

An Open Letter

Dear Reader,

I need help and advice, regarding some elements of God's Laws, and how to follow them.

1. Leviticus 25:44 states that I can keep slaves, male or female, provided they are from neighbouring nations. A friend of mine claims that this applies to the Welsh, but not the Scots. Why? Why can't I own a Scot?
2. As I am currently hard up, I would like to sell my daughter into slavery, as allowed in Exodus 21:7. What would be a fair asking price for her nowadays?
3. When I burn bits of bull on the altar, I know it creates a pleasing odour to the Lord - Leviticus 1:9. The problem is my neighbours: they complain the odour is *not* pleasing to *them*. Should I smite them?
4. My next-door neighbour insists on working on the Sabbath. Exodus 35:2 clearly states he should be put to death. Am I morally obliged to kill him myself, or should I ask the authorities to do it?
5. I agree that eating shellfish is an abomination, as it says in Leviticus 11:10. However, is it a lesser abomination than say blasphemy or adultery? Can you settle this? Are there 'degrees' or 'levels' of abomination?
6. Leviticus 21:20 states that I may not approach the altar, if I have a defect in my sight. As I wear bifocals, should I remove them? **But the defect would still be there.**
7. All the men I know get their hair cut, and/or their beards trimmed, although this is expressly forbidden in Leviticus 19:27. How should they die?
8. I read in Leviticus 11:7, that touching the skin of a dead pig makes me unclean. How should I wash and can I still wear pig-skin gloves?
9. My uncle is a farmer. He violates Leviticus 19:19 by planting two different crops in the same field, and my auntie by wearing clothes made of two different kinds of thread. Is it really necessary to go to all the trouble of getting the whole community together to stone them, as decreed in Leviticus 24:10-16?
10. Couldn't we just burn them to death at a private family BBQ, like we do with people who sleep with their in-laws? (See Leviticus 20:14)

I'm sure you have suggestions to make, I would be grateful to receive them.

Yours

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