

**Coburg Road
Church of Christ
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Mosaic Law #10**



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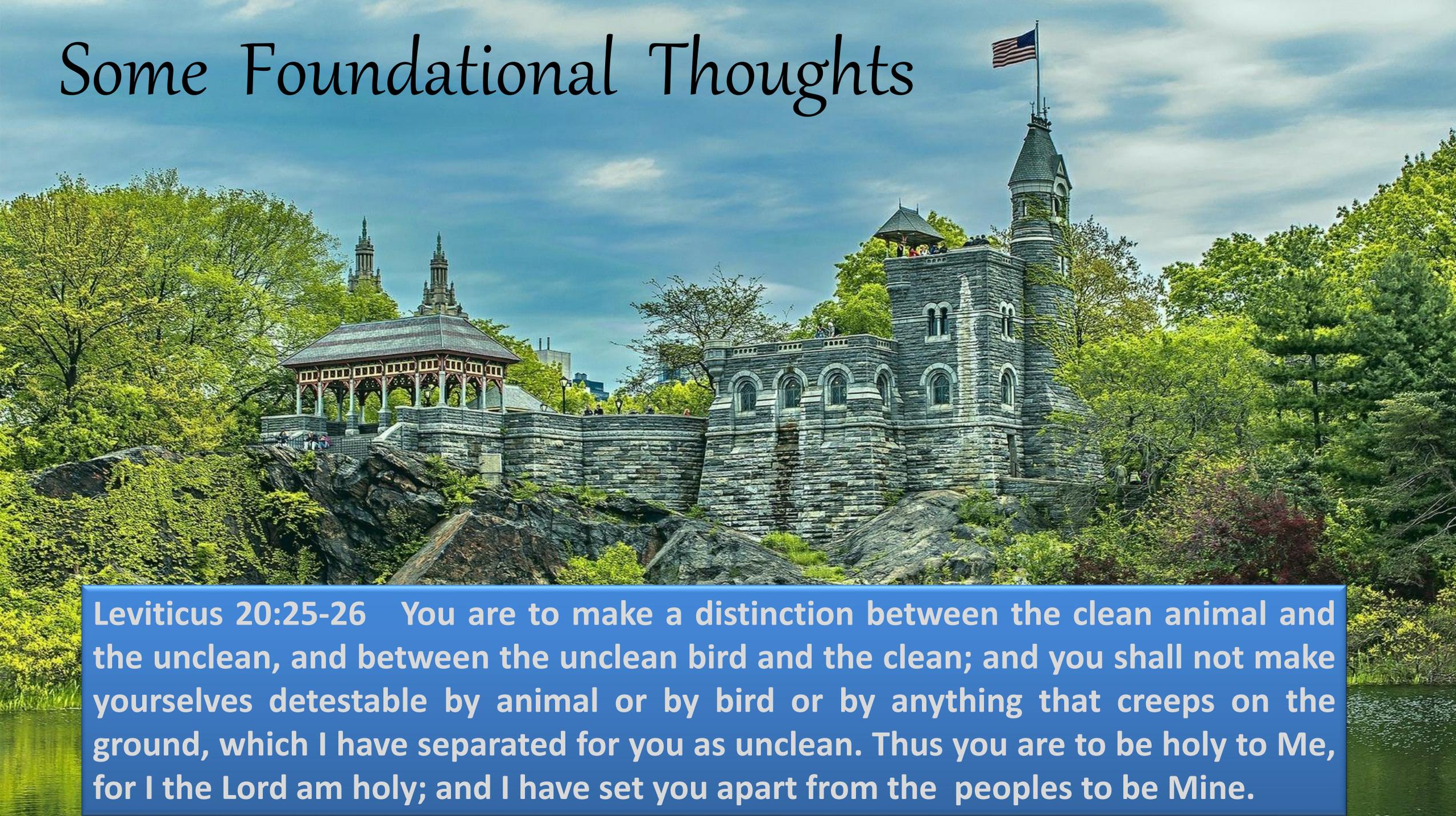
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| Chapters 1-7 | Laws of Sacrifice |
| Chapters 8 - 10 | Initiating Priesthood |
| Chapters 11-15 | Distinguishing Clean & Unclean |
| Chapters 16 | Day of Atonement |
| Chapter 17-26 | “You shall be holy for I am holy” |

Some Foundational Thoughts



1 John 1:5 God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

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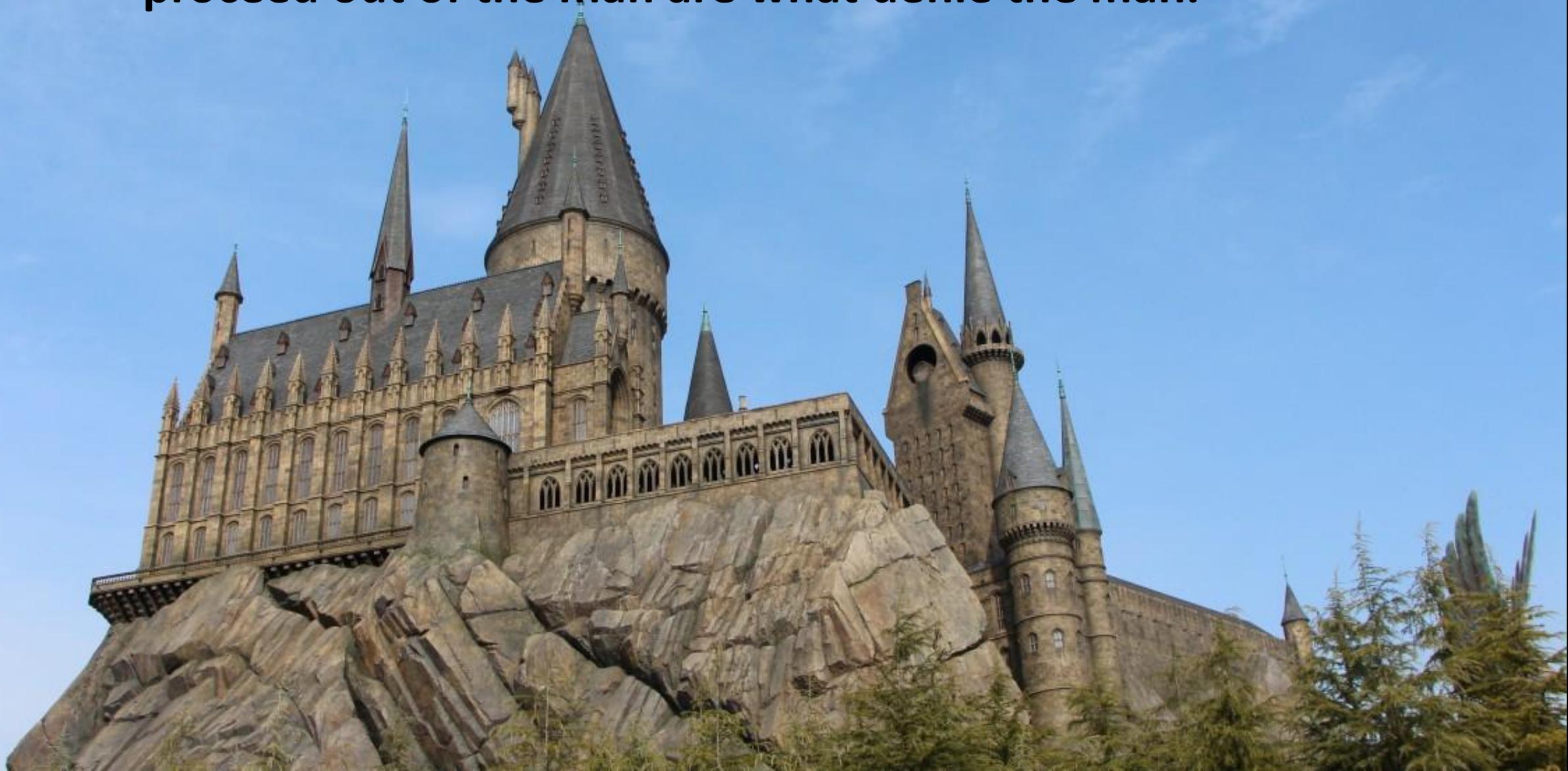
Leviticus 20:25-26 You are to make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean; and you shall not make yourselves detestable by animal or by bird or by anything that creeps on the ground, which I have separated for you as unclean. Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.

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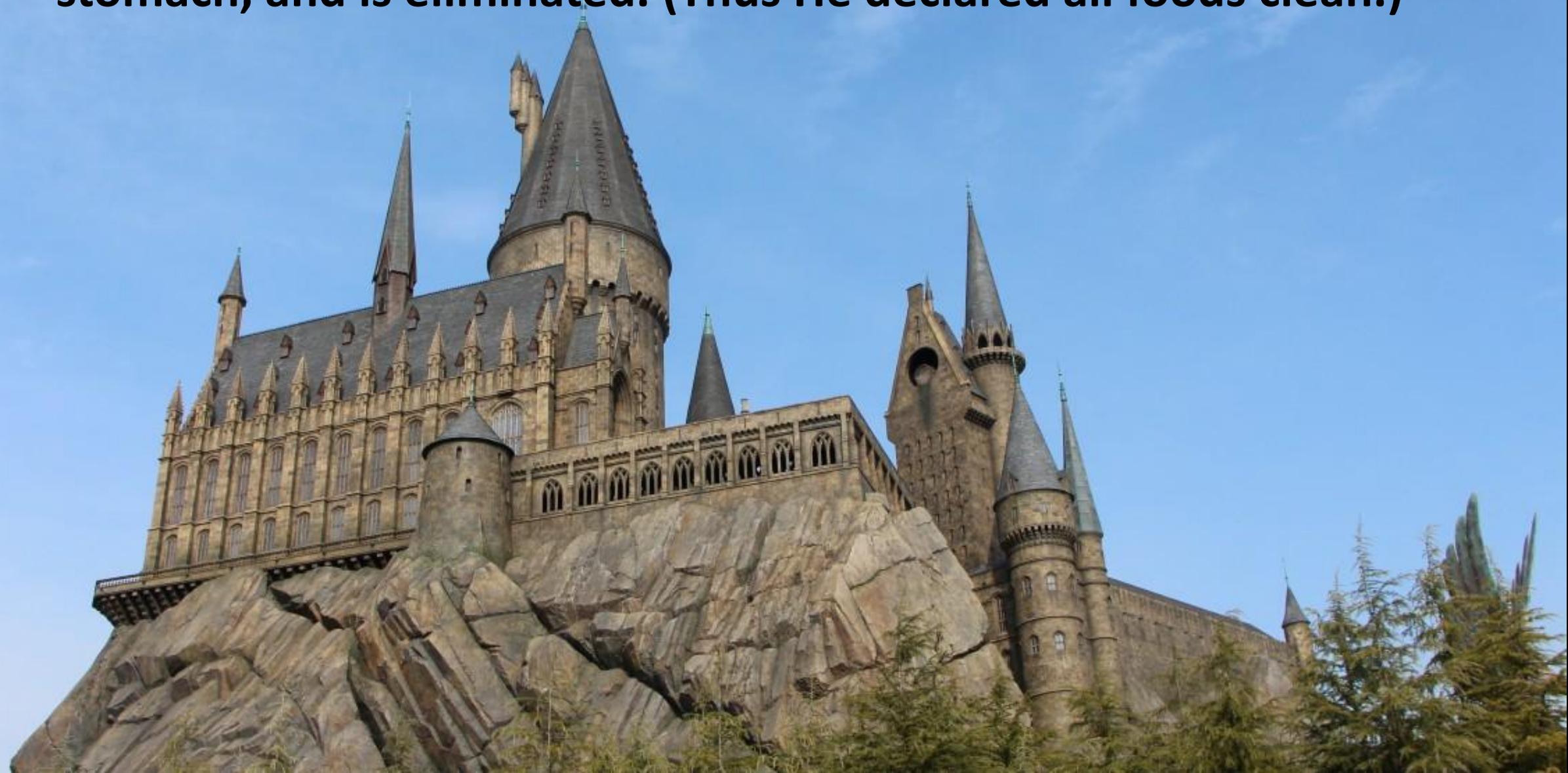


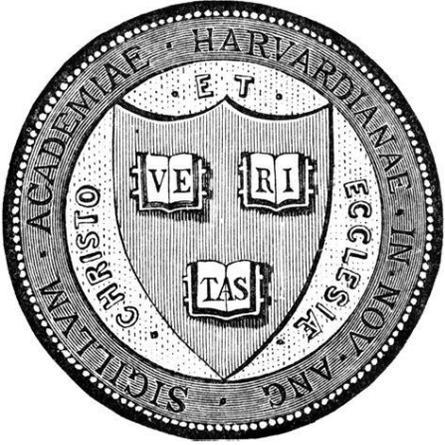
Deuteronomy 26:18f The Lord has today declared you to be His people, a treasured possession, as He promised you, and that you should keep all His commandments; and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, for praise, fame, and honor; and that you shall be a consecrated people to the Lord your God, as He has spoken.

Mark 7:15 There is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.



Mark 7:18f Whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated. (Thus He declared all foods clean.)





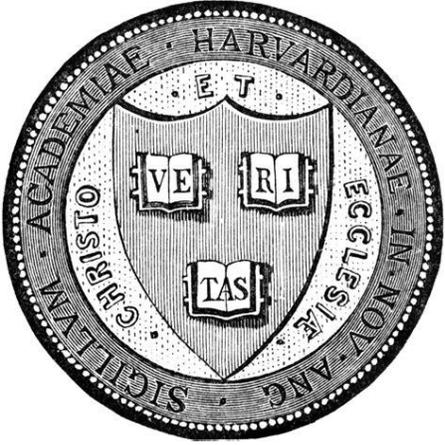
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IV. Suggested Rationales for the Jewish Dietary Laws

A. Hygiene

“The dietary laws are most often thought of as health measures dictated by the primitive hygienic conditions of the ancient world. According to this theory, Moses, by anticipation of the findings of modern science, was history’s greatest public health administrator.”



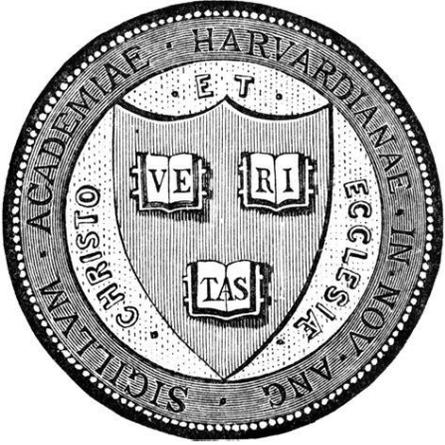
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1. Why aren't poisonous PLANTS likewise forbidden?
2. Not proven that all prohibited animals are actually dangerous.
3. Some "clean" animals ARE dangerous (sheep have tape worms).
4. Why not just explain proper cooking procedures (e.g. for pork).
5. Why would New Testament later allow eating "unclean foods"?



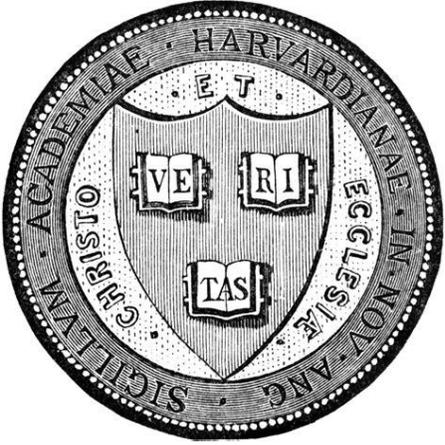
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B. Symbolism

“The dietary laws are symbolic of proper conduct and obeying the laws condition man to act in that manner. Philo explained that permissible domesticated animals be ruminants by stating that chewing the cud symbolizes the effective learning process of repetition and memorization.”



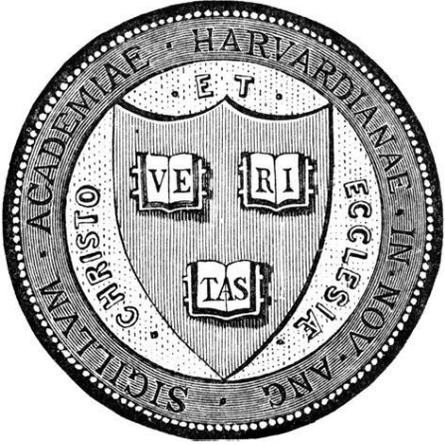
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B. Symbolism - ANSWERED

“The *modus operandi* of the symbolic approach seems to be largely dependent on the interpreter’s imagination. Unless greater discipline can be introduced into symbolist interpretation, it will always be more liable to represent the whims of the commentator than the purpose of the law.”



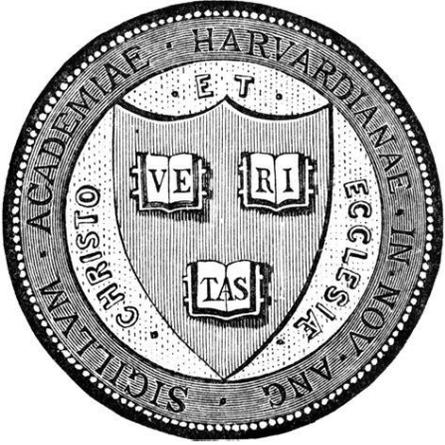
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“The laws reminded Israel that she had been chosen to be holy in an unclean world. Since the dietary restrictions prevented Israel from eating with her Gentile neighbors, the Jews were essentially placed in social isolation. Dietary laws prevented Jews from hiding their Judaism. Circumcision was a private matter, but the food laws made one’s Jewish faith a public affair.”



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B. Social Association - NEEDS NO ANSWER

“The dietary laws are abolished by the Church because with the arrival of Christianity, Judaism was universalized to embrace all mankind. Israel was no longer regarded as the unique covenant people. When Christianity broke down the wall of separation between Jews and Gentiles, it naturally had to abolish that which symbolized this separation, the dietary laws.”

