

The God Eaters

Do Catholics Eat Their God?



Yes, Catholics DO in fact eat THEIR god. This statement might shock some Roman Catholics who don't really think the Eucharist is the "literal body, blood, soul and divinity" of Jesus Christ, even though that is exactly what the Catholic Church claims about their Eucharists. So, considering this Catholic claim, Catholics really are GOD EATERS. They are not eating the REAL God of the universe. They are simply eating *THEIR* god... a god invented by their church. They call this god "the holy eucharist". It is their communion wafer. And they really do say that they believe that Jesus is God. So when they eat the wafer that the priest has supposedly converted into Jesus by way of a mysterious process they call "transubstantiation", then they really ARE eating *THEIR* god, as made up and as imaginary as this god is... because the Lord God Almighty surely is NOT a piece of bread no matter what "consecration" incantation some Catholic priest chants over those wafers...

The reason that fallen men cannot understand the true meaning of passages like John 6:53-58, has little to do with how convincing an exegesis someone did for them. Rather, the primary reason for their lack of understanding is pointed out here:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14

What the apostle Paul means by the term "natural man" is anyone who has not been regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and is therefore unable to "receive" or discern various spiritual matters. In fact, the truth seems like a lie to those who are as yet unsaved - unregenerated - not having the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

I find it very strange, in all of the Old Testament, with all its prophecies concerning the Messiah, that there is no mention by Moses nor the prophets that God's people needed to literally eat the Messiah.

A common Catholic argument in defense of their false teachings - including transubstantiation - goes something like this:

"If you believe the Protestant view, that the bread and wine are only symbols, you are effectively saying that all the people in the churches before the 1500s were idol worshipers. If that were true, then Christ failed to keep His promise to build his church, and His promise that the gates of hell would not prevail against it has failed to come true. Also it would mean that the Holy Spirit failed to do His job of leading the Church into all the truth for 1500 years. So believing the Protestant view on this issue inevitably involves blasphemy on those two counts."

Catholics and others who present such arguments seem to ignore the fact that God allows error in HIS Church (which by the way, is not the same as the Catholic Church). Other than the Lord Jesus Christ, there has never been a perfect teacher. For centuries God allowed the Israelites to have high places. He hated the high places, but during that time period he called many kings "good" while saying that they didn't remove the high places. God had a set time for dealing with Israel, and through His longsuffering, He waited.

It is a big mistake if we look at the traditions of men and understand that because they held to certain practices, and God allowed those practices, that God must be pleased with them. It is better to look back to the teaching of Jesus Christ who corrected such ideas, and concluded His "bread from heaven" teaching with, *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* in John 6:63.

The Church - that is the TRUE world-wide body of twice-born believers in Christ - will always have errors, and God will refine that Church along the way. Christ stated later in the gospel of John: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." Do you think that the Spirit's job was finished when the apostles died? No, His job is to **continually** guide us... we won't be perfected in our knowledge of spiritual truths until we see God face to face. This doesn't mean that we should accept errors, as Jude challenged us to "earnestly contend for the faith." But, we shouldn't be surprised when we see error, and we shouldn't believe that we've attained perfect knowledge here in this life.

So if two major churches, the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox held to erroneous views on the teaching of bread from heaven, and if they both differed in their view, at least one of the two HAD to be idol worshiping. **It is perfectly feasible that neither had it right, but God allowed their error until a time of correction arrived.** They may have had many things right such as: God manifested in three persons... the deity of Jesus Christ... the virgin birth, etc. However, we should not think for an instant that they had **everything** right. Rather we should determine what they did have right **and throw out the rest.**

God has given His true children the Holy Spirit to guide us in all truths. We only need to learn from Him as we compare scripture with scripture. Of course, that would mean we would have to come to an understanding on the

trustworthiness of scriptures as our Guide has preserved them. — *RM Kane*

NOTE: Some of this material was obtained from a commenter on an online discussion forum about Catholicism.

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