

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE
MATTHEW 15: [10-20], 21- (27b) 28

10. *And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and just for a change try and understand:*
11. *Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man, especially that which proceedeth after a goat curry with hot peppers.*
12. *Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? For they doth love their spicy food and feast regularly on meats that are highly flavoured and which doth burn the tongue and turneth their lips numb.*
13. *But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up, even unto coriander and cumin and chilli.*
14. *Let the lovers of such dishes alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. And if their belching be offensive, it mirrors their words.*
15. *Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable, for verily we were planning on having a spiced dish and rice tonight.*
16. *And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Have ye not the mango chutney or the flat breads?*
17. *Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and after much rumbling and gas is cast out into the draught?*
18. *But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man, for the tongue is a little member but can be the source of much evil. And this shall be written of in later days in a letter.*
19. *For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies, lasciviousness and desire to cleave unto the maidservant, or the manservant, or even unto thy neighbour's ass:*
20. *These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man. But before we sit down to eat tonight, please rinse your fingers, especially if you have been fondling the ass.*
21. *And it came to pass that Jesus went thence, from where he was, obviously, already, and departed unto the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, for He did desire to breath some sea air, and paddle in the Med.*
22. *And, behold, came unto Him a woman of Canaan who had been residing in a beach hut (let the reader understand,) and cried unto Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David (which means Son of David;) my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil, for she taketh no notice of my directions; neither doth she dress modestly, but weareth make-up. And to make matters worse she doth not tidy her room.*
23. *But lo! He answered her not a word. And suddenly His disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us with an shrill voice, and the people are complaining.*
24. *But He answered and said unto them, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*
25. *And the disciples questioned amongst themselves, If she be not a sheep, calleth He this woman a goat? We are asking for a friend. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me!*

26. But He answered her, and said, It is not meet and right so to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And the disciples murmured even the more, saying amongst themselves, Now the Master is calling her a dog. Verily, we don't like the way this is going. Judas, do something.
27. And she said unto him, Truth, Lord. Yet even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table. And suddenly the disciples marvelled, yet some rolled their eyes.

[And He answered her, drawing in the sand and around the sandcastle that he had made earlier, Yet doth not the Scripture say, even the dogs return to their vomit? And she replied saying, It is not what cometh out of the mouth that defiles, but what the heart believeth. And they marvelled even the more. Which is not quite what Jesus was teaching but a few hours earlier.] (*1)

28. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And immediately her daughter was made whole from that very hour, and dressed herself modestly, applied little make-up beyond a soft foundation, and carryeth on her affairs with discretion. And lo! Her room was tidy indeed. Verily.

(*1) This verse is omitted in all other versions.