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You tell me God's wrath will be immense  
And biblically proportioned into  
An obscene serving size of trichinosis  
If I partake in unclean food.

You slaughter the cloven hoofed beast of  
My integrity by insinuating  
The finite degrees of Earth's balance  
Are determined by my pork consumption.

Dead man walking down the sausage aisle  
Watched by the demons of red eye gravy,  
I carefully pick my last supper,  
Wearing my best smile of Judas,  
Wondering if Edward Albee liked ham.



Dusty Bailey