

Dangers of Eating Pork and Other Variations of Pigs' Body Residues

When Allah, in His absolute Supremacy created the Universe¹ out of nothingness, and particularly when Allah created this planet, earth², Allah in His infinite wisdom and whilst planning with His truth, ensured that all resources on earth was fully provided for³, to support the best of all His creations. The best of His creation is humanity, in common broadness. Allah manifests these points in the Holy Qur'an at 2:29, *"He it is Who created for you all that is in the earth. And He directed Himself to the heaven, so He made them complete seven heavens; and He is Knower of all things."* These points are further strengthened in the Holy Qur'an at 6:73, *"And He it is Who created the heavens and the earth with truth. And when He says, Be, it is. His word is the truth and His is the kingdom on the day when the trumpet is blown. The Knower of the unseen and the seen; and He is the Wise, the Aware."*

A point which needs capitalising upon, is the unmeasurable qualities of Allah in His wisdom and planning with His truth, which need no correction of error; and all His creations were done error-free, definitely in six periods of time. Those quotations also mean that all species of pigs were neither created in error nor were pigs ever created as an item of food⁴ for humanity; and bearing in mind that humanity is the best of His creation. No Prophet of Allah is on record of ever eating pork.

The obvious question arises, then why did Allah create different species of pigs in the first instance, if they were not made for eating? Allah stresses in the Holy Qur'an at several places that pigs are unclean and they are "not good things" and people should eat only of those good things, which Allah has provided. This has been made clear in the Holy Qur'an at 2:172, *"O you who believe, eat of the good things that We have provided you with, and give thanks to Allah if He it is Whom you serve."* The silent message implies that people must always thank Allah for whatever food He has provided.

Eating of pigs was really the combined work of St Peter and St Paul, in what was stated in the Bible (New Testament) as interpretation of a dream by St Peter⁵. It was only after this event was given

¹ Holy Qur'an states at 7:54, *"Surely your Lord is Allah, Who created the heavens and the earth in six periods, and He is established on the Throne of Power. He makes the night cover the day, which it pursues incessantly. And (He created) the sun and the moon and the stars, made subservient by His command. Surely His is the creation and the command. Blessed is Allah, the Lord of the worlds!"*

² Holy Qur'an states that out of six periods, the earth was created in just two days at 41:9, *"Say: Do you indeed disbelieve in Him Who created the earth in two days, and do you set up equals with Him? That is the Lord of the worlds."*

³ The term "one day" by the measure of Allah is directly equivalent of 50,000 years by the measure of humans, as clarified and stated in the Holy Qur'an at 70:4, *"To Him ascend the angels and the Spirit in a day the measure of which is fifty thousand years."*

⁴ Pigs were never made for food, as stated in the Holy Qur'an at 3:93, *"All food was lawful to the Children of Israel, before the Torah was revealed, except that which Israel forbade himself. Say: Bring the Torah and read it, if you are truthful."*

⁵ The Bible: (New Testament) Acts 10: 9-15 "9. On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. 10. But he became hungry and was desiring

widest publicity, in all languages, which drove Christian communities into widespread consumption of pork and pig residues, to such a global situation that pig farming has now become a multi-billion dollar commercial industry, to supply the growing demand for consumption of pigs. The interpretation of that so-called dream comes as very sharply contradictory and contrasts to the Law of Moses⁶ (Old Testament), which Jesus was most obediently following.

It should now be clearly understood, why Allah created pigs as part of His infinite wisdom? Allah created pigs as His natural garbage processors on earth, so that pigs are able to wander around on four-feet as scavengers, and eat up all those harmful things, which are not good for humans, and which are likely to infest bacteria, cause diseases and sicknesses. This is explained later in this text.

Allah created pigs purposefully, to protect His humans so that pigs will consume all the filthy garbage!

Pigs are wandering scavengers and will eat any kind of food, including dead insects, worms, rotting carcasses; excreta (dung) including their own, general discarded garbage, rotting vegetation, and other infant animals or even their dead or diseased piglets. Pigs were the natural garbage processors, before the municipal Authorities came up with new modern concept of garbage collection trucks!

Allah makes this comprehensively clear in the Holy Qur'an at 5:3, *"Forbidden to you is that which dies of itself, and blood, and flesh of swine, and that on which any other name than that of Allah has been invoked, and the strangled (animal), and that beaten to death, and that killed by a fall, and that killed by goring with the horn, and that which wild beasts have eaten — except what you slaughter; and that which is sacrificed on stones set up (for idols), and that you seek to divide by arrows; that is a transgression. This day have those who disbelieve despaired of your religion, so fear them not, and fear Me. This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favour to you and chosen for you Islam as a religion. But whoever is compelled by hunger, not inclining wilfully to sin, then surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful."* Other similar references are made at 2:173⁷ and 6:145.⁸

to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance; 11. and he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, 12. and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. 13. A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" 14. But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean." 15. Again a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.""

⁶ The Bible (Old Testament): Leviticus 11: 7-8 states: ⁷ And the pig, though it has a divided hoof, does not chew the cud; it is unclean for you. ⁸ You must not eat their meat or touch their carcasses; they are unclean for you.

The Bible (Old Testament): Deuteronomy 14: 7-8 states: ⁷ However, of those that chew the cud or that have a divided hoof you may not eat the camel, the rabbit or the hyrax. Although they chew the cud, they do not have a divided hoof; they are ceremonially unclean for you. ⁸ The pig is also unclean; although it has a divided hoof, it does not chew the cud. You are not to eat their meat or touch their carcasses.

⁷ Holy Qur'an 2:173, *"He has forbidden you only what dies of itself, and blood, and the flesh of swine, and that over which any other (name) than (that of) Allah has been invoked. Then whoever is driven by necessity, not desiring, nor exceeding the limit, no sin is upon him. Surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful."*

This follows that in addition to prohibiting consumption of pigs in any form, any other animal, which was killed in the name of any other person or any idol instead of Allah, and any form of food whatsoever, which was presented as offerings⁹ to any other person or idol are all equally prohibited!

In order for continuously providing safe and secure environments for food items, which are as essential survival needs, Allah in His infinite wisdom and knowledge has protected the best of His creation with warnings, prohibiting eating any animal carcass, which died by any means other than Halal slaughter; and prohibiting the blood of any animal whatsoever. Allah knows best that animals, which have died from other causes, have not been fully bled and their body decomposition starts immediately from moment of death because of stagnant blood; stagnant blood contains harmful bacteria, and which are likely to infest poisoning, cause diseases and sicknesses.

In this regard, Allah gives all those other classifications the same prohibition as flesh of pigs and the quotations are detailed in the footnotes 7-9. Those verses also make dispensation for not Halal food, exceptionally, only for basic survivals from starvation and no more – not as regular normal food.

However, for those people who are not Muslims, and have no regard and respect whatsoever for the injunctions in the Holy Qur'an, Allah has made very clear that those are classifications of people, who are associated with classifications of what they consume. The Holy Qur'an states boldly at 24:26, *"Unclean things are for unclean ones and unclean ones are for unclean things, and good things are for good ones and good ones are for good things; these are free from what they say. For them is forgiveness and an honourable sustenance."*

Altogether, Allah has made four distinct prohibitions to Muslims regarding consumption of pig flesh. These are at 2:173, 5:3, 6:145 and 16:115. All Muslims should be *au fait* with them.

A point often overlooked by most people is some frightful similarities between a pig and a human. The human and pig digestive systems are very similar. That is why they are what is seen, when a pig is dissected in Biology labs. The pig digestive system includes all the same organs that humans have: the oesophagus, the stomach, the liver and gall bladder, the spleen, the pancreas, and the small and large intestines. The functions of the organs are the same as well. A pig's large intestine is basically balled while a human's intestine is wound around the inside of the body's abdomen cavity.

There is only one stomach in any species of pig. Cows have four digestive departments inside a cow's stomach region. These digestive departments' names are *rumen*, *reticulum*, *omasum* and *abomasum*. It takes a pig takes only 4-hours for food from mouth to faeces stage in food digestion of whatever food. Pigs do not have sweat glands. Therefore toxins are not eliminated. A cow (all bovine) takes 24

⁸ Holy Qur'an 6:145, *"Say: I find not in that which is revealed to me aught forbidden for an eater to eat thereof, except that it be what dies of itself, or blood poured forth, or flesh of swine — for that surely is unclean — or what is a transgression, other than (the name of) Allah having been invoked on it. But whoever is driven to necessity, not desiring nor exceeding the limit, then surely thy Lord is Forgiving, Merciful."*

⁹ The purpose of prohibiting offerings is for Muslims to focus only on Allah as the true One God and not get swayed into involvement of consuming offerings made to statues, idols and similar objects of worship. The absolute supremacy of Allah has to be upheld at all times.

hours for food/grass/fodder from mouth to faeces (dung) stage in food digestion. A pig cannot eliminate toxins and bacteria in its digestive system and all these toxins are stored in a pig's body flesh and thick body fat surrounding its barrel-like body. A cow digests its food in four stages and has in-body bacteria reduction system, which kills all bacteria within its digestive system.

Another important fact often overlooked by many people is the understanding of body flesh tissue compatibility between pig tissue and blood; and human tissue and blood.¹⁰ Pig organ sizes are same as human organ sizes. Body parts from other animals are rejected by the human body when carrying out organ transplants, but organ transplants and parts of organs transplanted from pigs to humans are mainly accepted by the human body¹¹ although subjected to regular consumption of certain special anti-rejection drugs. The human and pig circulatory system, blood and blood vessels are generally very similar in structure and function. This compatibility of blood and tissue commonality makes consumption of pig flesh in any form, as easy transport to carry over dangerous diseases.

There are many diseases, which are carried over from pigs to man, particularly parasite infestations. Influenza (flu) is one of the most famous illnesses, which pigs share with humans. This illness is harboured in the lungs of pigs during the summer months and tends to affect pigs and humans in the cooler months. Pork sausage contains bits of pigs' lungs, as part of pork sausage mixing for texture and colour, so those who eat pork sausage tend to suffer seriously more during epidemics of influenza. The outbreak of the disease Swine Flu in people is caused by a new mutated influenza virus of swine origin, which continues to grow in those communities, which also have high pork consumption. People who work daily in pig sty often get variations of influenza of pigs after the strain of the influenza has gone through the process of mutation.

When it comes to eating meats, pork sausage is probably one of the worst offenders. Sausage, especially pork sausage, is loaded with undesirable, unhealthy fat.¹² Often, it is also heavily processed and seasoned with spices and chemicals. Eating pork is often a direct route to becoming infected with parasites. Pork often carries parasites, some of which can survive even the high temperatures of grilling. Some parasites attach themselves to the intestinal lining. If they migrate out of the intestine into other parts of the body they can cause unexpected serious health problems. There is need to elaborate on just a few of diseases, which originate from pigs.

¹⁰ Human blood cells are very similar to pig blood cells. Both human blood cells and pig blood cells can have A or B antigens, or both or neither and resulting in blood typing of A, B, O or AB. Human and pig blood cells can also have ABO and Rh status or Rheus antigens, which are attached to the surface of the red blood cells. This similarity is not found in other quadruped animals. Hence all diseases are transferable from pig to human and human to pig. However, blood transfusion from pigs to humans is never recommended or experimented yet in cross-matching.

¹¹ There are literally thousands of people throughout the world who have reached end-stage medical defects in their body organs; and have since been transplanted with either of pig's cornea, pig's heart valves, pig's kidney, pig's spleen, pig's pancreas, etc, but of course the recipient person must be also be consuming certain anti-rejection drugs to facilitate that pig organ remaining inside that recipient person's body.

¹² Unhealthy fat means, in the sense that pig fat stores and contains impurities and toxins.

Trichinosis, also called *trichinellosis*, or *trichinises*, is a parasitic disease caused by eating raw or undercooked pork and wild game infected with the larvae of a species of roundworm *Trichinella spiralis*, commonly called the *trichina* worm. *Cysticercosis* refers to tissue infection after exposure to eggs of *Taenia solium*, the pork tapeworm. The condition known as *cysticercosis* in humans occurs due to the ingestion of tape worm eggs, either from external sources or from the faeces. Pigs, which are the "normal" intermediate host for this parasite, get infected with *cysticerci* when they ingest faeces. The incubation period for parasites ranges from months to many years.

After ingestion, the eggs pass through the lumen of the intestine into the tissues and migrate preferentially to the brain and muscles. There they form cysts that can persist for years. In some cases the cysts will eventually cause an inflammatory reaction presenting as painful nodules in the muscles and seizures when the cysts are located in the brain. Many times the parasites reside in the human brain and often mistaken for headaches and numbness from brain tumour. In other serious cases, depending which part of the brain the parasites reside, they can cause paralysis to the person.

Having deliberated on the religious, technical and scientific information in this article, it becomes imperative that all people must marvel and give deep sincere thanks to Allah, for making Islam the way it is, and for those who are already Muslims to become better informed practising Muslims.

The Holy Qur'an bears this marvellous evidence at 57:4, "*He it is Who created the heavens and the earth in six periods, and He is established on the Throne of Power. He knows that which goes down into the earth and that which comes forth out of it, and that which comes down from heaven and that which goes up to it. And He is with you wherever you are. And Allah is Seer of what you do.*"

In conclusion, the Holy Qur'an states most caringly at 16:114, "*So eat of what Allah has given you, lawful and good (things), and give thanks for Allah's favour, if He it is you serve.*" Rather regretfully, there are very few people who give thanks to Allah after a meal.

It is for all correct thinking Muslims to guide and assist other Muslims; the Holy Qur'an has sanctioned that correct advice shall be given to those who need to be guided. This is given in the Holy Qur'an at 3:103, as "*And from among you there should be a party who invite to good and enjoin the right and forbid the wrong. And these are they who are successful.*"

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