

WAS JESUS A VEGETARIAN?

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When we think of the Divine Diet of vegetarianism, we think of divine souls, spiritual souls, souls living, breathing and expressing the God Force. This, of course, begs the question, "Was Jesus the Christ a vegetarian?" In answering this controversial question, let's recall the list of famous historical figures who have been vegetarians or associated with a vegetarian diet or philosophy. A few from that list were Albert Einstein, Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Schweitzer, Leonardo de Vinci, St. Francis of Assisi, Aristotle, Plato and Socrates.

The reputations of these souls are well known. They were men of extreme accomplishment and clearly distinguished themselves as exceptional human beings. It is safe to say that these men not only attained enormous status in their fields and stature among humans, but they also expressed a relatively high level of enlightenment. Yet, it is also probably safe to say that compared to Jesus the Christ, they were not as evolved spiritually. So, the question must be asked: "If these great and evolved souls were vegetarians, if they chose not to kill, slaughter and eat the flesh of animals because of their elevated state of consciousness, their tender-heartedness, their disdain for destruction and reverence for all life, how could one such as the Christ – so much more highly evolved – express lesser thought and action?" Thus, the issue is not if Jesus were a vegetarian. The question is, "How could Jesus not have been a vegetarian?"

Besides these greatly distinguished historical personages, there have been, and currently are, millions of souls on this planet, human and animal, who are also vegetarians. In fact, some of the biggest and strongest creatures on the earth are in this category – elephants, oxen, gorillas, giraffes, cattle and horses. Why would millions of souls throughout time on this little insignificant planet alone choose not to eat meat? And, therefore, how could a professed Son of God do otherwise? It makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. If we take a simple, cursory look at the nature of Jesus the Christ, we see an extremely evolved soul, a Son of God who loved and lived love. He was kind, kingly, divine. His life's work was about elevating the consciousness of those souls who followed him. It was not about killing, hurting, maiming, destroying, creating pain and suffering for its own sake. It was about saving souls, severing their attachment to this world and liberating them from the bondage of this earth.

Furthermore, Jesus not only knew the Great Law of Karma, he taught it. It was his interpretation of the Law of Compensation and Adjustment as that of sowing and reaping that is still with us today. He believed in the commandments of not killing, committing adultery, fornicating, stealing or hurting others. Here was a grand Soul who preached that the meek shall inherit the earth. Here was a Son of God who taught that one cannot serve two masters – God and mammon. Here was a Divine Being whose life was about Light, not darkness; Life, not death; who taught that God is a Spirit and that the desires of the flesh were of the devil, the negative power. How in His Kingdom, therefore, could such a Son of God slay animals, eat their flesh and support the very force which he spent his entire life and lifeblood opposing? To reiterate, then, the germane question is not whether Jesus the Christ, Son of God, was a vegetarian. It is, most emphatically, "How could he not have been a vegetarian?"

Now for those who question, who doubt the plausibility of this argument, there is a test. It is simple. It is not philosophic. It is experiential. It is this – become a vegetarian. Walk the path. Live the life. Experience the changes in consciousness. Observe the spiritual growth. Feel the body's vibratory state become finer and calmer. Do it. And do it for years – five, ten, fifteen, twenty years. Do it for a lifetime. Walk in the shoes of those who refuse to kill, slay and slaughter animals for the meat that is their flesh, who refuse to eat that meat, who refuse to associate with such negativity. Don't judge it, criticize it, condemn it. Don't talk it. Walk it! Then, when the experiment is over, try to return to an omnivorous diet. It will be like bathing in a dung heap. Not only will eating meat be repugnant, it will be impossible. It is ignorant and foolish to deny the experiences and revelations of those who have climbed the mountain when we have never climbed it and, in fact, are still immersed in the Valley of the Shadow of Death below.

Knowledge gained as a result of personal experience is, unquestionably, superior to that acquired from books, papers, documents or word of mouth. Experience always has been and will always be the very best teacher. Therefore, make the commitment. Climb the mountain. Live the life. Learn the truth and don't just talk it. Walk it! And when that is all said and done, if there is still a need, ask the question to the image in the mirror, "Was Jesus the Christ a vegetarian?" The answer will surely be, "How could he not have been!"