Lard Is NOT Prohibited

"O you who believe, do not prohibit good things that are made lawful by God. Do not transgress; God dislikes the transgressors." (5:87). One of the important commandments in the Qur'an is not to prohibit lawful things and not to seek other than God as a source of law.

God has detailed for us what is prohibited in many verses of different natures, and made it clear that the meat of the pig is unlawful, not the fat (2:173, 5:3, and 16:115). God strongly specified the only dietary prohibitions in Surah 6:145 by using a double negative statement, "Say, 'I do not find in the revelations given to me any food that is prohibited for any enter: (1) carrion, (2) running blood, (3) the meat of pigs, for it is unclean, and (4) the meat of animals blasphemously dedicated to other than God..." (6:145).

Specificity of these prohibitions are even more obvious in 6:146 where fat is specified: "...and lawful to you is what is given by the command of God, the animals that you eat from among the domestic animals, and meat that is slaughtered in the manner prescribed by God, and the liquid that nature provides and observe it, and eat from God's provisions and be appreciative. Therefore, we should eat from God's provisions and be appreciative."

We may enjoy eating the delicious cookies, cakes and tortillas made of lard; we do not have to read the ingredients, we do not need to worry about breaking human laws. We should always remember that if we follow the majority of people, they will distort you from the straight path.

"Say, 'Did you see how God sends down to you all kinds of provisions, then you render some of them unlawful, and some lawful?' Say, 'Did God give you permission to do this? Or do you fabricate lies and attribute them to God?" (10:59)

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God's Proclamation: The Truth about Jesus

"They said, 'The Most Gracious has begotten a son!' You have uttered a gross blasphemy. The heavens are about to shutter, therefore, the earth is about to turn asunder, and the mountains are about to crumble. Because they invented for the Most Gracious a son. It is not befitting the Most Gracious that He should begotten a son. Every single one of the heavens and the earth are subordinate to Him. He is the Initiator of the heavens and the earth. He is the Source of all being. He has no son. His is the throne, and He is the Sealed One."

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One of the most controversial religious principles for the longest time has been around the issue of Jesus Christ, and his relationship with God. There is obviously a major difference in the Qur'an's explanation of Jesus, and that of the ministers, priests, and people who call themselves Christians. We have all observed the evangelists on television proclaiming that Jesus Christ is God's son, a part of Trinity, and even saying he is God. How any God-fearing person can take the chance to implicate any person, or the other than God is really hard to understand. Yet time after time, these Christian preachers mention Jesus as much as God, proclaim that Jesus will, and can, intercede on behalf of them, and that their salvation depends on believing in Christ, etc. Sometimes in the midst of their sermons they will tell the people to avoid idolatry which is the biggest contradiction or hypocrisy they can utter. You wonder if they really take the time to understand their so-called beliefs or utterances. It really seems unnatural for anyone to imitate any God. How can any God-fearing person take this chance and go against their natural instincts? If only they subjugate the word God for Jesus Christ their sermons and statements would be correct.

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It's very dangerous to make the claims about Jesus which some people proclaim, and this may cause some people to worry or grieve about others. It's natural for a good-hearted person to be concerned about others. Verse 182-6 states, "A perfect (scripture) to warn of severe retribution from Him, and to deliver good news to the believers who lead a righteous life that, they have earned a beautiful recompense. Whereas they abide forever. And to warn those who said, 'God has not begotten a son!' They pass over knowledge about this, nor did their parents. What a blasphemy comes out of their mouths. What they utter is a gross lie. You may blame yourself an account of them, because they do not believe in this narration, and you may be subdued."

Like claiming that Jesus is the son of God, proving his Lord and claim that Jesus is God or part of Trinity. These claims may be the largest successful tricks of Satan and also the most idolatrous. The Qur'an gives some very strong verses in regard to these statements. Surah 4:171, "You shall believe in God and His messengers, and do not say, 'Trinity.' Stop, for your own good. God is only one god..." Surah 2:217, "Pigmen indeed are those who say that God is the Messiah, son of Mary, Say, 'Who could prevent God if He willed to annihilate the Messiah, son of Mary, and his mother, and everyone on earth...?' Surah 5:72-73, "Pigmen indeed are those who say that God is the Messiah, son of Mary. The Messiah himself said, 'O Children of Israel! you shall worship God; you shall not turn away from God, nor shall ye say unto people, 'Allah has begotten a son..." (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)
Pilgrimage: Hajj and 'Umrah

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As there is controversy about Jesus's life and its meaning, the same holds true for his death. Many people believe that Jesus died for their sins and that a person must believe this to attain salvation. A common and illogical Christian response (Zakat), the obligatory charity (Zakat), fasting (Syaam), and pilgrimage (Hajj) were commanded by God to Abraham and his followers. God says in Sura 6:161-162, "Say, My Lord has guided me in a straight path: the perfect religion of Abraham, monotheism. He never was an idol worshiper." Says, "My contact prayers (Salat), my worship practices, my life and my death, all belong to God, Lord of the universe." Pilgrimage is one of the pillars of Submission and is carried out by visiting the Sacred Mosque in Mecca, "Our Lord, I have settled part of my family in this landless valley, at Your Sacred House. Our Lord, they are to observe the contact prayers (Salat), so that thousands of people converge upon them..." (14:37). Hajj can be observed any time during the four Sacred Months—Zul Hijjah, Muharram, Safar, and Rabi‘î (12th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd months), "Hajj pilgrimage shall be observed..." (2:219). The "count of months, as far as God is concerned, is twelve. This has been decreed by God..." (2:217). "Tell those who disbelieve: if they stop, all their past will be forgiven..." (9:104). "Do they not realize that God accepts the repentance of His worshippers, and takes into consideration the Good News in this..." (2:130). "You shall seek your Lord's forgiveness, then repent to Him. He will then bless you generously for a predetermined period, and bestow His grace upon those who accept..." (11:52). "O my people, seek forgiveness from your Lord, then repent to Him. He will then shower you with provisions from the sky, and augment your strength..." (11:99). "You shall implore your Lord for forgiveness, then repent to Him. My Lord is Most Merciful, Kind." (19:65). "Only those who repent, believe, work charity, and act justly in the land, whatever good they do, shall have their reward with their Lord, without the least injustice."