

## THE BIBLE AND CANCER (12-15-11)

There are many ideas about the nature and cause of cancer. But God's Word gives us all things that pertain unto *life* (2 Peter 1:3). What does therefore, does the *Bible* teach about cancer? In the Bible, a "canker" is something that eats away at the body:

**2 Timothy** And their word will **eat as doth a canker...**

Johnson's English Dictionary (1755) tells us that the word "canker" is the same as the word "cancer."

The Bible refers to a "canker worm":

**Nahum** There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, **it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm**: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.

"The ancients knew of cancer for we find it described by Galen...The Bible also refers to cancer [2 Timothy 2:17], 'and their word will eat as doth a canker' (cancer)...cankerworm [Joel]..."  
(*Pacific Medical Journal*, Volume 58, 1915)

Is this an important key to understanding cancer as a disease?

Obviously, there are worms that can eat up crops in the fields. It is therefore not unreasonable to assume that there are worms that can *eat up* the physical body! Perhaps there are various types of "cankerworms" (i.e. cancer worms)!:

**Acts** And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and **he was eaten of worms**, and gave up the ghost.

"A severe pain arose in his belly..."

(Josephus)

"Luke's description of the disease makes one think of **intestinal cancer**."

(Robert H. Gundry, *A Survey of the New Testament*, 2009)

**Job** **My flesh is clothed with worms** and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

The Bible also speaks of "pestilences" that will arise in the last days. The "pests" (worms, or parasites) are not usually seen by the naked eye:

**Psalms** Nor for **the pestilence** that walketh in darkness...

**Luke** And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and **pestilences...**

Is cancer one of these pestilences in the last days? Cancer rates have certainly been increasing madly:

"Deaths from cancer are constantly increasing...In 1900 in the United States it was 63 per 100,000..."

(*Pacific Medical Journal*, Volume 58, 1915)

By the year 2007, the cancer rate had shot up to 465 per 100,000! (United States Cancer

Statistics Incidence and Mortality Report).

Dead Pigs Waiting to be Made into Cattle Feed

The idea that cancer is caused by a worm/parasite is not a new hypothesis. In modern times, Hulda Clark (1928-2009) is known (and ridiculed) for teaching that cancer is caused by parasites (her book can be read online: <http://www.macquirelatory.com/Deadly%20Vaccines.htm>). Clark treats cancer "parasites" with clove and walnut hulls, etc. While not necessarily endorsing everything she has concluded or advised, there is some evidence for her general view:

"The Parasite Cleanse is a specialized cleanse that is appropriate for those who have parasites...Parasitic infestation is growing at an alarming rate in North America; many believe it has reached epidemic proportion. **A growing number of health-care professionals believe parasites are the cause or a contributing factor to many cancers...**the waste they discharge is toxic and harmful...Parasites flourish on sugars..."

(Cherie Calbom, *The Complete Cancer Cleanse*, 2006)

Before this idea is dismissed (to the delight of many who "make a killing" off of conventional cancer "treatments"), people should consider the above hints from the Bible, as well as the fact that, not long ago, it was **a common view** that cancer is caused by parasites! A multitude of medical journals (and health journals) argued this very point. Notice just a few examples:

"That cancer - the most agonising scourge of man may be directly traced to the ordinary earthworm which is found in every garden...is the startling assertion of Dr. H. D. Walker, of Buffalo, a recognised authority on the subject, who has just concluded a remarkable series of experiments in an effort to ascertain the cause of the terrible disease. According to this new theory, cancer is **caused by a parasite** which the earth worm harbors...one may carry the parasites in the system for a long time without harm, and when the health is run down they will become active..."

(*The Indian Homoeopathic Review*, 1908)

"The diseases which we already know to be caused by parasites are very numerous, and so many more are becoming suspected of a like origin that presently one will be driven to conclude that all the ills to which flesh is heir, excepting accidents, are due to parasitism...It appears that we shall soon be justified in defining all disease (apart from accidents) as 'The continued history of parasitism'...If cancer is caused by a parasite it comes under the designation of 'infectious'...cancer is evidently not infectious to the same extent as many other diseases...Roewal Park, Gaylord, and others in America believe that cancer is caused by an organism of the same nature as the plasmodiophora brassicae...[P]erfectly healthy tissues are probably immune from, or invulnerable to, the attack of the cancer parasite, there must be causes predisposing to the acquisition of the disease...This condition is induced by whatever lowers or impairs the power of resistance of the body to infection...the tissues are less equal to the strain of resisting the attack of the aggressive parasite...how, let me ask, is one to know that the common house-fly, which crawls all over our bread and butter, or other article of food, was not, immediately before, disporting itself on the surface of a cancerous wound?...One's own footgear must bring much dust, laden with all kinds of pathogenic micro-organisms and, on occasion, dust from a cancer sufferer's room, into one's house...Another risk to which we are exposed is eating the flesh of animals which have been suffering from malignant disease when killed...The transmissibility of malignant new growths from one lower animal to another of the same species has been

demonstrated..."

(*The Lancet*, 1908)

"Professor Sanfelice, of the University of Messina [Milan], claims to have discovered after fifteen years of experiments that cancer is caused by a parasite and to have found a serum which kills it..."

(*Columbus Medical Journal*, 1909)

"Most experts are agreed that [cancer] must be due to a parasite...Fibiger...examined 61 rats which had been caught in a sugar refinery, and out of that number he succeeded in finding his newly discovered 'parasite' in 40 of them...By feeding to rats the cockroaches infested with the eggs of the parasite, he succeeded in producing the cancerous growth in every rat!"

(*The Technical World Magazine*, 1913)

"All these facts and many others point strongly to a parasitic origin [of cancer]. Borrel maintains that the cause of cancer is an *infectious virus* or an *invisible* or *ultra-microscopic organism*...Up to the present time no cancer micro-organism has been found...Cancer increases most rapidly in rich and *overfed* communities...mice living on a rice diet cannot be inoculated with cancer, while mice living on a meat diet can be readily inoculated...Notwithstanding the beneficial effects of radium and X-rays on superficial malignancy, numerous cases of cancer have developed from these..."

(*Pacific Medical Journal*, Volume 58, 1915)

"It has been shown beyond question of doubt that rat-cancer is caused by a parasite having cockroaches as the intermediate host..."

(*Veterinary Medicine*, 1920)

"Nobody disputes the statement that parasites may be the exciting agents in cancer..."

(*American Society for the Control of Cancer*, 1927)

"A theory receiving much attention in the 1960's and still showing great promise is that cancer is caused by a parasite - a virus - that invades a cell and causes it to multiply wildly..."

(University of Michigan, Office of Research Administration, 1967)

Assuming this theory is true...

### **HOW DO WE OBTAIN THESE DEADLY PARASITES?**

The Bible speaks of the "diseases of the Egyptians" (Exodus 15:26). Ancient Egyptian "medical" records refer to this disease of cancer; and they reveal the extent that the Egyptians ate unclean animals, and even used the *dung* of unclean animals in their "medicines":

"...[It] has been found in an old Egyptian mummy...*The Papyrus Ebers* 1550 B.C. [ancient Egyptian medical journal], contains an account of malignant tumors..."

(*Pacific Medical Journal*, Volume 58, 1915)

There are probably multiple ways to get these cancer "worms." Parasites often cause innumerable diseases, and it is not unreasonable to also link them to cancers. Many ailments and diseases are likely simply other names for Trichinosis (worms), and such like, that have invaded the muscles, lungs, brain, etc., and have multiplied. Notice how many doctors and researchers in earlier years, linked cancer to parasites obtained by unsanitary conditions, or an unsanitary and/or immoderate diet:

"A most striking example of this form of tumor...came under my observation in 1869, in a German, fifty-four years of age, who had long been in the habit of eating pork."

(Samuel David Gross, *A System of Surgery*, 1872)

"When it is duly considered that mankind lives upon so much unclean food, such as bacon and

pork, the filthiest of all animals...I am not the least surprised to witness so many persons suffering from cancers and tumors."

(Dennis Turnbull, *The New Cancer Treatment*, 1881)

"A lady after the fifth cancer had been removed, becoming tired of going every year to the cancer specialists, asked what she should do to prevent having a cancer every year. He replied: 'Don't eat pork. As long as you eat pork you will have cancers.' She stopped eating pork and has had no return of the trouble for over nine years..."

(*The Medical Advance*, 1890)

"Verneuil, of Paris, and Roux, of Lausanne, are disposed, as the result of observation and research, to regard cancer as being caused most frequently by the use of pork."

(*The Universal Homoeopathic Annual*, 1895)

"Meat is often unwholesome from the presence of parasites, and especially is this true of pork. The pig is the most delicate of the animals whose flesh we eat, and the most subject to parasitic diseases. As a nation, the Jews, who are forbidden to eat pork, are freer from cancer than any other. Without pressing this point beyond the actual statement, may it not be conceded that the command of that first and greatest of sanitary reformers, Moses, was a wise and scientific one, apart from its religious aspect."

(*The Educational Monthly of Canada*, 1902)

"...further study of the subject has led him [Dr. M. Verneuil] to the conclusion that pork, if not the sole cause of cancer, is at least a very common factor in the etiology of this disease...It is now pretty generally recognized that cancer is a parasitic disease..."

(John Harvey Kellogg, *The Living Temple*, 1903)

"...orthodox Jews, who adhere closely to the laws of Moses, and abstain from the use of pork, rarely, if ever, suffer from the disease...The use of tea and coffee also bears some relation to the prevalence of cancer, as has been shown by Hon. R. Russell...Doubtless tea, coffee, and beer act as **predisposing** causes..."

(*Life and Health*, 1909)

The above quote is from an SDA journal; but it does document many of the medical views of the time. It argues that there are various substances that weaken the defenses of the body as it tries to fight these disease causing parasites:

"A pure zoologist has shown that typical cancer of the stomach of the rat can be produced by a parasitic threadworm (allied to that found in pork, *Trichina*)..."

(*Scientific Monthly*, 1920)

"Thus, the eating of pork long has been incriminated as a cause of cancer...as it is brought about by the agency of parasitic worms..."

(*Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 1925)

Have these old views really been disproven? Compare the national cancer rate today with that of a century ago, if you are tempted to trust modern "experts." Just a few decades ago, company advertisements quoted "expert" doctors and the latest medical research to sell smoking and trans-fats to trusting Americans. Perhaps the true view of cancer has simply been buried:

**1 Timothy** For **the love of money** is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Along with ceasing the unsanitary practices that cause these parasites to multiply, how do we kill these dangerous parasites? Paul tells Timothy to drink "wine" (grape juice), without drinking water (1 Timothy 5:23), for his stomach's sake, and his "often infirmities." It is interesting that

Paul (writing by Divine inspiration) did not see the need to *name* these infirmities in Timothy! Names are often just ways to describe symptoms, and sell a "treatment," etc.

If most diseases are parasitic in nature (pestilences), we can see why the Holy Ghost would prescribe this cure/treatment for multiple infirmities in Timothy. Many health researchers (ancient and modern) have discovered the ability of grape juice (especially dark red, organic), to kill worms, and thus, heal cancers, and other afflictions (see *The Grape Cure* book). Jesus also reveals an important key when He tells us the story of the Good Samaritan. This good man poured oil and wine (grape juice) into the wounds of the hurt man (Luke 10:34). We now know that grape juice (especially red grape juice - see Isaiah 27:2) has strong antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral effects!

The Lord also said the Good Samaritan poured oil (olive oil) into the wounds. Obviously, oil it is not only soothing, but also antiseptic. It therefore makes sense that it also effective against cancer, if cancer is also caused by parasites:

"(NaturalNews) - A recent study has shown that extra virgin olive oil, which is rich in polyphenols, may protect your stomach from ulcers and cancer...researchers demonstrated that the polyphenols found in olive oil remain stable for hours in the stomach following ingestion, and that they have a strong anti-bacterial effect on 8 strains of H. pylori, including three strains that are antibiotic-resistant. H. pylori is the only known bacteria that can survive the acidic conditions of the stomach. Infection by the bacteria can lead to stomach cancer and ulcers. The antibacterial action of olive oil polyphenols was shown to be so potent that only the most diluted extract (one percent) had no significant effect on the bacteria...Studies conducted on extra virgin olive oil in the past have shown the Mediterranean staple to decrease the incidence of some cancers as well as cardiovascular disease."

<http://www.naturalnews.com/021601.html#ixzz1gbS0O9As>)

The Bible also teaches that the **leaves of the trees** are for the healing of the nations in the coming Millennial Kingdom of God. It teaches that *the fruit* will be for daily food (Ezekiel 47:12). But we use Biblical fruit trees for daily food, even today, and we know that they have wonderful nutritional properties. It is therefore reasonable that we will likewise find the *leaves* (especially of Biblical fruit trees) to be useful for medicine - even today! What are some Biblical fruit trees? Pomegranate, apple, fig, olive, and grape, etc., are some of the most common fruits in the Bible. A quick search on the Internet will reveal that the leaves of *all of these trees* have been found to have amazing anti-viral, anti-bacterial, *anti-cancer*, *anti-tumor* properties. If the view that cancer is caused by cancer-worms (parasites) is true, it would makes sense that these leaves could be used to kill these "canker worms" that are multiplying inside the body!

Many books have been written about apricot seeds (in the Apple Family), and their ability to help cure cancer (see the book, *World Without Cancer* by Griffin). Some believe this is because cancer is due to a nutritional deficiency that is corrected by the apricot seeds, etc. But it is interesting that researchers have found apricot seeds to also have strong, *anti-bacterial* properties (*Journal of Medical Sciences*, 2008). In other words, apricot seeds kill bugs/worms! For example, the juice of apricot leaves is used to heal scabies (a parasitic skin infection), eczema, etc. Apple leaves likewise contain phloretin, an *antibacterial* substance.

Along this line, king Hezekiah had a boil on his body that was so bad, he was about to die:

**2 Kings** And Isaiah said, **Take a lump of figs**. And they took and **laid it on the boil**, and he recovered.

A "boil" is defined by Webster as a "tumor upon the flesh..." If Hezekiah was sick unto death (2

Kings 20:1), it is obvious that he had a cancerous tumor of some kind. God used the figs to heal the tumor. Figs are known to have anti-parasitic, anti-ulcer, antibacterial properties! Fig *leaves* have the same properties (though the leaves of Biblical fruit trees often have even greater antibacterial, etc., properties than the fruits themselves).

"Bitter herbs" (Exodus 12:8) are greens such as dandelions, wheat grass, etc. These dark greens also contain multiple antibacterial, antifungal, anti-diarrheal compounds. If cancer is indeed caused by parasites, it is no wonder that so many people have used "green juices" to cure their cancers. Their bodies receive an amazing amount of nutrition from these greens, as well as antibacterial compounds.

There are many ways that God has given us to kill or manage canker-worms in the fields. It is foolish to use harsh, chemical herbicides, etc. God commands us to pray for our daily bread, and man's attempts to eradicate the curse in presumptuous ways, only leads to worse curses. We need God, through prayer, and obedience, so that the natural means that God allows will work in the field. It is obviously the same with our physical bodies. God has given us ways to kill the "canker worms" in the body. He has given us ways to avoid them, and fight them, as we appeal to Him. We always need prayer and, if need be, repentance (see James 5).

The most important natural steps to killing cancer appear to be:

1. Stop eating unclean meats (and shellfish) that likely cause these canker-worms to multiply (see our web site at [www.KingdomBaptist.org](http://www.KingdomBaptist.org) for our recent sermon-series on unclean animals, etc., with various, common objections answered). Regularly use the sanitation principles that the Bible ordains.
2. Stop eating the things that feed these worms (sugar) and hinder the body's immune system (toxins).
3. Quickly kill these worms/parasites inside the body by using any of the various means God has revealed, or allowed us to discover:

One way is to use the various leaves of the Biblical fruit trees that have these "anti-worm" properties. Olive leaves, grape or Muscadine leaves, fig leaves, etc., will likely help kill these cancerous parasites. There is currently an "olive leaf" craze in Greece, based on the latest research showing its amazing anti-cancer properties!

There are also nut trees in the Bible (the most common being the Walnut tree, which most agree is the generic "nut" tree in the Scriptures). It is therefore not surprising that black walnut leaves and hulls have been found to kill internal worms in an amazing fashion!:

"As a vermifuge, Black Walnut Leaf (like Walnut Hull) is believed to cleanse the body of many types of parasites, including ringworm."

(<http://www.herbaextractsplus.com/black-walnut-leaf.cfm>)

Essential oils and spices, such as **clove and cinnamon** are powerful against pestilences. They are also regularly used in the Bible. Hulda Clark suggests a mixture of Black Walnut and Clove (with Wormwood) to kill cancer parasites. (She also mentions other ways to kill them, such as grape juice, etc.). Cloves are from the Myrtle Family, which is a common tree in the Bible (see Isaiah 55:13):

"The anti-cancer agents present in the clove plant, may lead to development of new drugs in combating the deadly Cancer, goes the recent findings of Scientists in the UAE, and they have found a new mechanism to do so. The clove extract contains an agent which has the ability to kill cancer cells in the human body. Speaking about their findings at the 10th Annual Research Conference held in the UAE this week, the five-member research team from the UAE University

(UAEU) said that the clove extract has been tested on four cancer cell lines like T-cell lymphoma, cervical carcinoma, human neuroblastoma and human leukemia...There has been a growing realization that spices possess anti-carcinogenic properties, and clove is one among them."

(<http://www.ayurvedictalk.com/clove-extract-may-help-in-cancer-cure/955/>)

Another oil in this family of trees is eucalyptus. There is some evidence that this oil also has anticancer properties:

"Preliminary research shows **eucalyptus oil** may be useful for the treatment of cancer...

[A]substance in eucalyptus oil, euglobal-G1, inhibited cancer activity in mouse skin cancer cells, according to an article published in July 2000 in 'Cancer Letters'..."

(<http://www.livestrong.com/article/478585-eucalyptus-oil-cancer/#ixzz1gb3eJSVX>)

Repeatedly, we see that the things that are mentioned in the Bible for sanitary, antiseptic purposes (Exodus 30:23), are shown to inhibit cancer!:

"Can Cinnamon Fight Cancer? In laboratory study, cinnamon extract halts the proliferation of human cancer cells...The powder used was cinnamon, in the form of a water-soluble extract of cinnamon bark...In this case, the researchers used three types of human cancer cells: two representing leukemia and one representing lymphoma...The results were striking: over a 24-hour period (the time required for one doubling of the cell population), the cinnamon extract dramatically reduced the rate of proliferation in all three types of cancer cells. It did this in a dose-dependent manner, i.e., the higher the concentration of cinnamon extract, the greater the reduction in proliferation rate...Scientific evidence continues to mount in support of the health benefits of plant polyphenols found in a variety of foods, herbs, and spices (such as cinnamon)..."

(Dr. Hyla Cass, [http://www.life-enhancement.com/article\\_template.asp?id=1164](http://www.life-enhancement.com/article_template.asp?id=1164))

"(NaturalNews) Honey and cinnamon is useful toward healing cancer and arthritis. Is this a stretch, a rumor, or what? Not according to a January 17, 1995 issue of Canadian magazine Weekly World News. It listed honey and cinnamon`s cancer and arthritis healing as clinically proven and recognized it as valid, even...(effective and safe), for several health issues including cancer and arthritis...active Manuka honey from New Zealand has taken the lime light as the queen of honeys for healing and health. It is reputed to have the highest **anti-microbial** activity of all honeys...Cinnamon has demonstrated an ability to stop medication resistant yeast infections. The USDA in Maryland has reported cinnamon`s ability to stop or minimize the proliferation of leukemia and lymphoma cancer cells. Added to foods, it inhibits spoilage with its anti-bacterial properties. Researchers at Kansas State University discovered that it eliminated E. coli in unpasteurized juices...Research in Japan and Australia has shown the combination of honey as at least an effective adjunct for treating some cancers, perhaps even a cure...The dosage for the cancer patients was one teaspoon of cinnamon with one tablespoon of honey three times a day, while the dosage in Copenhagen was a half teaspoon of cinnamon with a tablespoon of honey."

(Paul Fassa, [http://www.naturalnews.com/029894\\_honey\\_arthritis.html#ixzz1gb1F2EnR](http://www.naturalnews.com/029894_honey_arthritis.html#ixzz1gb1F2EnR))

And while we are calling attention to the antibacterial, etc., properties of so many things God created, let's not forget about garlic (Numbers 11:5)! Its amazing antibacterial, antifungal, etc., properties have been known for years. And once again, we see garlic also demonstrating

wonderful *anticancer* properties:

"Eating as little as half a clove of raw garlic per day in a salad might protect you against bowel cancer. Better known for helping you avoid heart disease, garlic also protects against bowel cancer..."

(*New Scientist*, May 29, 1999)

"...people have been using chopped up garlic for hundreds of years to defeat surface tumors. Make a poultice of garlic and castor oil, paste it onto virtually any skin tumor, and the tumor will shrivel and die (or fall off) in a matter of days. It's hardly news to naturopaths (but still shocking to Western doctors). But the real news here is that the active ingredient in garlic is being used intravenously. Researchers are binding alliin to an antibody that binds with tumor cells, thus delivering the cancer-busting alliin payload directly to the tumor...In reality, though, you don't need the targeting at all: just eat (or drink) raw garlic."

(<http://www.naturalnews.com/000146.html#ixzz1gb7VrFO5>)

"Raw garlic tackles cancer. Doctors have suggested how much garlic they think a person would have to eat each day to gain from its anti-cancer properties - half a clove. It should be served raw to have maximum effect, they said..."

(BBC News, May 26, 1999)

The coconut (of the Palm Family, mentioned so often in the Bible), is also well known for its antibacterial, antiviral properties. And again, it is not surprising that there are so many articles also promoting the *anti-cancer* benefits of coconut oil.

It seems that a pattern is developing! While there may be other links between all of these things, the parasite view of cancer makes an easy connection: All of these things are known for killing parasites, etc.!

In summary, it appears that cancer should be treated in the same manner that a health-conscious "naturalist" would treat a stomach flu, etc. The various leaves, oils and spices in the Bible, and history, that are known to kill "bugs," should also be used to "kill" cancer. Along with these treatments, people should stop eating things that are filthy and toxic, since these things will add more harmful parasites to the body, and/or inhibit the body from fighting against them.

One last Bible verse should be examined:

**James** Your gold and silver is **cankered**; and **the rust** of them shall be a witness against you, and shall **eat your flesh** as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

The context of the above verse is gold and silver that has been sitting in storage for a long time (not being used). It has been hoarded, in an immoderate fashion. It has become tarnished.

Will inactivity also cause us to become "cankered" (cancered)? It is interesting that inactivity has also been linked to higher cancer rates; and activities such as walking, have been shown to help the body fight cancer:

"Men who have prostate cancer can delay and possibly prevent 'progression of their disease' by walking briskly for at least three hours a week after being diagnosed, a new study has found."

(<http://www.abqjournalfit.com/2011/05/25/brisk-walking-could-improve-prostate-cancer-outcomes/>)

"Walking can reduce the risk of breast cancer in women, according to health experts."

(<http://www.barchester.com/Healthcare-News/Walk-to-reduce-breast-cancer-risk/376/5029>)

"Who knew that sitting ranks right up there with deadly habits like smoking...According to the latest research, too much time in a chair isn't just bad for your health - it actually reduces life



expectancy... 'Sitting time is emerging as a strong candidate for being a cancer risk factor in its own right,' said Neville Owen of Australia's Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute... This wave of studies has resulted in a new paradigm that health researchers call 'inactivity physiology'..."

(<http://www.calgaryherald.com/health/just+there/5863428/story.html#ixzz1gbzt2Ops>)

"*The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* reported in 2005 that walking just three to five hours a week could boost a woman's chance of surviving breast cancer by 50 percent... If you just learned you have cancer, I suggest you get going and get walking..."

(Jordan Rubin, *The Great Physician's Rx for Cancer*)

**Hosea** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge...

**Proverbs**...the curse causeless shall not come.