



SCRIPTURE OR MAN'S TEACHINGS, WHAT TO BELIEVE ABOUT DIET?

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Should Christians believe the authority of Scripture or the various denominational church teachings of man that proclaim God's dietary commands are either abolished, nailed to the cross, obsolete, outdated, etc.?

Answer: Scripture.

EZEKIEL 22:26 (NKJV):

Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; ...

While Ezekiel 22:26 is speaking of Jewish rabbinical priests, its application is eternal; it is not limited to the time at which it was written. Therefore, it applies to Catholic priests, Protestant reverends, and other religious leaders who do not distinguish between the unclean and the clean creatures, and between the creatures that may be eaten and the creatures that may not be eaten.

LEVITICUS 11:46-47 (NKJV):

This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.

God does want us to know the difference between unclean and clean creatures, those that we should not eat and those that we may eat. While we as a society keep spending untold fortunes seeking medical cures for cancer and other acquired worldly diseases, we could simply eliminate most of these plagues if we would just follow God's Dietary Commandments that the Catholic Church and her Protestant daughter churches claim are abolished. God's Dietary Commandments are eternal and were never abolished.

ISAIAH 30:9-10 (NKJV):

That this is a rebellious people, lying children who will not hear the law of YHWH (the Lord); Who say to the seers, "do not see," And the prophets, "Do not prophecy to us right things. Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits."

ROMANS 16:17-18 (NKJV):

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine that you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ), *but their own belly*, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

Isaiah 30:9-10 and Romans 16:17-18 apply to many of God's laws that people don't like to obey, including His Dietary Commandments. Many people would rather hear lies that conform to their own particular dietary practices, than hear the truth concerning God's Dietary Commandments. It is far more beneficial to conform one's diet to obeying God's dietary commands, than to listen to lies from clergymen that conform to one's diet. Likewise, some ministers would rather assuage their congregations with false teachings concerning clean and unclean animals, instead of preaching the truth to them, perhaps due to fear of losing congregants. It would be far better for these ministers (on Judgment Day) if they would speak the truth of the God's dietary commands rather than speaking smooth and misleading words to their congregation.

The Roman Catholic Pope John Paul II suffered from Parkinson's disease and perhaps various other acquired diseases before he died a helpless, feeble man. John Paul II must have believed that he could violate God's dietary commands with impunity. John Paul II frequently ate tripe (pork intestines) for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The once avid skier and hiker was halting in speech, barely able to walk, and in near constant pain from effects of what medical experts believed was an advanced case of Parkinson's. Leading up to his death, John Paul II was attended around the clock by private male nurses who helped wash and dress him and gave him an occasional massage. Pope John Paul II died following a urinary tract infection that progressed into a bloodstream infection. He was 84 years old.¹

John Paul II, dead at 84, could hardly walk or speak and was in constant pain in his last years on earth. Why?

EPHESIANS 4:14 (NKJV):

We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting...

God's dietary commands apply to kings and paupers, to the rich and poor, to clergymen and their flock. Those who apply God's dietary laws, whether through knowledge of them or not, receive health benefits from doing so, while those who do not apply God's dietary laws, whether they know them or not, are adversely health affected from not doing so. Catholic popes have no right or special privilege to discard God's dietary commands, nor to teach others to do so. Catholic priests, and other false teachers, are the same as the priests in Ezekiel 22:26. Compare the dietary teachings of the Catholic and mainstream Protestant churches with what Scripture instructs us concerning our diet and they are two different paths, in complete contradiction with one another.

¹ People Magazine, "Enduring Spirit. Despite Declining Health, Pope John Paul II Proves He's Still in Charge as He Turns 84." By Susan Schindehette, Vol. 61 – No. 20 – May 24, 2004.