## GOOD/BAD/UGLY GRAINS \& WHOLE YOU!

Ever hear, 'Eat more whole grains'? This 'edict' is more a fractured fairy tale than a scientific maxim. James Braly, M.D., author of Dangerous Grains, estimates $30 \%$ of Americans are sensitive to gluten, the protein fraction in wheat, rye, barley, and some minor grains. Others observe $>50 \%$ incidence.

Cultivated grains are evolutionary newcomers, so billions worldwide have not adapted to them yet. Wheat gluten contains gliadin, a hard-to-digest 33-chain amino acid. Damage from incomplete breakdown of gluten proteins occurs irregularly in our 'gut', inhibiting nutrient absorption, thus causing a myriad of physical problems and their associated mental symptoms.

Celiac disease, a serious autoimmune disorder caused by gluten, averages 7-9 years before accurate diagnosis. Racial groups and regions less accustomed to wheat normally experience higher rates of Celiac. A 'short list' of diseases/conditions linked to Celiac and Gluten Sensitivity reads like a modern Who's Who of Serious Illness:
$\Rightarrow$ Diabetes
> Depression
$>$ Thyroid Disorders (3)
> Autoimmune diseases (18*
$>$ Emotional and behavioral disorders (9)
> Infertility \& sperm abnormalities
$>$ Neurological conditions (14)
> Gas and bloating
> Schizophrenia
$>$ Osteoporosis
> Cancer
People with these conditions may benefit from avoiding gluten. Many supermarkets, natural foods stores, and restaurants now carry gluten-free (GF) items. Use of nutritious, safe, and delicious 'alternative grains' is growing. (google gluten-free or Rodney Ford, MD) Savvy firms like Bob's Red Mill of Milwaukee are rapidly expanding their GF flour, cereal, and baked goods lines.

> The 'Gluten Challenge' is to avoid gluten for 1 month... Millions report 'amazing' healings on a gluten-free diet. How about it-are you gluten sensitive? You can find out if you.....

## GIVE IT A TRY!

