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How can veganism serve your human interests?

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7ravis

Über-General

Minneapolis, Minnesota

about 22 hours ago   #1

A few ways veganism can serve human interests is by reducing climate change, increasing the food supply, and reducing our usage of limited resources like oil.

This excerpt is from a 2010 report from the United Nations' International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management:

"Impacts from agriculture are expected to increase substantially due to population growth, increasing consumption of animal products. Unlike fossil fuels, it is difficult to look for alternatives: people have to eat. A substantial reduction of impacts would only be possible with a substantial worldwide diet change, away from animal products." (UN Report, 2010, p.82)

2010 UN Report
Summary of Report

NOTE: This thread is not meant for philosophical/ethical arguments. It's to discuss what a diet shift away from animal products can do for humans.

I'll post more tomorrow.
Take care.

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galasTAray
This is serious.

Debater+

about 22 hours ago   #2

If the entire world was vegetarian (at least), how much grass would be needed a day to feed us all? And how much grass is needed a day now to feed all the animals we eat? That is the question...

Beirut, Lebanon

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ssnot_me

Über Master Debater+

big D, Texas

about 22 hours ago   #3

how about grass to smoke? that is the real question

BozieFozie
The OHM Mistress

Über-Minister+

, Florida

about 22 hours ago   #4

> **ssnot_me** Said
>
> how about grass to smoke? that is the real question

7ravis

Über-General

Minneapolis, Minnesota

about 14 hours ago   #5

This is good stuff. Keep it coming.

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rogy

Debater+

, United Kingdom

about 1 hour ago   #6

> **galasTAray** Said
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> If the entire world was vegetarian (at least), how much grass would
> be needed a day to feed us all? And how much grass is needed a
> day now to feed all the animals we eat? That is the question...

We do not, would not, and cannot, eat grass.

rogY

SparklyKatie
Sweet Yummy Goodness

TFS Monkey+

Sheffield, United Kingdom

57 minutes ago   #7

> **rogy** Said
>
> We do not, would not, and cannot, eat grass.
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> rogY

Rice, wheat and maize are grasses.

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rogy

Debater+

, United Kingdom

47 minutes ago   #8

> **SparklyKatie** Said
>
> Rice, wheat and maize are grasses.

Yes, technically, but we do not think of those when we hear "grass," do we (expecting a host of hash jokes)?

rogY

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jmo
Stand Free!

TFS Llama+

Edinburgh, United

43 minutes ago   #9

When a vegan alternative for chicken and milk and beef and well everything good comes along which tastes the same, has the same number of calories and nutrients then I might consider vegenism, until then I'm going to enjoy my tea as nature intended.

Kingdom

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rogy

Debater+

, United Kingdom

30 minutes ago   #10

> **jmo** Said
>
> When a vegan alternative for chicken and milk and beef and well everything good comes along which tastes the same, has the same number of calories and nutrients then I might consider vegenism, until then I'm going to enjoy my tea as nature intended.

Nice obstacles jmo!

However, there are vegan versions of all those things and they are improving all the time as demand increases.

As ever with this sort of social change, supply and demand is important. The number of vegan goods now available is huge.

rogY

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plebian_angel
Intergalactic hussy

Billygoat+

cyberspace paradise, Wisconsin

28 minutes ago   #11

> **rogy** Said
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> Nice obstacles jmo!
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While I agree that some vegeterian/vegan food are good (morning star black bean burgers are awesome and Amy's vegetable lasagna is so yummy) nothing takes the place of a piece of bloody prime rib

jmo
Stand Free!

TFS Llama+

Edinburgh, United
Kingdom

18 minutes ago   #12

> **rogy** Said
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> However, there are vegan versions of all those things and they are improving all the time as demand increases.
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> As ever with this sort of social change, supply and demand is important. The number of vegan goods now available is huge.

Until it requires absolutely no change on my part I won't subscribe to it as there is no point in it. Animals are our slaves and we should be allowed to do what we want with/to them.

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rogy

Debater+

, United Kingdom

16 minutes ago   #13

> **plebian_angel** Said
>
> While I agree that some vegeterian/vegan food are good (morning star black bean burgers are awesome and Amy's vegetable lasagna is so yummy) nothing takes the place of a piece of bloody prime rib

Might have to take the mind of Bob the Job on this one. Is this an appropriate time to make a human rights analogy?

rogY

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rogy

Debater+

13 minutes ago   #14

> **jmo** Said
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, United Kingdom

> be allowed to do what we want with/to them.

Many people make these sorts of claims but it usually turns out that they do not really believe them.

For example - absolutely anything? Would that include issues such as putting small nonhuman animals in microwave ovens, slashing horses with Stanley knives, having sex with animals that leads to their deaths?

Is there *nothing* that would cause moral revulsion?

rogY

Edited: 4 minutes ago

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jmo
Stand Free!

TFS Llama+

Edinburgh, United Kingdom

12 minutes ago   #15

Yes, there is nothing wrong with any of that from a moral sense. Morality only applies to other human beings.

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