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CIRCUMCISION

DOES IT DETER CANCER ?

The human male is borne with a foreskin over the penis. By circumcision (circum "around" and cision "cutting") the excess of this foreskin is ^{and} removed. An operation is performed on the foreskin by pulling forward/the part extending beyond the tip of the actual penis is cut off.

Dr. S.I. McMillen in his book "None of these Diseases" writes that "If the tight unretractable foreskin is not removed, proper cleansing can not be readily performed. As a result many virulent bacteria, including the cancer-producing *Synechococcus* bacillus, can grow profusely. During sexual intercourse, these bacteria are deposited on the cervix of the uterus, but if the mucous membrane of the cervix is intact, little harm results. However if lacerations exist, as they frequently do after childbirth, these bacteria can cause considerable irritation. Since any part of the body which is subjected to irritation is susceptible to cancer, it is perfectly understandable why cervical cancer is likely to develop in women whose mates are not circumcise

Dr. McMillen further adds "These bacteria not only produce cancer in women, but also irritate the male organ and many cause cancer of the penis. The extreme rarity of ~~penis~~ penile cancer in circumcised men is shown by the fact that in 1955 only the fourth case in medical history was reported. Thus we can say the circumcision is an almost perfect prophylaxis against this deadly cancer. Prevention by circumcision is far more important than treatment because once a diagnosis of cancer is made, surgical removal of the penis is mandatory"

Cancer is today the most deadly scourge in the world. Medical science is yet to find a sure remedy of this dreadful malady. The present cancer death statistics are alarming. For example it is reported that in one year alone some 13000 Americans were victims of this particular cancer.

In the "Journal" of the American Medical Association (July 23, 1949) it is reported that a study of the cervical cancer cases at Mayo Clinic had/ shown that the Jews were comparatively free from this common cancer. Medical researchers are led to believe that this spectacular freedom results from the practice of circumcision in Jewish men.

A study carried out in India had shown that there is a much lower incidence of cervical cancer among Muslims than those practising other religions despite being of the same race who eat the same food and live in the same environment. (Journal of the American Medical Association November 7- 1959 p.1421)

It is said that as a result of accumulation of microbes between the penis and the foreskin, many children develop a burning pimples- inflamed ulcer and the right remedy is only circumcision. Circumcision also eradicates itching inside the foreskin which otherwise stimulates excessive and unnatural sexual emotions.

The French Professor Cohen in his book CIRCUMCISION writes that the foreskin if not removed can be the cause of obstructing the proper ejection of semen into the womb thus also reducing the chances of child-birth.

It is interesting to find that the practice of circumcision has originated from the time of Prophet Abraham and followed by all subsequent Prophets. It was customary during the time of Moses hence even today the Jewish children are circumcised in the first week of their birth. This custom was also prevalent among the early Christians and was considered as commandment of God but later the Church altered it.

Islam made circumcision compulsory for every Muslim and declared it a strongly emphasised deed of virtue to circumcise a child on the 7th day of birth. It is done even later before the child reaches the age of puberty. This goes to prove that Islam did not merely come to preach certain dogmas but presented to the world a complete code of life including those rules which are meant for promoting the health betterment of mankind.