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Dear Members of the Clean Environment Commission Panel,

Thank-you for electing to be on the panel for the Hog Industry Review. We appreciate your time, energy and sincerity in the reading of this and all other presentations.

We pray that your credential of experience in this investigation may persuade you to consider these matters which have us so deeply worried. Please keep God's commands as written in the Bible at the forefront of all your conclusions and recommendations. To do so will simplify an otherwise insurmountable task, and I trust you will respond with backbone and do what in your heart you know is right, according to scripture, considering everything that God and Jesus had to say about swine in the Old and the New Testament.

Also, please refer to and consider the Business Code of Ethics , **An Interfaith Declaration, A Code of Ethics on International Business for Christians, Muslims and Jews, which was drawn up in 1984 by HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, and HRH Crown Prince E1 Hassan Bin Talal of Jordan.** You will find it at:

http://astro.temple.edu/~dialogue/codes/cmj_codes.htm

In reading this code of ethics, I think you will find that the large scale corporate owned industrial hog factories are in violation of most, if not all, of the Principles, Guidelines and Policies of the **Code of Ethics on International Business for Christians, Muslims and Jews**, as described therein.

So, they say, •What does God have to do with business and international code of ethics?!• The answer is, **•Everything!•**

God's word is all that should matter, all that one needs to arrive at the solutions, yet there is always a debate about what to do. In **Leviticus 11:7** and in **Deuteronomy 14:8**, **God's Law** forbids the eating of swine's flesh. This has always been held in abomination by Jews , even to this day. **Leviticus 11:7 & 8 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. 8: Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you.**

In the **New Testament**, **Jesus cast unclean spirits out of a demon possessed man into a large herd of swine. Luke 8:32-33, Matthew 8:30-32, Mark 5:8-16** For he said unto him, **Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9:And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered , saying My name is Legion: for we are many. 10: And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of**

the country. 11: Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12: And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13: And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. 14: And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. The demons begged Jesus to cast them into the swine because the swine, already being unclean, were a preferred place for the demons to reside. In the Bible Concordance, there is a comment on the scripture for **Matthew 12:43-45 that explains that demons like some places better than others, that they have choice powers, desires and feelings of various kinds. **Matthew 12:43-45** **When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest and findeth none. 44: Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth *it* empty, swept and garnished. 45: Then goeth he and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.****

God is Angry

Isaiah 65:2-5 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts; **3: A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; 4: Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; 5: Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day . 6: Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, 7: Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the Lord, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.**

The Prodigal Son • Misery and Chastisement

Luke 15:14-16, 14; And when he spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want . 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

From the King James Version Concordance: re:verse 15, This (being a swine herder) was considered one of the most degrading employments, not only by the Jews, but by other nations. Among the Egyptians, for example, the swine-herds were completely cut off from society. They could not worship the gods or marry even the lowest of people. Jesus made use of the fact to show the depth of misery to which ruinous living brought the prodigal son. It illustrates the depravity and misery of sinners in their lusts and sins. Re:Verse 16, Inclined, desirous, and eager to eat the husks of the swine. This suggests he was forced to

be a slave and was sent into the fields without food.

Today in Manitoba, the vertically integrated hog farmer who has taken all the risk with little or no recourse, is a slave on his own land. Manitoba farmers are living out the consequences of what God told them not to do. Farmers have resorted to •desperation economics• while the Corporations they are vertically integrated with are laughing all the way to the banks while, at the same time, cry to our government for more of the **people's** money so that they can continue to exploit our most precious resources, our health, water, air, land, economy and our social structure and of course, our farmers!

Choice

If people want to continue to eat swine, that is their God given choice. We have a free will to choose right or wrong and we have God's word that explains what is right and wrong. The difficulty is that those choosing to consume swine, with today's livestock practices, is causing a major problem for everyone else and the environment. This was not the case before large scale corporate owned livestock factories and vertical integration. Swine is not a healthy meat to eat.

God said it, I believe it, that settles it!!!

Here are some studies on the health effects of eating swine(pork):

From the Journal of The National Cancer Institute

<http://jnci.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/97/23/1787>

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/513991>

http://www.islamset.com/hip/pork/Sufian_Albar.html

Wasting syndrome worsens in Canadian pork industry(headlines in The Carillon, Thursday, April 6, 2006 Steinbach, Man.) Some people may feel confident about purchasing pork in the grocery store.

Parks Livestock ships cull pork to be placed on dinner plates in less privileged countries.

Our Environment:

Lagoons leak! Every single one of them! A Manitoba study by the Dept. of Conservation on clay lagoons proved that clay lagoons leak at the rate of 10 centimetres per second and have nitrogen loss by evaporation at the rate of •11 cm/sec. Studies in Minnesota prove also all lagoons leak and need to be banned as is done in some countries.

Aquifers are being contaminated and depleted. Production of 9 Million swine is equivalent in waste production to 36 Million people. Some studies now say that hogs produce 10 times more waste than humans which would be equivalent to 90 Million people's waste being spread on under 800,000 acres in southern Manitoba from east to west. This is unacceptable . People are outraged!!

The Moratorium must be a permanent. There must be an order for a Cease and Decist before there will be no remedy, no chance for recovery. We must return to humane treatment and traditional farm size.

Thank-you. You will be in my prayers.

Linda Smith