



Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease



You've heard a lot about it, but they've told us it was not here. It is a disease that has been stated will make AIDS look like the common cold. It's named Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease (CJD), and is commonly called '**MAD COW DISEASE**'. It **IS** here! and it has been here for quite a long time.

I share this article at this time, due to the fact that some friends of mine (husband and wife, Doctor and Nurse) living in Washington State, informed me about a family member of theirs, also a Doctor, who was diagnosed with Mad Cow Disease. He had symptoms of fatigue, and from day to day his symptoms increased and progressed into something worse. Approximately thirty days after his diagnosis, he was dead.

What is Mad Cow Disease?

Spongy brains, whether in humans, cows, or other animals, are caused by malformed proteins called prions. Researchers have traced recent outbreaks of the bovine version of the disease to farmers' cost-cutting practice of mixing bits of dead sheep's neural tissue into the feed of cows, who are naturally herbivorous.

If cows eat the brains of other cows who already have BSE or of sheep suffering from a sheep disease called scrapie, the animals can develop mad cow disease. When people eat infected animals, thus far presumed to be cows, they could develop the human version of the disease, new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (nvCJD). Millions of cattle suspected of being infected with BSE in England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Belgium, Italy, and other countries have been incinerated, and various safeguards (few of which have been adopted in the U.S.) have been instituted.

Why aren't you Hearing it Reported?

The bottom line, Money!

Doesn't the Government Protect the Meat Supply?

Because the infected cow was raised for dairy production, she had lived long enough to show symptoms of the disease. Most cows are killed before they turn 2 years old, chickens at 6 to 7 weeks, and pigs and turkeys before they're 6 months old, long before they could become symptomatic; no one would know whether they were



infected with spongy brain disease, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is doing nothing at all to try to find out. In fact, the USDA admits that it only tested about 20,000 cows (and no other animals) for BSE last year—a statistically insignificant percentage of the approximately 40 million cows and 10 billion other animals slaughtered annually.

The dangerous practice of feeding sheep and even cows to other cows was not banned in the U.S. and Canada until 1997, and the U.S. government said that as recently as 2001, there was widespread violation of the feeding regulation. It is still legal to feed sheep and cows to pigs and chickens and to feed pigs and chickens to one another and to cows, even though these practices have been banned in Europe, and cows' blood continues to be fed to chickens, turkeys, and other farmed animals. In fact, European countries have instituted an array of safety precautions that have not yet been adopted in the U.S. to try to protect their populations from spongy brain diseases. Although the issue of feeding cows to cows has been of particular concern, the problem is even more severe for chickens and pigs. In fact, of all the meat and bone meal that is processed into food for farmed animals, 43 percent is fed to birds, 13 percent is fed to pigs, and only 10 percent is fed to cows, so any ban on feeding animal carcasses to cows does not even begin to address the overall violation of WHO recommendations.

Other forms of spongy brain diseases have been found in North America. In May, an 8-year-old cow on a dairy farm in Alberta, Canada, was found to have BSE. Two years ago, 200 sheep raised for dairy on a Vermont farm were killed on suspicion that they were infected with their species' equivalent of mad cow disease. Chronic wasting disease, a similar condition, is widespread in deer and elk in Western Canada and the U.S. and is suspected of infecting hunters who may have eaten meat from sick animals.

Since spongy brains have been found in cats, dogs, sheep, mink, deer, and elk, as well as in cows and people, you may not be protecting yourself by avoiding beef alone. When there are so many delicious vegetarian alternatives available at virtually every grocery store, why gamble?

Can You Protect Yourself?

Yes! The best way to protect yourself and your family is to stop eating animal products and choose a healthy vegan diet. A vegan diet not only protects you from mad cow disease, but is the most effective way to prevent food borne illness, heart disease, strokes, and many other ailments. www.peta.org/feat/madcowus

Eating in restaurants is no longer safe, unless the restaurant is 100% vegan. Otherwise the vege-burgers you eat may be tainted with e-coli, prions, or other bacteria from the pork or bovine grill they were fried on. Products containing casein such as soy cheese, sour cream, cream cheese, non-dairy creamers and other "vegetarian" products are also possible carriers of CJD and are no longer to be considered safe. I would even go so far to say, be careful of the food you are handling while feeding your pets. Your pets are also susceptible to the disease, which makes you a potential target.

The Bible says in **Rom 8:22** "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." KJV

All of nature is being affected by sin, the animals are not excluded. Diseases in animals has reached epidemic proportions, and we have to stop and take notice, and make necessary changes in our dietary and lifestyle habits.

Resourceful Internet Links

www.peta.org/feat/madcowus

www.cfsan.fda.gov/~comm/bsefaq.html

www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/madcow