

## Michael Roads answers on Q-koorts

### Question:

In the Netherlands now, there is an disease found in goats and on goat farms. The name of the disease is: Q-koorts. This means that a lot of goat farmers must have their goats “put-down” (including healthy ones and pregnant ones) by a veterinarian. It is sad and painful for the farmers and, of course, for the goats. It's the same situation as with the mad-cow disease in the late nineties. Can you give us more insight in the bigger picture of this? Why is this happening?

### Answer by Michael Roads:

Why have we always got to have a why? The truth of the matter is simple; it is as it is! But . . . there is always the bigger picture to be considered. Maybe this happens just to show us a bigger picture; if so, very few people look at it! I must admit, I had never heard of Q-koorts disease. It certainly seems to be a repeat of the mad-cow disease, but in a different species. The key word – and there is always a key – is dis-ease. Life out-of-harmony. Pigs get swine-fever which kills them, milking cows have a whole range of diseases, as well as mad-cow, and now goats. I guess it won't be long before something similar happens in sheep.

So, the key word is dis-ease. The key factor is that these are all farmed animals. This brings humans into the equation; disease and people. We humans have a great fear of disease, thus, according to the Principle; where you focus energy flows . . . we attract disease. Fear is a very powerful focus!

I was once a dairy farmer, so I am very familiar with the process of milking, and the process of sterilization that follows each milking session. Personally, I am a great advocate of cleanliness. Milking equipment that is truly clean seldom offers an opportunity for disease. I remember when my cream grades dropped to 2nd grade. I learned from observation that if my milking machine was too sterilized, it seemed to harbor disease. To keep this simple, while clean machines have a balance of 'good' and 'bad' bacteria and viruses, all is well. Over sterilized machines kill all the 'good' bacteria and viruses, leaving the 'really bad' viruses unchecked. The outcome, disease. Hospitals are besieged with the same problem; staphylococcus. Cow dairy, goat or sheep dairy, hospital; the more you sterilize and the more powerful the sterilizer, the more resistant and powerful the staphylococcus becomes.

As a dairy farmer, I disobeyed the rules. I stopped all sterilizer, and flushed out my machines with sour skim milk. Result, 1st grade cream from then on. But this is not all I did. My dairy cows were as sick as other commercial herds, and I pondered this. Gradually, hesitantly, I changed my relationship with the cows, and with myself. Over a period of years, I became a pioneer organic farmer. Other people saw this as just another technique, I experienced it is part of holistic farming. As I made the subtle connection between the land, the pasture, the cows, the milking process, and myself as the key in this connection, everything changed. The soil became more balanced, the pasture became healthier, the cows quieter and happier, I became more patient and kind with the animals, and overall – hard to believe – an incredible shift in the health and vitality of all concerned.

So what am I saying? I am saying that livestock dis-ease is a symptom of out-of-harmony. Bring harmony into the land, pasture or stock food and, most important of all, the farmer . . . and it will change. These livestock diseases could be seen as a “wake-up” call. Livestock diseases are now becoming super-diseases. Science thinks that stronger drugs is the answer. Wrong. Stronger drugs will lead to lead to more and more resistant super-diseases. Stock dis-ease is a reflection of *us* out-of-harmony.

Maybe this is why it is happening . . . so we can look at ourselves!

The bigger picture! We look at life and see it in a physical form only. We are unable to see the “life” of life, we see only the physical expression of life. When the cows had mad-cow disease and they were “put down” and burned by the tens of thousands, we consider that as terrible. Why? Do you really believe that when a commercial cow, or goat, or sheep is no longer productive it is put out to pasture to end its remaining years well cared for? Sorry, they are all killed. So what is the difference if they are killed before they have been exploited, or after? This is not cynicism, this is the reality that the consumer does not want to know about. We, the consumers, are hypocrites. Hens that lay eggs can do so for eight to ten years in a barnyard. Commercial hens are so exploited that, exhausted, their egg production drops and they are killed in anything from eighteen months old in cages, to three years old in so-called free range.

The reality is that people – farmer and consumer – have so little concern for the livestock that we are *all* out-of-harmony. The people with the land, and the land with the people. The livestock with the people, the people with the livestock. I guess the question is; how long will it be before a new super-killer-disease truly jumps the animal – human barrier, and we actually reap the discord of disease we have, for a long time, been sowing.

In this “worst-case” scenario, drugs will be of little value. For each one of us, it will be our relationship with Self that will determine the outcome. If our relationship with Self is in-harmony, we will be comparatively untroubled. If our relationship with Self is out-of-harmony, we will be in *big* trouble. We each create our own reality!

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