

The following question might seem obtuse:



*[Memories of geometry class. From Yisraela Hiatt
Now: Snoopy's solution.]*



*[From Everythingfunny.org
See if it works, Snoopy.]*



[Y finished parables, lake excursion, now...]

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Mattityahu (Matthew) 15:1

אַחֲרֵי כֵן נִגְשׁוּ אֶל יֵשׁוּעַ סוֹפְרִים וּפְרוּשִׁים מִירוּשָׁלַיִם וַשְּׂאֵלוּ אוֹתוֹ :

Then some P'rushim and Torah-teachers from Yerushalayim came to Yeshua and asked him,

[Context. Who were these guys?

Matters that "from Jerusalem?"]

Who were the P'rushim/Pharisees?

- The term 'Pharisaical' generally negative. Dictionary.com:
practicing or advocating strict observance of external forms and ceremonies of religion or conduct without regard to the spirit; self-righteous; hypocritical. Basically bad rap.

[Who were the questioners?]

- meaning "set apart, separated", related to Hebrew *parush* (פָּרוּשׁ) , plural *perushim* (פְּרוּשִׁים) participle of the verb *paras* (פָּרַשׁ)
- separated themselves from the common people of the land who did not tithe, were ritually impure and knew nothing of the Torah (Law).

[Passion to NOT be corrupted by the Gk or other pagan degeneracy and profligacy and violence. Members of accountability group... "covenant eyes"]

<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2/marknotes07.htm>

- They traced their roots to the Hasidim ("pious ones") organized in the time of Ezra.
- They believed in resurrection and immortality, and the importance of living a holy life.
- They regarded Greek ideas as abominations.

[Basically a revival group, but then...]

- They accepted the traditions of the Sages as having equal authority as the written Torah. [overboard]
- Josephus estimated that there were at least six thousand Pharisees in the Land
- Even the Jewish Sages spoke harshly against seven types of hypocritical Pharisees (*Avot* 5:9; *Sot.* 22b)

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Revival group that got fixated on stuff. We could...talit, tsisit, kipot, Hebrew, dance...]

- Sadducces disappeared when they lost the Temple.
- Zealots decimated at Masada
- Essenes died out or destroyed by the Romans attack on Qumran.
- P'rushim are the progenitors of modern day rabbis.
[Passionately seeking righteousness. Scrupulous! Yeshua's and Paul's main contention with them?]

Ro 10.2-4 I can testify to their zeal for God. But it is not based on correct understanding; for, since they are unaware of God's way of making people righteous and instead seek to set up their own, they have not submitted themselves to God's way of making people righteous. For the goal at which the Torah aims is the Messiah, who offers righteousness to everyone who trusts.
[Rick Joyner Vision 181. Intimacy and Presence. Back to text...]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 15:2

”מִדּוֹעַ עוֹבְרִים תְּלַמִּידֶיךָ עַל מִסֶּרֶת הַזִּקְנִים, שֶׁאֵין הֵם נוֹטְלִים יָדַיִם לְסֻעֻדָּה?”
 "Why is it that your talmidim break the Tradition of the Elders? They don't do n'tilat-yadayim *[CJB definition: ceremonial handwashing prescribed by the Oral Torah to be done before meals and at other times in order to be ritually pure; it continues to be a norm in Orthodox Judaism]* before they eat!"

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[Expanded in Mark]

Mark 7.1-5 The P'rushim and some of the Torah-teachers who had come from Yerushalayim gathered together with Yeshua and saw that some of his talmidim ate with ritually unclean hands, that is, without doing n'tilat-yadayim.
[Why is this a big deal?]

Mark 7.1-5 (For the P'rushim, and indeed all the Judeans, holding fast to the Tradition of the Elders, do not eat unless they have given their hands a ceremonial washing. Also, when they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they have rinsed their hands up to the wrist; and they adhere to many other traditions, such as washing cups, pots and bronze vessels.) The P'rushim and the Torah-teachers asked him, "Why don't your talmidim live in accordance with the Tradition of the Elders, but instead eat with ritually unclean hands?"

Washing has a BIG role in Torah

Shmot/Ex 19 Adoni said to Moshe, "Go to the people; today and tomorrow separate them for me by having them wash their clothing and prepare for the third day. For on the third day, Adoni will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.

Shmot/Ex 30.18-20

Adoni said to Moshe, “You are to make a basin of bronze, with a base of bronze, for washing. Place it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. Aharon and his sons will wash their hands and feet there when they enter the tent of meeting — they are to wash with water, so that they won’t die.

[Eventually transferred that one’s home is a Temple, and the table is an altar, meal is worship in sacrifice, head of home is a cohen/priest.]

Vayikra/Lev 15.11

If the person with the discharge fails to rinse his hands in water before touching someone, that person is to wash his clothes and bathe himself in water; he will be unclean until evening.



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The **Copper Laver**, (פִּיּוֹר נְחוּשֶׁת), which stands on the southern side of the entrance to the Sanctuary of the Holy Temple, is the first stop for the *kohanim* each morning, as they sanctify their hands and feet in its waters. The **Copper Laver** consists of both a laver, (פִּיּוֹר), and its stand, (בֵּן). A second Temple *kohen gadol* by the name of *Ben Katin* added a third component to the laver: A *muchmi*, or reservoir, was added to the top of the laver for the purpose of being able to store ritually pure water overnight.



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*[Temple Institute
Apparently there were faucets in the Temple.]*



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ברוך אתה יהוה	Bâruch Atâ Adonoy,
אלהינו מלך העולם,	Eloheinu Melech hâ'olâm,
אשר קדשנו במצותיו	asher kidishânu bi'mitzvo'tâv,
וצונו על נטילת ידים.	vi'tzivânu al netilat yâdâyim.

Blessed are You, God, our Lord, King of the universe,
Who has sanctified us with His commandments,
and commanded us regarding washing the hands.

[<http://www.jewishpathways.com/daily-living/starting-day>]



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Temple ritual applied to home, since now our home is a Temple. Table = altar, food = offering, hosts = cohenim/priests, fellowship with food = worship
You'll see one of these two handled jugs in every public bathroom in Israel.]

Washing and consequent hygiene was very significant to the divinely built culture of Israel

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[Anti-Sem results of handwashing?]

Downside to Biblical hygiene and cleanliness

Bubonic Plague 1348 As the plague swept across Europe in the mid-14th century, annihilating nearly half the population, Jews were taken as scapegoats, likely because they were affected less than other people, and just anti-Semitism.

Accusations spread that Jews had caused the disease by deliberately poisoning wells.

There are many Jewish laws that promote cleanliness: A Jew must wash his or her hands before eating bread and after using the bathroom, it is customary for Jews to bathe once a week before the Sabbath, a corpse must be washed before burial, etc.

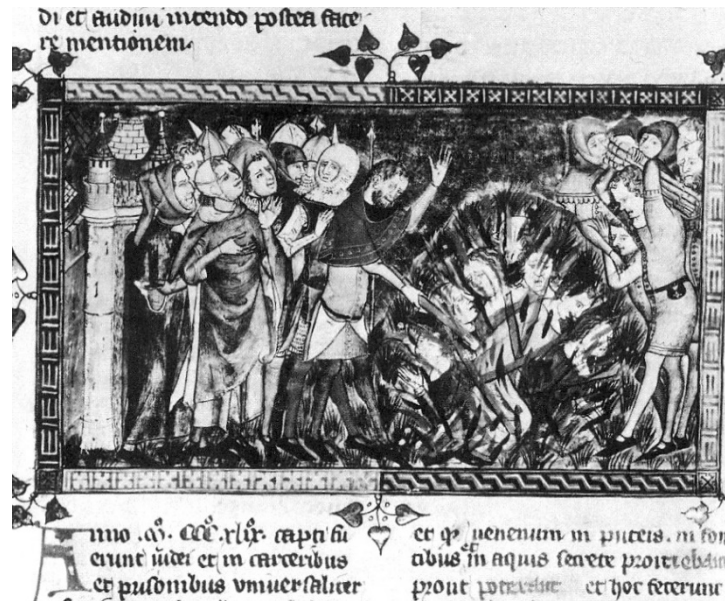
[A shovel on the spear for burial of refuse. Cf open sewers in Europe. A gentleman with nosegays.]

April 1348 in Toulon, France, the Jewish quarter was sacked, and forty Jews were murdered in their homes, then in Barcelona. Massacres and persecution spread across Europe, including the Erfurt massacre (1349), the Basel massacre, massacres in Aragon, and Flanders.

900 Jews were burnt alive on 14 February 1349 in the "Valentine's Day" Strasbourg massacre, where the plague had not yet affected the city. Many

hundreds of Jewish communities were destroyed in this period. Within the 510 Jewish communities destroyed in this period, some members killed themselves to avoid the persecutions.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Death_Jewish_persecutions]



Burning of the Jews in 1349 Royal Lib. of Belgium

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Death_Jewish_persecutions#/media/File:1349_burning_of_Jews-European_chronicle_on_Black_Death.jpg]

Jews massacred due to better mortality suspicion, and just senseless hatred.
Do Jewish people remember 1348? Wounds stick. Similar:
[*Bit of a rabbi trail...*]

In November 1917 Foreign Secretary Lord Arthur James Balfour. Approaching centenary.

His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people,

[and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balfour_Declaration

Groups are gearing up to protest Balfour. Britain is being sued in an international court by the Palestinian Administration. They have no desire for peace, only the delegitimization and destruction of the Jewish state.]



[<http://www.israeltoday.co.il/NewsItem/tabid/178/nid/30697/Default.aspx#fn:1>]

Britain had been under spiritual renewal 200 years: Great Evangelical Revival.
Wesley, Wm. Booth

- 1870 there were only 10,000 in the jails of England and Wales.
- by 1910 there were only 3,000 prisoners in the nation's jails,
- despite the population rising from 25 to 35 million
- With today's population at 60 million, British jails are full to capacity with 80,000 prisoners
- Welsh Revival in 1904, crime was almost non-existent in some places, leaving police with little to do, while the pit ponies (used down the coal mines) are said to have no longer understood the commands of their masters whose foul language had been cleaned up.

This was the generation that understood the times.

Rejection of Balfour is a fundamental statement of the rejecting the legitimacy of Israel. 'Peace Partner?'

UK Government has allocated over £13 million towards the security of its Jewish institutions following 924 reports of anti-Semitic incidents last year including 86 violent assaults.

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We NEED such revival!!

So, to return, these Prushim, descendants of revival, but that had gone rules based, were concerned about a GOOD rule. Hygiene rule that saved thousands of lives, but still elicited hatred.]

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Mattityahu (Matthew) 15:3

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He answered, "Indeed, why do you break the command of God by your tradition?"

[Remember, He's answering a question about handwashing.]

Then He gives an illustration of using religious duty to evade filial responsibility to parents, and concludes with a shocking statement about true cleanliness.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 15:10-11 Then he called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand this! What makes a person unclean is not what goes into his mouth; rather, what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him unclean!”

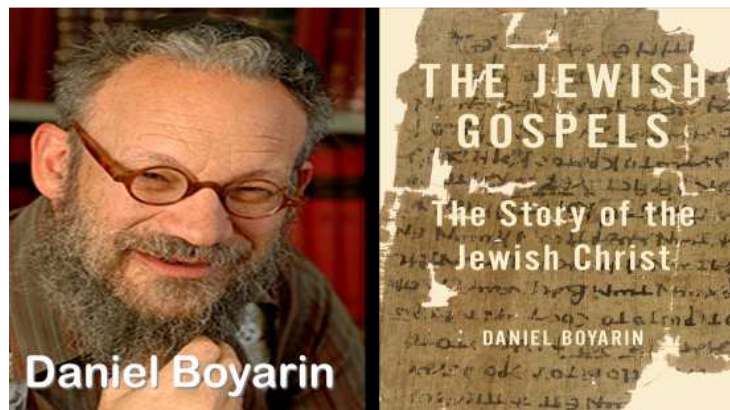
More shocking in Mark’s parallel:

Mark 7.18-19 He replied to them, “So you too are without understanding? Don’t you see that nothing going into a person from outside can make him unclean? For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and it passes out into the latrine.” (Thus he declared all foods ritually clean.)

- Craig Keener: ‘explicit repudiation of Kashrut’
- making all meats clean. ^{ASV}
- declared that all foods are fit to be eaten ^{Good News}
- declared all foods clean ^{NIV}
- He showed that every kind of food is kosher. ^{Living Bible}
[A very Jewish friendly commentary and author, but Keener Commentary on Mat p 413]

Really? Kashrut is over?

- Bring on the shrimp and lobster sauce.
 - On Yom Kippur!?
- [Help. I get by with a little help from my friends.]*



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[Bear with me, he's speaking as a non-believer about our faith, so uses non-Messianic terminology.

Quotes from p 1-2, 5-6, 25-26]

Consensus of Christian scholarship, and some Messianics [!]

Mark 8.18-19 The Amplified Bible **Thus He was making *and* declaring all foods [ceremonially] clean [that is, abolishing the ceremonial distinctions of the Levitical Law].**

[W. Robertson Nicoll, ed., The Expositor's Greek New Testament.

Boyarin, The Jewish Gospels]

Yarbro Collins, Hermeneia Commentary: "the observance of the food laws...is not obligatory.

Word Commentary, Robert W. Guelich: "No foods, even those forbidden by the Levitical law, could defile a person before G-d."

[Boyarin, The Jewish Gospels]

Boyarin's thesis:

Yeshua was actually defending Torah from the threats of the Parushim/Pharisees.

[Radical innovations by Parushim possibly beginning in Babylon during captivity, 586 BCE and on.

Boyarin Jewish Gospels]

Mtt 15.8-9 You hypocrites! Yesha`yahu was right when he prophesied about you, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from me. Their worship of me is useless, because they teach man-made rules as if they were doctrines." What man made rules?

"Yeshua was a staunch defender of the Torah against what He perceived to be threats to it from the Pharisees."

But, what were these man made doctrines?

"At least some of these Pharasaic innovations may very well have represented changes in religious practice that took place during the Babylonian Exile, while the Jews who remained in the Land continued their ancient practices."

[The Jewish Gospels]

Jewish contextual concepts

1. Permitted and forbidden is the Kosher/non-kosher classification
2. Clean and unclean = pure and impure

[Sometimes there is terminology muddling, permitted = clean animals. Context, context.]

Translation confusion:

- Forbidden/permitted sometimes inaccurately equated with Purity/impurity, clean/ unclean
- מותר אסור Mutar/asur permitted forbidden
- טָהוֹר טָמֵא Tahor/Tameh pure impure

Jewish contextual concepts

1. Kosher, permitted meats are those permissible by Torah, and prepared as described in Torah.
 - Ruminants, cloven hoof
 - Slaughtered painlessly as possible.
*[Consumption of fat from sacrificial animals [chicken fat OK]
Are some foods with hidden pork, get to later.]*
 - Blood and fat free.
 - [Milk and meat mixture is a later addition.]
2. Purity of foods, different system.
 - Mishap: touched by someone with a bodily fluid issue.
 - Touch deceased
 - Removed by red heifer and mikveh Bamidbar/Nu 19

[Different system Monthly or in the night fluids

Nu 19.11-14 "Anyone who touches a corpse, no matter whose dead body it is, will be unclean for seven days. He must purify himself with [these ashes] on the third and seventh days; then he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself the third and seventh days, he will not be clean. Anyone who touches a corpse, no matter whose dead body it is, and does not purify himself has defiled the tabernacle of ADONI. That person will be cut off from Isra'el, because the water for purification was not sprinkled on him. He will be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him. "This is the law: when a person dies in a tent, everyone who enters the tent and everything in the tent will be unclean for seven days.]

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[15 Every open container without a cover closely attached is unclean. 16 Also whoever is in an open field and touches a corpse, whether of someone killed by a weapon or of someone who died naturally, or the bone of a person, or a grave, will be unclean for seven days.]

There is nothing outside a person which, by going into him, can make him unclean. Rather, it is the things that come out of a person which make a person unclean!"

[Menstruation, nocturnal emission, leprous oozing sores, dead body: carcass or cadaver.]

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"Land and sea to make one proselyte" Mt. 23 is relative to purity laws controversies.

Foods that go into the body DON'T cause impurity.

Fluids [and Yeshua expanded to words and attitudes] that come out, cause נמץ Tameh.

This is a debate among Jews about how to keep Torah, not an attack on Torah.
[Boyarin P 116 on the fist, 118]

Yeshua speaks from the position of a traditional Galilean Jew, one whose community and traditional practices are being criticized and interfered with from outside, from Jerusalem.

"The notions of Judaism as legalistic and rule-bound, as a grim realm of religious anxiety versus Messiah's completely new teachings of faith and love, die very hard."

[The Jewish Gospels p103]

Final proof that this is about n'tilat yadaim/handwashing, NOT Kosher permission, is the bookends.

Mt. 15.2 "Why is it that your talmidim break the Tradition of the Elders? They don't do n'tilat-yadayim before they eat!"

Mt 15.19-20 For out of the heart come forth wicked thoughts, murder, adultery and other kinds of sexual immorality, theft, lies, slanders. . . These are what really make a person unclean, but eating without doing n'tilat-yadayim does not make a person unclean."

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...wicked thoughts, murder, adultery and other kinds of sexual immorality, theft, lies, slanders. . . These are what really make a person unclean נמץ Tameh. So...

- Away from the table
- Away from the house
- No touching.

[If we are tameh

Let's get our heart right! And eat right!]