MEAT CONSUMPTION IN HELLENISTIC EGYPT
(Summary)

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The present communication will not deal with the vast topic of meat consumption as a whole. This general theme will be illustrated by a discussion of only one selected subject: the use of pork in Hellenistic Egypt.

The general plan might be as follows:
— Preliminary remarks: a definition for “Hellenistic Egypt”, reasons for choosing this particular subject matter during this particular period, etc.
— The pig as a wild and domesticated animal through Egyptian history: archaeozoological and documentary evidence.
— Attitudes towards the pig:
  — Held in abhorrence by the ancient Egyptians as the animal of Set?
  — The favourite dish of immigrated Greeks?
  — The social position of swine-breeders.
— How to reconcile the contradictory evidence?
— Aspects of the organisation of meat consumption: the Zenoarchive, Byzantine supplies for the army, etc.

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