

2021 Aug 22 The Sacred Pig

While it is generally well-known (at least among some anthropologists, folklorists and paganist fellow travelers) that pigs in some cultures (e.g., in ancient Ireland) have been considered sacred animals, it's less well-known that

1) boars, like human males but unlike most other animals, fondle the females' teats during sex (as some pig farmers will do during the Artificial Insemination process)

2) the sow's clitoris is located within the vagina thus precluding the penetration vs stimulation issue common among humans

3) the boar's penis, like it's tail, is shaped like a corkscrew

4) because the saliva of boars contain pheromones that ready sows in heat for copulation, boars will slobber on the snouts of sows before attempting penetration

5) while it is generally accepted that sows, like human females, do not require orgasm for conception, pig farmers (e.g., in Denmark) nonetheless during the AI process sometimes stimulate their sow's clitoris, manually or with mechanical devices (with or without vibrating apparatus), to increase the chances of impregnation.

For more information, Mary Roach, Bonk: *The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex* (NY: Norton, 2008)