "wrest" is translated from the Koine Greek word "strebloo" which means to twist, turn awry or torture. In this verse, it is used in a metaphorical sense to mean to pervert or to torture language in a false sense. Stated another way, it simply means to twist the meaning of words. So Peter is saying that because they are young in faith, and do not understand some of the things which the Apostle Paul has written, they have twisted the meaning of some of his words to fit their own understanding.

In the case of the person I have been discussing, the first half-truth he tells is when he says that "Death entered the world through sin, not through design." Yes, it is indeed

true that death entered the world as a result of sin. Even the Apostle Paul explains this in the fifth chapter of his Epistle to the Romans. Exactly what is sin? As the Apostle John informs us, it is the violation or transgression of God's Laws. What is the penalty for sin? Again, the Apostle Paul writes that the penalty -- or wages -- of sin is death. Consider the following three verses which verify these key points:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Romans 5:12, KJV

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

1 John 3:4, KJV

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23, KJV

However, when this person stated that this did not happen by design -- obviously meaning by God's design -- I was forced to disagree. In my view, his statement is a half-truth. Why do I say this? Well, because indirectly, it is denying God's foreknowledge. It is suggesting that God was so naïve, and so limited in His knowledge, that He did not know that Adam and Eve were going to rebel against Him, thus bringing sin and death into the world. In fact, I would dare say that this misguided attitude almost makes it seem as if God had to alter His plan and patch things up -- through Christ's Sacrifice -- because He had miserably failed to see where the situation in Eden was headed.

Personally, I do not accept that misguided idea one single bit. I am convinced that God not only knew exactly what was going to happen, but He allowed it to happen, in order that the plan of Salvation might be put into motion. As some of my readers will know, there are in fact a number of verses in the Bible which clearly demonstrate that God did in fact know the end from the beginning, and that all things which were to happen -- including our very own Salvation -- were foreordained by Him. Consider the following group of Bible verses which validate these points:

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there

is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"

Isaiah 46:9-10, KJV

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."

Ecclesiastes 3:14-15, KJV

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered BY THE DETERMINATE COUNSEL AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it."

Acts 2:22-24, KJV

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. FOR WHOM HE DID FOREKNOW, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Romans 8:29, KJV

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

Ephesians 1:3-6, KJV

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ELECT ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

1 Peter 1:1-2, KJV

What more proof do we need than that to show that our Father is ahead in the game? He knew what was going on in Eden, and still knows what is going on today. So in my view, contrary to this person's claim, death entering into this world was likewise by design, and not some kind of slip-up or divine oversight which God then had to correct. My friends, quite frankly, in my opinion, to believe otherwise is to paint a picture of an unknowing, weak God who does not have full control of His creation. However, as we saw earlier, in the Book of Isaiah the Lord plainly declares "I will do all my pleasure."

Having told that half-truth, this individual then stated "God did not create carnivores -- fallen humans did." While I understand what this person is implying, nevertheless, it is still not completely true. In other words, this person seems to be suggesting that carnivores came into existence because of man's sin. You see, throughout his commentary, there is a very sneaky, subtle undertone, the purpose of which is obviously to make people feel guilty for daring to eat meat. His tactic is an indirect form of condemnation. He wants to guilt trip his readers so that they will stop eating meat.

But you see, in my view, this is a rather dangerous attitude to have, because in a subtle way, it is almost suggesting that man is more powerful than God, and that man can force God to do certain things. For example, Adam and Eve forced God to kill the first animals once they had discovered their nakedness. Human beings forced God to create the wild beasts after man sinned and fell. Well, in that case, if we follow that line of thought, we could say that man forced God to send the Flood due to great violence on the Earth. Man even forced God to send His Son to die on the Cross for our sins. So where does this kind of misguided thinking end? Can we mere humans really force the great Creator of the Universe to do anything? Can we force His hand? I think not.

Well, obviously, man most certainly didn't physically create the carnivorous animals, because he is not God, and thus he cannot create any living thing. Even today, with our modern science and technology -- such as genome sequencing, gene splicing, CRISPR, etc. -- the only thing that man can do is MANIPULATE the genomes of organisms which God has ALREADY created. But humans cannot create new organisms or new life

from non-life from scratch as the Lord did in the Book of Genesis. He can mix and alter genes to create cross species we have never seen before, but these are still based on the genetic material which God himself created. So the question then is where the carnivores originated from. I have a few personal theories which I can offer you for your consideration.

First of all, based on the following verse which is found in the Book of Genesis, it would seem that God knew that wild beasts would eventually develop on the Earth. That is to say, following the Genesis Flood. After all, why else would the Lord issue the following firm warning to the released animals regarding the killing of man, unless He knew that they would eventually start attacking and killing human beings?:

"And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man."  
Genesis 9:5, KJV

So exactly how did carnivorous animals come about? Well, one possibility is that after the animals left the Ark, the Lord removed the docile spirit He had given them while they were in the Garden of Eden, and while they were on the Ark, and He replaced it with a spirit of fear. This possibility seems to be substantiated by the following verse which is also found in the Book of Genesis:

"And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered."  
Genesis 9:2, KJV

Or perhaps this change in the animal kingdom was not just a sudden switchover from being docile animals, to becoming wild, meat-eating beasts. Perhaps it was really a very slow process which occurred over a period of many years as the animals dispersed more and more over the face of the Earth, and moved further away from man. We weren't there, so who is to say?

Something else worth considering is the fact that following the Flood, the Earth was a total, destructive mess. We don't know exactly how long it took for vegetation to fully cover

the Earth again. After all, trees do not grow overnight. As a result, food could have been in short supply for a while. Lastly, Noah only took a very limited number of each species of animal onto the Ark. So once he released them back into the wilderness, perhaps due to their original small numbers as they slowly multiplied, out of necessity, they became wild and began to devour each other. Again, who knows. It's just my personal speculation, and you are not obligated to accept it if you don't want to.

Now, while all of the previous explanations may appear quite logical, I believe that there is another -- and in fact more Biblically-sound -- reason to explain why all the once-docile animals became such wild, meat-eating beasts. We saw a minute ago that in Genesis 9, God said that the fear of man, and the dread of man would fall on the animals. Why did the Lord say this? Quite simply, because of what we read in the following verse:

"Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."

Genesis 9:3-4, KJV

So following the Flood, as Noah's descendants began hunting animals as a food source, just as the verse states, over the years the animals became afraid of man, and turned into wild beasts which no longer trusted man, avoided man, and no doubt defended themselves from man. Eventually, they probably even began to attack and devour man, despite the fact that God had said that He would hold the animals accountable for spilling the blood of man.

Upon re-reading what this individual had written, I suddenly realized that when he wrote "God did not create carnivores -- fallen humans did," he was not talking about meat-eating beasts. He was actually referring to people who consume meat when he used the word "carnivores". The reason why I came to realize my error is because right before that statement he also wrote "The idea of animal sacrifice, let alone animal consumption, is alien to the Edenic ideal." I simply missed the connection to the word "carnivores" the first time I read it.

But to emphasize my primary point, as we have already seen, what this person is saying regarding fallen humans creating



carnivores is an absolute lie, because as we learned in the previous verse in Genesis chapter nine, God himself gave man explicit permission to eat meat following the Flood. It is right there in black and white if he would just read it. So God did indeed create carnivores, or meat eaters. As I told you earlier, that is one of the most mind-boggling aspects of this person's commentary. As you'll learn momentarily, he selects a few choice verses from the Book of Genesis which support his view, and then he jumps to a few choice verses which are found in the Books of the Prophets, while at the same time, completely skipping everything that is found in between the two. In short, he is cherry-picking the Bible.

Why does he do this? Because there is information there which he does not want to bring to your attention, such as Genesis 9:3-4 where God gives man divine permission to eat meat. After all, doing so would totally blow holes in his manipulated pro-vegan narrative. By the way, to be clear, what this person is proposing is NOT just vegetarianism. It is an EXTREME form of vegetarianism known as veganism. That is why the title of his opinion piece begins with the words "Eden Is Vegan", and the title alone contains "Vegan" four times!

So exactly what is meant by veganism. Well, just to make sure that I got the definition right, I looked it up online, and here is what it said:

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"Vegans avoid all animal products, not just meat. This includes eggs, dairy, honey, and often extends beyond diet to exclude leather, wool, silk, and any products tested on animals. Veganism is often a lifestyle choice as well as a dietary one."

----- End Quote -----

Imagine if you suddenly stopped eating every single thing we see in the aforementioned definition. No meat of any kind. No eggs. No milk. No cheese. No cottage cheese. No butter. No honey. No material or clothing made from any part of an animal. What a drastic change that would be! Do you see why I said that it is an EXTREME form of vegetarianism?

Now, concerning exactly why God made this change to the human diet in Genesis 9, again, I have a working theory regarding

this issue. However, it is NOT just some wild theory such as we often find on the social networks. It is actually based on real science, as you will see momentarily. First of all, I've long been convinced that everything that God does, or which He allows to happen, is always for a very specific reason. He is an organized, purposeful, structured God who has a clear plan for the human family. In other words, I hold to the view that nothing happens by mere accident or coincidence. So if God gave the command to eat meat in Genesis 9, it must have been for a very good reason.

I suspect -- but cannot prove -- that it may possibly have had something to do with the canopy of water which enveloped the Earth prior to the Flood. As some of you may recall, in the Book of Genesis, we read the following in chapter one:

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so."

Genesis 1:6-7, KJV

I believe that canopy of water served as a filter to protect man from the ultraviolet rays of the Sun. It is a known fact that UV rays do cause human cells to age in a process known as photoaging. UV rays from the Sun -- especially UVA and UVB rays -- penetrate the skin and cause damage to collagen and elastin fibers, which are essential for skin elasticity and strength. So over time, the exposure to ultraviolet rays leads to the following conditions:

- Wrinkles and fine lines
- Sagging skin
- Age spots (hyperpigmentation)
- Rough or leathery texture
- Broken capillaries and uneven skin tone

If you have ever seen an older person who has spent a lot of time in the Sun during their earlier years -- such as the foolish people who tan themselves for hours each month on the beach, or under a tanning lamp -- then you will know exactly how true this is. Some of them may be as dark as a pinto bean, but they will also be as wrinkled as a prune! It may interest you to know that I just conducted a quick online search. Upon doing so, I came across the following shocking piece of information on the FDA -- Food and Drug

Administration -- website under the title "The Risk of Tanning":

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"There is no such thing as a safe tan. The increase in skin pigment, called melanin, which causes the tan color change in your skin is a sign of damage. Why it happens: Once skin is exposed to UV radiation, it increases the production of melanin in an attempt to protect the skin from further damage."

----- End Quote -----

My, my, but isn't that comforting to know! So sorry Florida if your beaches are more sparsely populated this summer! [Smirk!] Anyway, UV rays are divided into three main types based on their wavelength, which is measured in nanometers, or nm. They are the following:

1. UVA rays [320400 nm]

- Longest wavelength, so they penetrate deepest into the skin.
- Responsible for aging (photoaging): wrinkles, sagging, and dark spots.
- Can also contribute to skin cancer.
- Present all year and can penetrate glass and clouds.

2. UVB rays [290320 nm]

- Medium wavelength, mostly affects the outer skin layer.
- Causes sunburns and plays a key role in skin cancer development.
- Does not penetrate glass well.
- Stronger in summer and at higher altitudes.

3. UVC rays [100290 nm]

- Shortest and most dangerous, but luckily they're completely absorbed by the Earth's ozone layer, so we're

not normally exposed to them.

As you can see from the previous information, UVA rays in particular penetrate deeper into one's skin and are thus primarily responsible for long-term skin aging effects. I want to point out something else regarding UVA rays. Please notice that it says that they can even penetrate glass and clouds. In other words, if you think that you are protected because it happens to be a cloudy day, you kid yourself! It just isn't so! You are STILL being exposed to skin-aging UV rays!

To continue, it is my personal theory that with that watery canopy having been removed from above the Earth as a result of the Flood, man suddenly became much more exposed to the ultraviolet rays of the Sun. Because UV rays contribute to the aging process, little by little, as the decades and centuries passed, man began to live for shorter and shorter amounts of time. While prediluvian man lived to be almost a thousand years, by the time of the Patriarch Abraham, we are down to 175 years. By the time of Moses, we drop further to 110-120 years. And by the time of King David, we are down to 70-80 years, and the situation has not changed much since that time.

When I first started contemplating these issues many years ago, I considered the possibility that the declining human lifespan was a result of sin, and the affects that sin was having on our human bodies in a physiological and genetic sense. However, as I continued to ponder this issue, I came to realize that this could not possibly be it, because sin entered the world since the Garden of Eden, and yet people were still living to be almost a millennium old up until the time of the Flood. Therefore, it had to be something else.

So this caused me to look more closely at the Flood, being as that is when the obvious lifespan change began to occur. In my mind, it is no coincidence that the human lifespan began to drop at that time, and God also gave permission to man to kill animals and eat meat. There had to be some kind of a connection. While it was just a personal theory when I first contemplated it, online research confirmed my ideas.

As I said earlier, I do not believe that there are any kind of coincidences or accidents with God, because He is clearly organized, purposeful and structured in all His ways. Thus, He gave permission for humans to eat meat at that particular

time for a very specific reason. I am convinced that because He designed and formed the human body -- as per Psalm 139 -- He knows and understands its every need as well. As such, He knew beforehand -- there's that foreknowledge again -- that human beings would require more protein in their diets in order to offset the negative effects of the ultraviolet rays on our bodies.

Now, while some of the vegan extremists may possibly scoff at this idea because it is contrary to everything that they want to believe, I went online to verify my long-held suspicions. What I learned is that a high-protein diet can indeed support healthy aging, especially in terms of muscle maintenance and skin health. However, please be aware of the fact that it is NOT some kind of "magic bullet" that will directly slow down the aging process in a broad sense. Exactly how does protein affect aging and skin? Consider the following:

- 1. Collagen Production: Protein provides amino acids necessary for collagen synthesis. Collagen is a key structural protein in the skin that helps maintain firmness and elasticity. As we age, collagen production naturally declines.
- 2. Tissue Repair and Maintenance: Adequate protein helps repair skin damage and maintain the skin barrier, keeping it hydrated and resilient.
- 3. Muscle Mass: Protein is critical for preserving muscle mass, which often declines with age (sarcopenia). This contributes to better posture, metabolism, and overall vitality.

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Theory: Why God Gave Permission To Eat Meat After The Flood, Why That Commentary Author Ignored Genesis 9, Did God Enjoy The Smell Of Barbecued Meat?, Commentary Author Skips Genesis To Isaiah Including All Of The Sacrificial Laws That God Gave To Moses, Big Lie: Sacrifices And Blood Rituals Spread Due To Fallen Man, Big Lie: Prophets Saw That God Was Never Pleased With Blood, God Hated Israelite Sacrifices Because They Were Backslidden Apostate Oppressive And Unmerciful To Their Very Own People, Murderers Of The Prophets And Child Sacrificers, Why Did Jesus Tell A Healed Leper To Offer Animal Sacrifice?, The Old Testament Sacrifices And Rituals Foreshadowed Christ, Epistle To The Hebrews, Abraham And Isaac Foreshadowed Jesus, Without Shedding Of Blood There Is No Remission Of Our Sins, Jesus And Disciples Ate Meat, Eating Meat Does Not Defile Our Body, Misguided Prohibition On Eating Meat, Romans 14 Says To Act According To Your Personal Faith And Don't Judge Others

Continuing our discussion from part one, as I explained a moment ago, my personal belief is that the reason why God gave humanity permission to eat meat following the Genesis Flood, is because being the Creator of our bodies, He was aware of the fact that we would require extra protein to help minimize the negative effects of the ultraviolet rays which were no longer so heavily filtered by the canopy of water which previously encompassed the Earth. To reiterate, yes, this is a personal theory, but it makes perfect sense to me.

So the question we should ask ourselves is why the person who wrote the commentary we've been discussing chose to not include this important piece of information in his opinion piece. As I said, he totally ignored those four key verses which are found in Genesis 9, as if they don't even exist. The answer should be rather obvious to you. He ignored them because they are contrary to what he was trying to convince people to believe in, which is a strict vegan diet. In fact, in the previous chapter in Genesis 8, there even seems to be an indication that the Lord may have enjoyed the smell of barbecued meat. At least that is the impression I am given each time that I read the following two Bible verses:

"And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every

clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done."

Genesis 8:20-21, KJV

To make matters worse, in his vain attempt to validate his weak and unscriptural position, then this person continued to purposely twist the meaning of even more verses. The way that he did this just boggled my mind. He begins by stating "Later, as civilization deteriorated, sacrifice and blood rituals spread. But God continually calls His people back to mercy." Then he quotes the following partial verses. I am not sure which version of the Bible he is quoting from:

"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Hosea 6:6

"Stop bringing meaningless offerings! . . . I cannot bear your evil assemblies."

Isaiah 1:13-17

Afterwards, he then writes "Even the prophets saw that God was never pleased with blood." My friends, I find it really unbelievable how this person is purposely misleading people, as I will now explain to you. Let me break this down for you so that you can see how extremely deceptive he is actually being. First of all, notice that he begins by saying "later". Well, just so you understand what that "later" really means, as I stated in part one, he selected a few choice verses from the Book of Genesis which support his view, and then he jumps to the above verses. In other words, he jumped forward into the future some 3,300 years from Genesis to the time when the Prophets Isaiah and Hosea prophesied to Israel, leading up to the Assyrian invasion.

In case you don't understand why this point is so important, let me tell you. As we already learned in part one, this man completely skipped over Genesis 9 where God gives permission for man to eat meat. As I already said, I am convinced that he purposely didn't share that information, because it would totally blow holes in his anti-carnivore narrative. However, what he is doing here is just as bad, if not worse. You see, not only has he purposely skipped over everything between Genesis and Isaiah and Hosea, but that includes the Books of

the Law, also known as the Torah or the Pentateuch. In short, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Now, do you know what is contained in those five Books? All of the Laws which God gave to Moses, including all of the very specific SACRIFICIAL LAWS! The man who wrote this piece does NOT want to touch that with a ten-foot pole. To him it seems to be "Out of sight, out of mind." He doesn't want you to remember that God gave those Laws. We will come back to this, but let us move on to the next point. After telling us later, he continues by saying "as civilization deteriorated, sacrifice and blood rituals spread."

Do you understand what he is doing there? He is saying that sacrifices and blood rituals spread because civilization deteriorated. In other words, they spread because humanity became more wicked. But here is the weirdest thing. He says "civilization" -- as if meaning the entire world -- but then he partially quotes a few verses which applied specifically to Israel, which at that time was comprised of Ephraim in the north, and Judah in the south.

Now, I can agree that in OTHER parts of the world where they sacrificed to false gods, the sacrifices and blood rituals were indeed done by wicked and fallen men. They were pagans. BUT, the verses he quoted do NOT apply to those people, do they? No they do not! They were directed to Israel. So then, after quoting those verses, he tells the biggest bald-faced lie of all when he writes "Even the prophets saw that God was never pleased with blood." This man is absolutely twisting what Isaiah and Hosea said and wrote, and trying to convince his readers that this is what they meant, by quoting only a tiny part of what they actually said! He is intentionally putting words in their mouths!

In other words, this man wants to convince his readers that the reason why God was so fed up with their sacrifices, was because they were killing and sacrificing animals. They were shedding blood. That is absolutely NOT true at all, as I will now clearly demonstrate to you. But before doing that, let me ask you a simple question. Does it make any sense that God would ordain those animal sacrifices Himself in the Books of the Laws -- as a foreshadow of what Jesus would accomplish in the New Testament as the Final Sacrifice for sin -- and then turn around and condemn those very same sacrifices which He had ordained, because they were so bloody?



Are you starting to see the light yet? So it is evident to me that killing animals is most certainly NOT the reason why God condemned those sacrifices. There must be another reason, and in fact, there most definitely is. However, if you just read the partial quotes that he included in his commentary, you'll miss it. So let's take his first quote. He wrote "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." You see, if you just read that alone -- as this person wants you to do -- without reading all of the surrounding verses, then you'll understand that God does not desire their sacrifices, but you will NOT understand WHY He doesn't want their sacrifices. So let's read all of the verses, and NOT just the one that he quoted:

"O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away. Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me."  
Hosea 6:4-7, KJV

Now, tell me, my dear friends. Do you see anything in those verses at all which indicates that God hated their sacrifices because they were killing animals and shedding animal blood? It is not there, is it? Yet that is what this very misguided person wants his readers to believe due to his rather extreme pro-vegan agenda. What those verses actually say is that the Lord hated their sacrifices for three primary reasons:

1. The religious and political leaders were no longer being merciful to the poor and the downtrodden. They were in fact seriously abusing them and taking complete advantage of them. If you doubt that this is so, then I encourage you to read the Book of Jeremiah, or even just Ezekiel 34. In fact, in the New Testament, you may recall that Jesus said the very same thing regarding the Scribes and the Pharisees who used the Mosaic Law to financially abuse the widows and the poor.
2. They had lost their knowledge of God, because they had in fact abandoned Him in favor of serving the false gods of the heathen nations around them.
3. They had transgressed the covenant. What covenant? The covenant which God had made with them since the time of

Moses when the Lord told them that He would bless them and prosper them as long as they followed Him and obeyed Him only. This they had not been doing for centuries, and that is why God repeatedly sent judgment upon them. This is a topic which I discuss at length in the series "The Fruits of Disobedience".

So as the previous verses clearly indicate, that is WHY the Lord hated their sacrifices so much. In other words, they were absolutely backslidden. They were total apostates. They were hypocrites of the worst kind. And they were merciless tyrants to their own people. They were just giving God lip service and playing church. It had absolutely NOTHING to do with the fact that the sacrifices involved blood or killing animals. That is why the author of that commentary is such a liar and a deceiver.

Let's move on now to his other deception in the verses that he partially quoted. Again, if we simply take the time to actually read all of the surrounding verses, we come to see that the reason why God rejected their sacrifices was NOT because they involved blood and the killing of animals. But again, if we just read the partial verses that he wrote, we won't come to that conclusion, because all he actually wrote was "Stop bringing meaningless offerings! . . . I cannot bear your evil assemblies." Just as we saw with the previous verses, while this excerpt shows that God really hated their offerings, it does NOT tell us WHY He hated them. So let's again look at all of the surrounding verses:

"Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow."

Isaiah 1:13-17, KJV

Now, while these verses include the phrase "your hands are full of blood", please understand that they are NOT talking about the blood of animals. I believe that they may actually

be talking about TWO things. First, as I explain in other articles, and as Jesus himself clearly said, and as the Book of Revelation likewise notes, they were killing their very own Prophets who God in His mercy had been sending to them. Furthermore, they were sacrificing their very own children to the false gods. I amply discuss both of these topics in some of my other articles, so I will not be delving into them in this current series.

But notice what else Isaiah writes. He confirms the very same things that Hosea had mentioned. They are oppressing the poor, the fatherless and the widows. In other words, they are NOT being merciful to them. They are abusing them. Is that not what Hosea also said?

So to reiterate one of my main points, when this deceived fellow writes "Even the prophets saw that God was never pleased with blood," he is absolutely lying, and purposely twisting the meaning of what the Prophets actually wrote. Furthermore, I believe that he knows it too. Considering how many verses he quotes in his commentary, it is evident that he is quite familiar with the Scriptures. So I cannot believe that he does not understand what these verses are really saying.

My friends, if instead of just picking and choosing verses which support his narrative, this person were to read and study said verses IN CONTEXT, he would hopefully come to understand that God's REAL problem was that the Israelites were going through the motions. They were playing religion just like so many churches today. They were pretending to be righteous and holy, and pretending to please God, when in fact they had totally backslidden from the Lord, and had become complete apostates in His sight. As we have already seen, they were also oppressing and abusing their very own people.

Now THAT is why God chastised them multiple times throughout the Old Testament period, and afterwards as well. And THAT is why He hated their hypocritical sacrifices. As I said, it had NOTHING to do with shedding blood or killing animals. I apologize for being a little redundant, but I want to make sure that you fully understand this point.

Now, if God truly condemned animal sacrifices due to the killing of animals as this individual claims, then how does this person explain the fact that on at least one occasion

in the Gospels, Jesus told a certain man to go and offer a sacrifice after He had healed him of leprosy? Consider the following sample verse:

"And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them."  
Matthew 8:4, KJV

That incident is mentioned in three of the four Gospels. So exactly what was the gift that Jesus told this man he was supposed to perform according to the laws which were given to Moses? We find a very clear answer in Leviticus chapter fourteen. The required gift -- or sacrifice -- involved the priest taking two birds, and killing one of them, and then dipping the living bird in the blood of the dead bird, as we see by the following group of Bible verses:

"Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water: As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water: And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field."  
Leviticus 14:4-7, KJV

So clearly, Jesus was telling this formerly leprosy-inflicted man to have the priest perform this ritual which involved killing an animal. Is the author of this misguided commentary going to condemn Jesus for telling this man to do what had been commanded by the Lord via Moses? I certainly hope not! That is in fact another one of the great tragedies I see in what this man wrote. In other words, by purposely skipping over and seeming to ignore all of the sacrificial laws which God gave to Moses, this man does not seem to understand how all of the blood sacrifices which are mentioned in the Old Testament were types and foreshadows of what Jesus would do for us in the New Testament when He died on a Roman cross.

As I've mentioned before, the Epistle to the Hebrews offers an excellent explanation regarding how Jesus' final sacrifice for sin is directly connected to the Old Testament rituals.

Likewise, the Patriarch Abraham being willing to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, was also a foreshadow of things to come. So if God so hates sacrifices which involve killing animals and blood, does it make any sense that He would send his very own Son to die a very horrible, agonizing death on a Roman cross? So you see, when we really start looking at this clearly, we begin to see how very misguided this individual really is. He appears to be spiritually blinded by his very own extremist vegan views, in my opinion. Sadly, his mission is to convince his readers to believe exactly as he does.

My friends, remember this: The Bible very clearly says that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of our sins. More specifically, without Christ's shed blood, there is no remission of our sins. Period. God demanded a Blood Sacrifice in order that the demands of the Law might be met. This truth is echoed in so many different verses throughout the Bible. Allow me to share some of the key ones with you:

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."  
Hebrews 9:22, KJV

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."  
Matthew 26:26-28, KJV

"And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many."  
Mark 14:22-24, KJV

"And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And

he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

Luke 22:14-20, KJV

"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;"

Romans 3:25, KJV

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

Ephesians 2:13, KJV

"For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth."

Hebrews 9:16-17, KJV

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;"

Hebrews 10:19-20, KJV

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate . . . Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:12, 20-21, KJV

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

1 Peter 1:2, KJV

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

1 John 1:7, KJV

"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

1 John 2:2, KJV

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10, KJV

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,"  
Revelation 1:5, KJV

"And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."  
Revelation 7:14, KJV

While we have now amply covered the topic of whether or not God approved of sacrifices which involved killing animals and the spilling of their blood, let's return our attention to the actual practice of eating meat. While we have already seen from the Old Testament that God most certainly approved of eating meat, does doing so defile our bodies in any way?

As the Gospels make rather evident, Jesus and His followers likewise ate a lot of fish. Furthermore, as most Christians already know, Jesus multiplied the fishes and the loaves. Well, wake up! Eating fish involves killing animals. Is the author of this one-sided piece going to condemn Jesus and His followers for doing that as well? Let me also remind you that Jesus clearly taught that it is NOT what goes into a man that defiles him -- obviously meaning the food that he eats -- but rather what comes out of him, because what comes out of him proceeds from his heart.

Please note that in the following verses, the words "meat" and "meats" are not actually referring to meat, such as beef, chicken or pork. Derived from the Koine Greek words "broma" and "brosis", they really refer to food and eating in general. The word "flesh", however, is derived from the Greek word "kreas", which signifies the flesh of a sacrificed animal.

"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 . . . Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. And 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 the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."

Matthew 15:10-11, 15-20, KJV

"There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man . . . Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

Mark 7:15, 18-19-23, KJV

I also find it very interesting that in his first Epistle to Timothy where he is discussing the dangerous "doctrines of devils" which have begun to spread throughout the Lord's Church, one of the things the Apostle Paul mentions is "commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." Well how about THAT! Consider these verses:

"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; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 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."

1 Timothy 4:1-3, KJV



Lastly, as some Christians will likewise already know, in Romans chapter fourteen, the Apostle Paul outlines his own position regarding the necessity -- or lack thereof -- of observing Jewish feast days, as well as whether or not one is required to observe Jewish kosher laws. In other words, Jewish dietary laws.

The latter includes whether or not it is permissible to eat meat. Paul concludes by saying that we should each do as we feel led to do according to our own faith; that we should be fully persuaded in our own minds; and that we should not allow others to condemn us for our particular actions, as we see by the following group of Bible verses:

"Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him . . . I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost . . . For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me."

Romans 14:1-3, 14-17, 20-23, 15:1-3, KJV

So as you can hopefully see, the twisted perspective which this obviously vegan person conveys is based on purposely omitting a number of important verses from his narrative, as well as manipulating of some verses which he does include in

his opinion piece.

Please go to part three for the conclusion of this series.

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Continuing our discussion from part two, as we have seen thus far in this series, despite the clear, unquestionable evidence which is found in the Scriptures, the person who wrote the opinion piece we have been discussing is totally convinced that God was strongly opposed to sacrifices which involved the killing of animals and the spilling of their blood. He has deceived himself into believing that this is why the Lord told the Israelites that He was sick of their sacrifices and assemblies. For this very same reason, he is

likewise convinced that eating meat is wrong, even though God himself gave us this permission in Genesis chapter nine.

Now, personally, in agreement with Romans 14, I do judge or condemn this man for embracing the views that he does. As the Apostle Paul wrote, we should each be fully persuaded in our own minds regarding what we believe. Also, we should not allow others to condemn us for our personal beliefs, and we shouldn't condemn others for their faith either. However, I do NOT agree with his beliefs, and I am strongly opposed to the way that this individual uses dishonest tactics in order to try to convince people to believe as he does. Furthermore, there is no need for me to judge or condemn him, because he has already done that to himself by denying the Messiahship of Jesus Christ. As we read in the Gospels:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John 3:18-20, 36, KJV

"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Matthew 12:37, KJV

As we have seen, this man purposely ignores key Bible verses which establish God's Will for humankind, meaning that it is okay for us to eat meat. He is definitely what is known as a cherry-picker. With other verses he intentionally distorts their meaning. And yet with still other verses of Scripture, he only partially quotes them so that they seem to support his views. As you will recall from part one, Apostle Peter called this bad practice wresting the Scriptures unto their own destruction. He outright lies and deceives. This is why I have a major problem with his commentary.

As I moved deeper still into his commentary, my jaw dropped even more as I read some of the things he had to say. In a word, this man struck me as being more of a New Ager than as a bona fide Christian believer. Yes, he does quote from the

Bible; but if he is distorting the meaning of so much of it so that it conforms to his misguided extremist vegan system of beliefs, what is the point? Let me also point out that nowhere in his commentary does he ever mention Jesus or the Sacrifice of Christ. This raised a red flag with me. But if we consider everything that he said, should we really be all that surprised by the absence of Christ?

So, out of curiosity, I tracked down his timeline on Facebook, and I visited it. To say the least, his page confirmed what I had suspected. It's NOT a Christian page. In the "Intro" part, he identifies himself as "Vegan - Animal Activist". There is nothing about being a Christian or believing in Jesus. As I scrolled down further on his timeline, I came to a disclaimer where he states the following:

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"I do not subscribe to any religions or belief systems. This information merely provides another perspective on historical events. Let your heart lead you to your spiritual destination."

----- End Quote -----

While he believes that Jesus was a real person, and while he even talks a lot about some of the things that Jesus did, he does NOT view Jesus as the Messiah and Savior of the world. In his own words, he states that Jesus was "a Jewish mystic, healer, and teacher." Of course one reason why this person cannot accept the Lord as the Messiah, is because he views blood sacrifices as being barbaric. From a conversation I had quite a number of years ago, I learned that the Urantia Book believers view the Crucifixion in the very same way. To them, it was barbaric, and was not necessary to obtain our Salvation.

So this man has a very typical New Age attitude which I have seen many times before over the years. New Agers are like the "This far and no further" people. They accept Jesus to some degree, but they do not go all the way and accept Him as the Messiah. He is simply an Avatar and an Ascended Master who is on the same level as the Buddha, Confucius, Muhammad, Moses and other so-called enlightened individuals. As I scrolled on his page, I found many posts which revealed where his head is at. Four in particular are the following:

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"The Christian religion is the anti-Christ religion."

"Religion is a culprit of human ignorance and violence."

"Religions are mere facades, disguising people's wickedness."

"Promising a Messiah that will never come is future-faking -- a form of narcissistic behavior. Embrace oneness, not gods."

----- End Quote -----

As I have stated before, one thing that makes people like this man and other New Agers so dangerous, is that they will mix in some Biblical truth with their deceptions and lies. This is why it is so easy to become deceived by them if we do not have a firm foundation in God's Word. In the words of the Apostle Paul, they appear as angels of light, as we see by the following group of verses:

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him . . . For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."  
2 Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15, KJV

Like so many New Agers, this person refers to the Earth as "Mother Earth" and treats the planet as if it is a living being. It comes as little surprise to me then that when he offers his interpretation of Romans 8:22, he also treats the Earth as a real being who remembers the Garden of Eden, and who is waiting for us human beings to remember Eden as well. Thus he writes as follows:

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

"Animals, ecosystems, and fellow humans are suffering under a system of carnism, consumption, greed, and violence. The Earth groans because it remembers Eden -- and it waits for us to remember too."

Do you see how he just mixed in some truth with a lie? The first part contains truth, but then he gets into the Mother Earth nonsense. Now, because he rejects Jesus as being the Way, the Truth and the Life, and the only way to return to the Father, in his misguided New Age way of thinking, he has to provide us another route. Except his route does not lead us to Heaven. It leads us to a new Eden on a restored Earth. And what is the route which he provides? Veganism. If you doubt that this is so, consider the following text snippets from his commentary, but please be very careful, because some of it is quite deceptive:

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"Veganism Is the Road Back to Eden."

"Why only veganism leads us back to peace and paradise."

"Veganism Is Restoration."

"Veganism is not the end goal -- it is the beginning. It is the first gate we walk through if we hope to return home."  
[He does not mean Heaven.]

"Veganism is not just a diet -- it is a spiritual act of resistance against the Fall. It is a refusal to participate in the systemic violence that exiled us from paradise. In choosing plants over flesh, we choose Genesis 1 over Genesis 3. We align with the Creator's original will."

"Every time we harm a defenseless being for taste or tradition, we re-enact the Fall. We say, "My desire is more important than your life." That's not peace. That's hierarchy and hubris."

"In Revelation 21:4, the promised paradise is one where "death shall be no more." That vision begins with us. Each vegan choice is a reversal of the curse -- an act of atonement that brings Earth one step closer to Eden."

"We have the tools to create it [meaning Eden] again -- fields that do not run with blood, homes that are built on compassion, and meals that do not cost another's life."

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So you see, according to this foolish man, Jesus is not the Way, the Truth, the Life and the Strait Gate. Veganism is. Everything he says is so humanistic. We can do it ourselves. We don't need to be washed in the Blood of the Lamb. We can recreate the Garden of Eden anew just by returning to veganism.

Please notice the lie that he tells in the above quote. He claims that it was "systemic violence that exiled us from paradise." By "paradise", he is referring to the Garden of Eden. However, that is just NOT true. It was Adam and Eve's disobedience that actually got them expelled from Eden. But you see, in his crooked way of thinking, because God had to create coats of skins for them, he views that as violence, and he casts the blame on Adam and Eve.

He tells another New Age lie in the very next quote when he claims that we re-enact the Fall whenever we harm animals by eating them. You see, he is again trying to guilt trip meat eaters. But to reiterate, the Fall had absolutely nothing to do with Adam and Eve committing violence or eating meat. He is simply bending every single Scripture that he possibly can so that he can paint as dark a picture as he possibly can of carnivores. As I said earlier, that is his main mission, and it is all over his Facebook timeline as well.

As if he hasn't already spun enough lies, notice how he then twists the meaning of Revelation 21:4. Once again he takes a very humanistic approach and claims "Each vegan choice is a reversal of the curse -- an act of atonement." Say what?! We can reverse the curse of Eden just by choosing to become a vegan? We can atone for ourselves? Now wait just one minute! I thought the curse of death was lifted when Jesus died on a Roman cross for our sins. I thought Jesus was our one and only Atonement. You mean, I got it all wrong? Well, according to this misguided fool, apparently so. Excuse my sarcasm!

Then in the final quote above, he dives right back into his humanistic approach. "We can do it! We can recreate Eden on the Earth! All we have to do is become vegans!" That's what he is basically saying. No Jesus. No atonement on the Cross.

No being washed in the Blood of the Lamb. We can achieve it all by our little selves . . . if we just forsake meat and become vegans.

Well, for any New Agers, or other deceived folks who believe that garbage, let me just say this: The only thing that will ever possibly change this wicked world is direct and forceful intervention by God himself! Period! To believe that selfish, evil, greedy man can do it on his own is a fairy tale and a fantasy. It is a thing of dreams. Do you New Agers and vegans honestly believe that the entire world is going to willingly forsake their meat-eating habit and just switch to veganism? When we look at the extreme veganism that this man promotes, it is highly doubtful.

You folks really need to wake up! Switching to a vegetarian or a vegan diet is NOT going to stop all the wars. It is NOT going to stop all of the drug trafficking. It is NOT going to stop all of the human trafficking. It is NOT going to stop the oppression of the poor. It is NOT going to stop all of the murders, the political corruption, the Big Business corruption, the pharmaceutical industry corruption, abortion, or anything else. Veganism is not some magical cure-all. The only thing that can change each person is spiritual renewal through faith in the Atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and being born again in the Spirit. That is what the Bible says, and that is what I believe. How about you?

Of course, to add a degree of legitimacy to all of his quotes -- at least in his own eyes -- he had to add a few more Bible verses as well. Of course, it doesn't matter that he is again twisting their meaning, or that he is only quoting parts of the verses so that they conform to his own New Age vision and his extremist vegan agenda. Thus, he shared these two:

"And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox."  
Isaiah 11:7, KJV

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain."  
Isaiah 11:9, KJV

But guess what? Once again, he is only quoting part of verse nine. Now why is he doing that? Well, consider what the full verse actually says:

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for



the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

Isaiah 11:9, KJV

Do you recall the three reasons I gave you in part two which explained exactly why God was so put off and upset with their sacrifices? The second reason included the fact that they had lost the knowledge of God due to their rebellion and apostasy. But this fellow did not want to include that when he quoted from Hosea 6:6, because as you will remember, he wanted you to believe that God was angry at the Israelites because they were killing animals and spilling blood. Well now. Isn't it rather interesting that in Isaiah 11:9 above, he ALSO omits the very same segment as he did in Hosea 6:6. In other words "for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD."

Why is he doing that? I already told you why earlier. It is because this man is a California New Age liberal who does NOT truly embrace Christianity, or believe that Jesus Christ is God the Father's chosen Messiah. Like all humanists, he wants to develop an earthly utopia -- centered around veganism -- that is based purely on human endeavors. He does NOT believe that Jesus is the LORD, so he can't possibly include that in his verse quote. Now do you see it? As far as he's concerned, the gate or door to this earthly paradise is veganism. You saw his quotes that I shared with you earlier. That is what he said. Jesus is not his door. Veganism is.

And then his final words in his commentary are "That mountain begins at your plate." Which mountain? Well, as I explain in my article called "New Jerusalem: Heavenly City and Mountain of the Lord's House", when Isaiah writes "My holy mountain", I believe that he is talking about the Heavenly City, or New Jerusalem. However, when this fellow refers to the phrase, for him the mountain is really an earthly, utopian paradise that is based on veganism. That's why he says that it begins at your plate. You can take one small step to bring about his utopian paradise by becoming a vegan. So you see, this man just keeps on pushing his misguided agenda to the very end of his opinion piece . . . and Jesus is nowhere in sight. Think about that!

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd

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