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QUESTIONS THEY ASK!

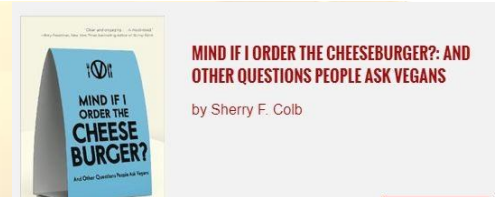
“Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers.” Voltaire (François-Marie Arouet)

Non-Vegan: Have you tried the lasagna? It's delicious!
Vegan: Well, I'm vegan, so I don't eat animal products such as meat, eggs, or dairy.
Non-Vegan: Really? Why not?
Vegan: Because producing animal products requires humans to inflict suffering and death on animals. I don't want to participate in that. That's why I became vegan.
Non-Vegan: Interesting, but you do eat plants?
Vegan: Yes. I definitely eat plants! Plant-based food gives me so many options, and the food is amazing. I make an incredible vegan lasagna!
Non-Vegan: Hmmm. You do know that plants have to die for you to eat them, right? Don't you think that plants have a right to live too?

According to a study, people who ask questions are liked better by their conversation partners¹, and the take home message is that Americans² like to be the center of attention and enjoy talking about themselves. They really don't care to ask anything but keep talking about themselves. The more follow up questions, the more to talk about themselves. The more questions asked, the more likability of the questioner.

However, it depends on the type of questions asked. See, for example, the probing questions people ask vegans and vegetarians out of curiosity³, questions such as: Mind If I Order the Cheeseburger? What about plants? Don't animals eat other animals? There are no perfect vegans, so why bother? Do you eat fish? What about eggs? What about your nutrition and protein? Would a Feminist Oppose the Right to Choose? etc⁴.

Attorney Sherry F. Colb⁵ takes these questions at face value and also delves deeply into the motivations behind them, coming up with answers that are not only intelligent but insightful about human nature. She provides arguments for everything from why veganism is



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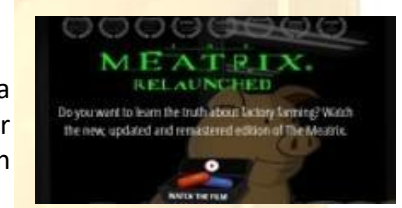
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compatible with the world's major religions to why vegetarianism is not enough. In the end, she shows how it is possible for vegans and non-vegans to engage in a mutually beneficial conversation without descending into counterproductive name-calling, and to work together to create a more hospitable world for human animals and non-human animals alike.

There is a scientific consensus regarding animal sentience and their capacity to suffer and this is officially recognized in EU legislation. The opposing view that conscious experience is only possible in human brains is not supported by current evidence. Each year, more than 60 billion sentient animals are reared in industrial conditions in order to produce meat. This global enterprise is currently the planet's main source of human pandemic diseases and likely among its greatest concentrations of human-inflicted suffering. Curbing this ongoing moral catastrophe should thus be of high concern for people aiming to effectively help as many sentient beings as possible.

Addressing this massive challenge would ideally involve a worldwide shift to a vegetarian lifestyle, but such a shift is unlikely to take place in our lifetimes. Curbing this ongoing moral catastrophe should thus be of high concern for all people⁶.



A study by psychologists at Stanford University has found that people (Americans⁷) in US aren't driven by a sense of community. So, to get such people driven by individualism, capitalism, and greed to do something like vegetarian lifestyle for the benefit of the world and their own individual health, it's better to stress that it's good for them individually rather than pointing out the wider benefits of preventing an impending global catastrophe of moral/climate⁸.

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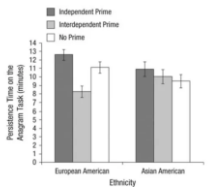
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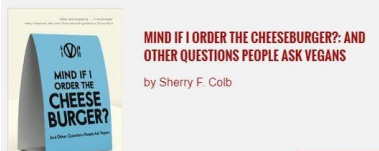
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“Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, Where knowledge is free Where the world has not been broken up into fragments, By narrow domestic walls.” Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), Gitanjali, 1912.

One World One Family
 AUM! SWASTI!

Om! Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya, Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!
 (Aum! Lead the world from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to knowledge, from mortality to immortality, and peace!)
 SWASTI! AUM!



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