

the land flowing with
milk and honey

... or was it lemon juice and yams

you are what you eat

- Is Veganism Good for your soul?
- Scholarship referenced
 - Gary Yourofsky
 - Rav Kook
 - R. Yosef Soloveitchik
- Review of podcast points
- General discussion

R. Kook

- Abraham Isaac Kook (1865–1935)
- *The Vision of Vegetarianism and Peace*
- vegetarianism as a moral credo is best solely as an idea, but not as a practice or norm.
- Other societal ills on which to focus
- equating man and animal may lead to man acting like an animal.

R. Soloveitchik

- believed all life, even animal life is sanctified.
- G-d gave into man's desires and let him eat meat.
- Deut 12:20
- Radically different view than predecessors

Gary Yourofsky

- “Human life is not valuable...people are not special” *Israeli Interview Dec 2013*
- Offended that the Jewish Holocaust is compared to the Animal Holocaust (a greater atrocity). *i24 news*
- Peace will come through vegan lifestyles

podcast points

- Man's "stealing" from the animals contributes to the G-d's decision to "reboot".
- People who refrain from eating meat evolve into people who respect life.
- During the Reign of Messiah, we will be vegetarians.

what's the beef

- Is killing animals *murder* (i.e. is killing animals morally wrong)?
- Does G-d command us to kill animals?
- Does G-d command us to *eat* the flesh of animals?
- Did G-d ever eat meat?
- What is the risk of abstaining from all animal products on the grounds of morality.

...however

- Is it godly to mistreat animals?
- Shabbat (Ex 20:10)
- Muzzling (Deut 25:4)
- Prevent suffering (Deut 22:10, Deut 22:4, Lev 22:28, Deut 22:6-7)
- What should our halacha consider?

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➤ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=es6U00LMmC4>

(Gary Yourofsky's speech at Georgia Tech 2010)