

Global March Against Monsanto Day

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Monsanto is one of the world's most hated companies for good reason. Institute for Responsible Technology founder, consumer advocate, GMO expert Jeffrey Smith calls the company "the world's poster child for corporate manipulation and deceit."

Its goal is eliminating natural seeds altogether and replacing them with patented genetically modified ones producing what critics call frankenfoods.

Its PR story features five Big Lies:

- 1. GMOs are needed to feed the world.
- 2. They've been thoroughly tested and proved safe.
- 3. They increase crop yields.
- 4. They reduce toxic chemical use.
- 5. They can be contained and co-exist with non-GM crops.

Truth is polar opposite on all counts. Independent studies show GM foods and ingredients harm human health.

They contaminate the environment and gene pool. Monsanto executives knew it all along. They suppressed hard truths.

A company memo revealing its philosophy says: "We can't afford to lose one dollar of business."

Monsanto is like other corporate predators. Bottom line considerations alone matter. Human health risks aren't important.

The American Academy of Environment Medicine (AAEM) urges avoiding GM foods and ingredients because of unacceptable health risks.

It called for halting sales of these products, longterm independent studies and labeling.

"Several animal studies indicate serious health risks associated with GM food," it said. "There is more than a casual association between GM foods and adverse health effects. There is causation."

Growing numbers of doctors and science professionals urge avoiding GM foods and ingredients entirely. Noted biologist Pushpa Bhargava calls GMOs a major contributor to deteriorating health of Americans.

"(T)he incidence of low birth weight babies, infertility, and infant mortality are all escalating" in America, says Jeffrey Smith.

A human feeding study showed long after subjects stopped eating GMOs, their harmful proteins continued producing internally.

According to Smith, "eating a corn chip produced from Bt corn might transform our intestinal bacteria into living pesticide factories, possibly for the rest of our lives" – or eating any other GM foods.

They "might be colonizing the gut flora of North Americans" – leaving us vulnerable to numerous future health problems, killing us slowly.

In the early 1990, FDA scientists warned about GM hazards - calling them inherently dangerous.

AAEM says they "have not been properly tested (and) pose a serious health risk."

Noted Canadian geneticist David Suzuki says we've "become human guinea pigs. Anyone who says, 'Oh, we know that this is perfectly safe,' is either unbelievably stupid or deliberately lying."

It's not coincidental that since wide-scale introduction of GMOs in 1996, the incidence of people with three or more chronic diseases nearly doubled – from 7 to 13%.

Human health depends heavily on eliminating GMO foods and ingredients entirely worldwide – freeing people everywhere from their hazardous toxins.

May 23 is the third annual global <u>March Against Monsanto</u> (MAM). Massive support is expected.

An MAM press release says "hundreds of thousands will take to the streets in peaceful protest against the Monsanto Company."

Local events will feature prominent speakers – "including former presidential candidates and health icons."

Marches are expected to take place on six continents, in 48 countries and 421 cities. The World Health Organization (WHO) calls Monsanto's Roundup a "probable carcinogen" in the food supply.

Initiatives like the Women's and Children's Bill of Rights want toxic Glyphosate banned. It's a global pollutant – found in underground water and up to 100% of rainwater samples in some areas.

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"It's Time to Take Back Our Planet," say MAM sponsors. GMOs make us vulnerable to potential serious health problems. Organic farming worldwide more than ever is needed.

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