

ANIMAL RIGHTS/VEGANISM FACT SHEET

The animal rights movement and call for veganism is based on misleading and/or false information or a misunderstanding of where human rights are actually at as a matter of law. Human beings who are deemed incompetent as a matter of law as a result of not recognizing the difference between right and wrong or truth and fiction become wards of the state and/or require a competent human be responsible for their care and supervision. So, with nonhuman animals who do not understand or comprehend human systems of law and social expectations to keep the peace must have human guardians. And, as a matter of law and practicality those guardians need a means of acquiring and maintaining resources to responsibly care for their wards (human or nonhuman). And, for incompetent humans that often means sex and labor trafficking in segregated congregate care which often results in premature death. So, it seems that nonhuman animals have the same rights as incompetent humans and require assistance in reporting criminal abuse and exploitation to the proper authorities who will then seize and/or transfer them to likely a similar storefront or service, but, maybe a good one that is actually ethical. But, the point is nonhuman animals currently have equal rights with incompetent humans at law. Even when it comes to euthanasia or "pulling the plug" where someone holds the power of attorney for a loved one that is human but incompetent or unable to make decisions for themselves. So, to improve animal rights, improving the rights of incompetent humans may be where to start. Animals currently have equal rights to incompetent humans with exception that eating incompetent humans is illegal in most jurisdictions where eating other species is not.

And, given the majority of species (including plants) on the planet are omnivores, democratically speaking the omnivorous lifestyle wins and evolution of plants and animal species supports this for anyone who has studied zoology, anthropology, botany/gardening, and evolution. Also, the vegans claim that they save lives by preventing animals from existing in the first place. "The way a vegetarian saves animals is by reducing the demand for meat and causing fewer animals to be born into a harsh life owned by the meat industry, where callousness abounds and mercy is scant." Source: <http://www.countinganimals.com/how-many-animals-does-a-vegetarian-save/> That's not saving lives, that's promoting extinction because you think not existing is better than existing if you have to live in those conditions. And, it is pathetic because instead of putting time, energy, and resources into actually making the world more hospitable for all life, including nonhuman animals, you've decided to promote extinction and call that saving lives. It's one of the most despicable things and made even worse by the environmental argument which PETA claims "Raising animals for food requires massive amounts of land, food, energy, and water and causes immense animal suffering. It takes an enormous amount of water to grow crops for animals to eat, clean filthy factory farms, and give animals water to drink. A single cow used for milk can drink up to 50 gallons of water per day—or twice that amount in hot weather—and it takes 683 gallons of water to produce just 1 gallon of milk. It takes more than 2,400 gallons of water to produce 1 pound of beef, while producing 1 pound of tofu only requires 244 gallons of water. By going vegan, one person can save approximately 219,000 gallons of water a year." Source: <https://www.peta.org/issues/animals-used-for-food/meat-environment/> So,

they argue there will be less animals because of reduced demand they won't be produced and you'll save resources for human use that would be used to care for the animals raised for human use. But, the amount of food waste, including a lot of animal products (20% never make it to retail and go straight to landfills) annually, shows that it doesn't reduce production and just leads to waste. Source: <https://cok.net/food-waste-america/> So, not saving lives nor reducing production with the vegan lifestyle.

In addition, PETA euthanizes more than 81% of their rescues. Source: https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/religion/at-petas-shelter-most-animals-are-put-down-peta-calls-them-mercy-killings/2015/03/12/e84e9af2-c8fa-11e4-bea5-b893e7ac3fb3_story.html

And, vinyl (aka "Pleather" or Faux Leather), gasoline, plastic, synthetic fertilizer, and more is made of petroleum and petroleum by-products which are animal-derived therefore not "VEGAN". Sources: <https://drillingmatters.iadc.org/more-than-a-fuel/> and <https://www.ranken-energy.com/index.php/products-made-from-petroleum/>

So, we believe we've effectively established above that nonhuman animals and incompetent humans have the same or basically the same rights right now so there is no need for an animal rights movement calling for equality or equal treatment of humans and animals because we are already treated equally in the eyes of the law with competency being the standard bearer. And, since we support and revere life and accept that there is both joy and suffering in the spectrum that is existence, we support utilitarianism with humane living conditions and that abuses of both incompetent humans and nonhuman animals be reported to the proper authorities in the proper jurisdiction where the offenses occurred. And, people who can't be bothered to do the work (nor share the wealth with actual farmers who could use the help to improve actual living conditions for the animals) and when they rescue animals just kill them because caring for them in their condition or natural state is too difficult can shut the fuck up. Farms are beautiful, farmers are lovely, and nature is God's creation for which we are stewards and sowers not solely reapers. So, it is COPE Ministries and the HEAL Mission's position that the animal rights movement/vegan movement is ignorant, hypocritical, deceptive, misleading, and deserving to be on our "False Prophets" watch-list.

For information on the Human Earth Animal Liberation (HEAL) Mission and COPE Ministries, visit:

<http://www.heal-online.org>

and

<http://www.churchofphilosophicalexploration.org>

ADDENDUM:

WHY YOU SHOULD BE AT LEAST OVO-LACTO VEGETARIAN AND REJECT VEGANISM

By Minister Angela Smith

Vitamin B-12 is essential and deficiency causes a lot of issues including heart disease, Alzheimer's, and dementia. Source: <https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/vitamin-b12-deficiency-can-be-sneaky-harmful-201301105780>. Vitamin B-12 is only available from animal-derived sources including eggs and milk. Sources: <https://www.healthline.com/nutrition/vitamin-b12-foods> and <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health-and-fitness/ask-a-health-expert/how-can-i-get-enough-vitamin-b12-if-i-dont-eat-meat/article16777645/> Synthetic supplements for B-12 are not effectively bio-available and may not be absorbed. In addition, the supplements are often derived from petroleum by-product which is actually derived from ancient animal remains so not vegan. Sources: <http://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm#vitamin> and <https://hydrobuilder.com/nutrients-and-fertilizer/synthetic-nutrients.html> and <http://www.churchofphilosophicalexploration.org/animalfactsheet.pdf>. Therefore, the vegan lifestyle is definitively unhealthy. But, if you eat plenty of eggs and dairy, you may get enough B-12 without eating meat too.

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