

Does modern agriculture constitute unquestioned corruption?



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Following from the previous article, we continue to focus on modern agricultural production.

Especially in developed countries, cows are locked in small areas where they are milked and fed. Piglets are kept for about four weeks with their mothers (sows) and are then separated.

Pigs do have complex emotional worlds (Harari). They cannot be happy under these conditions.

Such conditions cause enormous psychological and emotional stress to animals that have ranged free for millions of years until we domesticated them. Under such stressful conditions, animals release emissions that can be harmful for consumption and human development.

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We tend to justify our cruelty for the sake of profit, greed and our comfort to advance as humans.

Another reason for our cruelty could be due to our perception that we are the masters that have a God given right in terms of the Bible to rule animals and the earth as kings and masters as we see fit for our own selfish comfort and greed.

We cannot accept that the latter

interpretation is the only and correct interpretation.

Animals and humans are connected. For example, dogs evolved genetically to such an extent that they are people pleasers.

If we contemplate the fact that happiness is not a human monopoly, then we need to be concerned if animals are happy given the way that we as modern agriculturalists breed animals for our exclusive benefit.

The unhappiness of animals during modern agricultural production could be one of the unquestioned corrupt activities of our time that affect our happiness and corrupt our minds. As modern agriculturalists and consumers we need serious introspection about how we treat and breed animals.

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