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No Laughing Matter.

Sometimes you just got to laugh. We have some city based earth mother type anti-GM cultists writing to our local country media organisation telling us country folk that we are not allowed to transgress their beliefs by growing Genetically Modified crops.

If we do we will be damned forever as being in the pay of those big bad, nasty and evil corporations.

No proof is needed, no trial is required to condemn the perpetrators of this deadly crime of growing GM crops.

Just a statement from an anti GM activist that the person is a paid agent provocateur of some big, bad, corporations and a guilty verdict is handed down.

Sadly an unfortunate strong point that most of these anti GM fundamentalists have is a good dose of hypocrisy.

If they wear cotton it is bound to have some GM cotton in it.

The bread, the cakes and the pastries they eat will have GM enzymes used in the bread production plus of course the GM soybean additives used in most breads, cakes and pastries.

And let's not exclude the various other additives like the enzymes, amino acids, and colouring and etc that have been produced by some GM engineered micro organism.

If our anti GM activist eats dairy products, the cheeses, the enzymes, to produce the cheeses, the colourings, the preservatives, the emulsifiers and the thickeners are all made using GM technology.

If they like sweets, chocolates and ice cream, the GM corn starches are broken down to the sugars in these sweets using GM enzymes plus of course you also have the aforesaid sweeteners, the emulsifiers, the thickeners and etc all produced by mostly GM modified micro organisms.

If our anti GM cultist likes a little meat or even some farmed fish at times then a good dose of GM produced veterinary products have probably been fed to the animal at sometime in its life.

Of course the GM soy bean and GM corn used as feed and GM micro organism produced feed supplements don't count or do they?

Heaven forbid that we eat sausages what with all that GM organism produced fillers, lecithin, ascorbic acids, glutamate, dextrine and emulsifiers plus a few others.

Makes one wonder where the meat is!

And if our anti GM activist who lives hundreds of kilometres from our little community and is so concerned about our health that we must be protected from our sinful selves likes the occasional drink the they will no doubt happily indulge in a few GM produced additives as they consume these quite cheer inducing liquids.

With all these nasty GM food product additives around this is starting to get serious!

Our anti GM cultist might have to go hungry like a few tens of millions of people around the world today if he can't find some guaranteed GM free tucker.

Of course those tens of millions of hungry people might have liked to have grown a crop of maize or soybeans or other crops with GM resistance to all their pests and diseases.

A crop like that might have given good yields and let some of those hungry people get a square meal but we can't allow anybody to eat that GM contaminated food can we?

Better they starve first that let that happen and transgress the beliefs of our anti GM crusader.

Will our anti GM crusader starve or even go hungry like these unfortunates?

Not likely.

Yes, it is hard to laugh sometimes when it gets so sad.

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