

Beyond Vegetarianism - The Real Green Revolution

Let me make it clear from the outset, it's not my intention to malign vegetarians. I'm sure they mean well with their dire warnings about flatulent bovines accelerating the deadly Greenhouse Effect. The fact is however, their vegetarian solution is just passing the buck (or, more precisely, just passing the gas ... so to speak). After all, methane is a by-product of carbohydrate digestion whether by clover chewing cattle or by broccoli munching humans. But lest you be inclined to chuckle at this little irony, let me assure you it's no laughing matter!

Recent discoveries about the demise of the dinosaurs have sent shock waves through the scientific world. The dinosaurs weren't really destroyed by a meteorite. The shocking truth is - they destroyed themselves. Yes, that's right, eons of placid, flatulent vegetarian dinosaurs created the lush greenhouse world in which they thrived in ever increasing numbers. Numbers too large even for ravenous T. Rex to control. But in the end, overheated and asphyxiated, they fell victim to their own success.

Is that to be man's fate also – trapped by his own success? Warned off of raising livestock for food, will we instead be complacently led off to destruction by the false messiahs of vegetarianism?

Man, of course, has resources not available to the previous masters of this planet. Ironically though, the inspiration for solving man's dilemma may not even come from his own world. It's a well established fact that our extra-terrestrial visitors are, almost to a man (or whatever), green. We have, until now, largely overlooked the great significance of that fact. Have these highly advanced beings learned the secret of living in harmony with nature? Are they pointing the way for us?

Only a short time ago such an idea might have seemed ridiculous, but with the recent dramatic advances in genetic engineering it may soon become possible for man to be genetically redesigned to utilize photosynthesis as the mainstay of his nourishment. We could, in effect, become plants!

Splicing in genes to make the jump from fauna to flora would bring far more change than did even the Industrial Revolution. And what changes! No longer the "human animal", man would tumble to the bottom of the food chain, eliminating totally the need for livestock. No longer would we need to clear rain forests and plow up prairies. Overpopulation, like Bubonic Plague, would be a fear relegated to history. We could thrive in virtually unlimited numbers on sunshine and exhaust fumes. Cities would become greenbelts, repairing the damage done to the atmosphere by previous generations of primitive, ecologically destructive humans.

Racial and cultural prejudices would also change. No longer would mankind be divided by color, all peoples of the world could be a lovely shade of green. The lines between work ethic and pleasure ethic would blur as sunbathing ceased being merely a pastime of the idle and became a necessary occupation.

And for hunters, there would be new respect. Who, after all, could blame anyone for shooting a ravenous deer in self defense? Even rabbits, you know, can take a pretty fierce bite out of a juicy vegetable.

This could be the real green revolution, the answer to mankind's oldest problems. Oh, and we'd never again have to eat broccoli!

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