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If anyone does not speak according to these words
It is because they have no light in them.
Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12



Thought of the Month

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“Kosher, Organic, Non-Gmo?”

B'reshheet (Genesis) 2:15-17

In the beginning Elohim (God) created everything good; and everything that was created to be consumed as food was organic, non-genetically modified, and Kosher for consumption.

Later, when Elohim (God) planted a Garden in Eden, He planted all of these good things; but also in the middle of the Garden in planted the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This tree apparently also had the appearance of food, the “appearance” of something that is edible and safe to eat; **B'reshheet (Genesis) 3:6**. It was also “pleasant” to the eyes, and was believed to be something that could make one wise.

However, despite all of this, Elohim (God) said that “in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die”; **B'reshheet (Genesis) 2:17**. This statement is interesting because it assumes that one day they would indeed give in to the temptation to eat of it. It is like the Surgeon General’s warning on a pack of cigarettes that says that when you smoke the cigarette you will become susceptible to lung cancer, heart disease, and other diseases. The warning assumes that people are going to give in to the temptation to smoke, and that those who do this will now have been fairly warned in advance of the consequences attached to smoking.

But just like Adam and Havah (Eve) partook of the forbidden fruit despite the warning, even so people partake of cigarette smoking despite the warning.

But what about the American food supply? Is it any different than these scenarios? We have kosher symbols that warn us by inference that consumables that do not have this symbol can potentially contain forbidden things, like insects, pig products and by products, shell fish, and other unclean things in them.

Then we have the organic label that warns us by inference that products not organically certified will likely contain dangerous chemicals and pesticide residues in them.

Then finally, we have the non-gmo label that warns us by inference that products not containing this endorsement will likely contain genetically modified ingredients that various scientific studies have shown to have adverse effects on human health; especially in the area of digestive processes.

Gmo procedures also sometimes involve the crossing of species, mixing animal (and sometimes even human) genes with the genes of fruits, vegetables, and grains, or making pesticides that are harmful to humans a permanent part of the genetic make-up of the produce or grain products. Some of these “crossings” also involve genes from unclean animals, such as tomatoes, which are said to contain octopus genes to be able to resist frost bite.

In the Hebrew the word translated into the English as “unclean” is the word “Tame” (pronounced “tah-mey”), and which means toxic or polluted.

So when Elohim (God) commanded us not to eat certain types of animals because they have “unclean” flesh, He was actually telling us not to eat them because they have “toxic” flesh, because they are polluted. Why? Because things that are “toxic” for human consumption introduce “death”, to one degree or another, into our immune system.

But what has He warned us about from the beginning? He has warned us that “in the day that we consume that which is forbidden, we will surely die”. Non-kosher items contain toxins, non-organic foods contain toxins, and genetically modified foods likewise contain toxins. And just like partaking of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden did not instantly kill us, but rather introduced into our bodies a slow death that causes us to gradually die; even so, partaking of non-kosher, non-organic, and genetically modified products compromises our health, and shaves years of life and quality of life, from our lives as well.

But do we believe these labels? Do we take these indirect warnings they represent concerning our so called “food” supply, seriously? Or do we, like Adam and Havah (Eve) ignore the warnings believing that we likewise “surely will not die”?

Sadly, being born with the same fallen nature as Adam and Havah (Eve) we ignore the same warnings and believe the same lies, just all packaged a little differently from one generation to another. But it is the same deadly, demonic spirit behind the lie, and the same unbelieving nature behind our thinking processes.

And I am not just talking about Americans. This is true of all people of every race and nation. It is in our genes. I even know a community of people who came to America as immigrants who were prophetically warned not to buy prepared American food when they came to this country; and after ministering to these precious people for many years concerning the American food supply, and why it is important to use kosher, organic, and non-gmo symbols to guide them in their purchases, many of them to this day still

ignore the warning – both the original prophetic warning, and the warning inferred by the labels, and by our personal warnings.

But to emphasize the importance of these warnings, both by Elohim (God) and by man, let me expound just a little more on exactly what kinds of things you may be eating if you do not use kosher symbols as a guide in your purchasing.

On food additives.

1) Natural flavors, for example, like sweet and sour flavors derived from the unctuous secretions of the sex glands of the civet cat often used in candies and desserts flavored as sour apple, sour grape, sour raspberry, etc... Natural flavors can likewise come from literally any source that occurs naturally in nature.

2) Natural colors, for example, like red dyes derived from the carmine bug which is dried, then crushed to extract its color and often used in desserts, candies, yogurts and other consumables. Natural colors can likewise come from literally any source that occurs naturally in nature.

3) Enzymes, another food additive that can come from literally any source, for example, like L-cysteine which has traditionally come from human hair, but is now derived also from pig bristles and horse hair, and is often used as a dough conditioner.

On Gmo's (Genetically modified organisms).

Once again, the materials used can come from any source for use in genetic modification. From pig, monkey, octopus, etc... human genes can be mixed with animal, and animal with human, animal with plant, chemical with plant, etc... A few years back there was even an outrage that took place because companies like Nestle, Kraft, and Pepsi among other companies were using genes taken from the stem cells of aborted fetuses and using them in the development of flavor enhancers.

A valuable resource on identifying the source of many of the additives in our food supply can be found in "The Consumer's Dictionary of Food Additives" by Ruth Winter.

On Organic (at least for now, is by definition, non-gmo).

- 1) Pesticides
- 2) Chemicals
- 3) Fertilizers

And like in the Garden of Eden, are not the products in the stores made to appear "as food" and as "pleasant to the eyes" and by providing ingredient labels that we can read, are we not being provided an opportunity to "appear wise" without the need of any authoritative organization telling us what is "safe" and "not safe" to eat?

Who needs these authoritative symbols anyway, right? I can just read the label and

decide for myself! I am wiser than those people! They are just using those symbols to make money! There is nothing wrong with this food! I know everything, and nobody needs to tell me anything! Unless of course, they are in agreement with my appetite, then I love them to tell me everything I want to hear!

Isn't this the difficulty of the mindset of the fallen nature?

But is this how a spiritual person born of the Spirit of Elohim (God) is to show discernment? Or is this how the fleshly mind, how the carnal nature thinks, because it is how it satisfies and appeases itself, its appetite, and its desires?

So you don't trust the symbols which were created by people who pursue these standards out of virtue and conviction? But you trust the goyim (the gentiles), food processors, and marketers who's primary motive is profit?

Well, the choice is for each of us to make individually; but I am a firm believer that Elohim (God) provided these various endorsements and overseeing organizations so that His set-apart (holy) people could make use them to keep the food they eat as pure as possible in this contaminated world.

Today you have had set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Choose life so that you and your children may live; **D'varim (Deuteronomy) 30:19.**

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