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YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT. How true this statement is.

Chemicals and pesticides are not designed to be consumed. If they were, we would take a teaspoon every day for our health. Yet our food supply is constantly being sprayed with chemicals and pesticides when sustainable organic practices can do the same without harming our bodies. I want the Dept. of Justice to make sure that all foods are grown organically and sustainably for our health and the planet's health. I want the Dept. of Justice to be on the small farmer's side 100%, and make sure they are as well taken care of as the big corporations are who have the money for the attorneys and lobbyists. Like assigning a court attorney, set up a system to assign a small farmer a court attorney or lobbyist for his own protection.

Monsanto operates like mafia. Strong holding their clients to pay for seed that was produced from plants from the year before crop is blackmailing in the first degree. Their seed is Round-Up resistant! Just think about that for a moment. The farmer can spray Round-Up and NOT kill the plant! Had I been aware of this years ago, I NEVER would have bought any food other than organic as I do now.

GMO food is just as wrong for human consumption. DON'T MESS WITH MOTHER NATURE.

I am concerned about the food I put in my body. I want to know where it was grown, how it was grown, how long it was transported until it reached the market. I would like to see this information on the food I buy. I want to know about the company that produced it, the company's labor practices and their community and humanitarian outreaches.

EVERY food item should be labeled with ANY and ALL chemicals and pesticides used, where it was grown, packaged, produced, distributed, the date of shipment, expiration dates, if it is a GMO product, as well as the nutritional information label. Some ingredients on a label are so long that you wonder if it is indeed a real word, and are hard to understand, like certain sugars (maltodextrin), or wheat ingredients. There needs to be explanations perhaps in parenthesis next to the word to say "a sugar", for example.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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