

THE WORLD PEACE DIET Facilitator Training Program



“Imagine the world we can create...”

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Supplemental Reading – Module Six

Domination of bees for honey and other products – Basics

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Saw recently an article about a fellow who decided to kill an entire bee colony he found in his barbeque. However, bees can be captured and relocated as an alternative to killing them.

Maybe this fellow is no crueler than the average bee farmer. Many farmers set alight thousands of beehives before winter, after they've taken all the honey, wiping out billions of bees. Each colony contains about 60,000 bees. It takes the lifetime until death and full time work of 2 bees to make just one teaspoon of honey, which they make to feed their babies, not for a cup of tea. (Honey is bee vomit by the way!)

Bees will defend their honey with their lives if the hive is threatened and die after using their sting. When the honey is stolen by humans, the bees are fed a replacement sugar like corn syrup or sugar syrup which is devoid of the nutrients bees need and therefore the bees suffer from diseases and parasites as their health weakens. To save money on having to feed the bees the syrup when they are not producing honey over winter, farmers often burn the hives and start a new colony in the next spring. Queen bees normally live for 7 years but are routinely killed each year and replaced with a new queen to prevent swarming, when the older queen takes her colony to escape into the wild. Queen bees are raped by artificial insemination, and the male bees crushed to obtain the semen. Queen bees as well as other bees are transported in cardboard boxes through the post and many die in transit. Bees in farmed hives regularly suffer the travel of hundreds of miles stacked on trucks to different locations.

Bees used for pollinating food crops are a completely different industry from the bees used for making honey, so honey production is not necessary for crop pollination. Honeybee farming is responsible for wiping out thousands of native bee species around the world who are instrumental in pollinating native trees and flowers, by out-competing them.

There is no way to kill bees nicely. There's no way to rape the queen nicely. Or transport them nicely. Or imprison them nicely. There's no way to steal nicely. My wife and I choose to respect bees and their right to life and liberty by not creating demand for their products and therefore avoid participating in the harm, killing and exploitation of the bees. We don't eat honey or buy products with honey, bee pollen, beeswax, or royal jelly. We eat rice syrup that tastes and looks

similar to honey. We also use maple syrup, fruit syrup, vegan chocolate syrup, jam, stevia, barley malt, mesquite powder, blackstrap molasses, Rapadura (raw) sugar, agave nectar, date sugar, date syrup, palm sugar, and sorghum syrup. We use soy and palm wax. There are plenty of alternatives to the cruel system of beekeeping, which always involves the theft of others' property, and the rationalizations that go with this.