

Vegetarianism, a Historical Context

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Walt,

You made the below statement in an obvious attempt to refute the MSA'S golden light:

"Any message that attempts to claim that vegetarianism is not a valid concept for us as SDA, is a false message"--- your E-mail, Sunday, October 14, 2007 3:27 PM

You are free to choose however you decide. The MSA, in the *Great Controversy*, chooses the righteousness of Christ. We embrace the promptings of His word; we joy in the things He declares to be good. If you want to side with Lucifer in this discussion then you must accept for yourself the fate of him and his dark angels.

VTH and EGW, God's inspired prophets yesterday who ranked under Christ as did Lucifer, are the only prophets in six thousand years of human history who enforced vegetarianism. One reason justifying the enforcement of that non-Biblical discipline, as explained by the MSC in its paper, *Vegetarianism and the Atonement*, was the Bible requisite for self affliction during the *Day of Atonement*. All who believe in the *2300-day Doctrine* recognize that with the beginning of the judgment of 1844, likewise began the application of that ceremony; in fact, the *Day of Atonement* has been traditionally cited to explain the 1844 judgment session. The MSC has contributed to our understanding of this theme by showing the Lord's requirement for all, during that day of judgment, was that they "afflict their soul". This was a definitive, yet non-specific requirement for the earnest in the Church to manifest their solemnity and commitment to that hour of judgment by exhibiting self denial. However, even though inspiration had the right to call such a fast, it was never defined to be everlasting and eternal as, just with the type, just so with the antitype, when the *Day of Atonement* expired, so likewise expired the requirement for solemnity and self affliction. Sadly, like all other New Testament Prophets before them, VTH and EGW were only afforded a partial "milk" understanding of the Lord's righteousness and truth. Being only partial in the law and consequently saints who could not then fully abide by the *Testimony of Jesus*, their path of salvation led them through the grave. Yet, we can all look forward to their rise in the *Special Resurrection* to further their career in righteousness as they prepare to drink of this fountain which is just now beginning to open to the house of David ---see Zech 13:1. Then, we, the greatest collection of teachers ever to live, "**a great people and a strong there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it**" (Joel 2:2) can teach to them, VTH & EGW, the lessons which you and many on the forum refuse: the saving grace and the life which comes by fully embracing the *Testimony of Jesus*. Today, all who reject the fullness of this testimony, a day when the proverbial Sun begins to shines seven times brighter --See Isa 39:26--- will not have the same privilege. Such men, it will be manifested during this hour brightness, are dark and fallen angels who clearly choose Lucifer over Christ. For such men, they will have to die for their own sins without an atoning sacrifice. Men who choose Lucifer above Christ, can only look to Lucifer for their redemption.

Walt, you manifest by your hostile stance towards the *Righteousness of Christ*, that you are like all lukewarm Laodiceans: miserable and not knowing your affliction of misery. This is the reason why you condemn the *Testimony of Jesus*, uttered to us by the command of Christ as He pointed all to the end of the day of self-imposed soul affliction and promised to reward us with merriment for our Kingdom victory. He says, "...**bring hither the FATTED calf, and KILL it; and let us eat, and be merry.**" Why do you not accept this Christ-pronounced remedy, for your misery? Why do you seek an alternate channel for joy, peace, and happiness---for merriment? Why do you suggest that any who invalidate vegetarianism bears a "false message"? Do you not realize that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that such a message, at Father's

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command, was borne by Him; and that the Holy Spirit was commissioned to remind you of the *Testimony of Jesus* given while He was “yet present with (us)” 2000 years ago? Thus, you are not attacking the MSC or Derek West; you are in actuality calling Christ, Jesus, the Comforter, and Father all “false messengers”. The MSC has taken great pains to protect the prophetic honor of EGW & VTH; however, you have attacked all in heaven merely to preserve your higher estimation of EGW. You have done so against the constant drum-beat of her very own testimony for her most dominant theme was that we should never exalt her work above the Bible. Has Lucifer convinced you that EGW is more righteous than Christ? Who is indeed driving your soul train? Do you want health, joy, and peace? If so, put down your phony, clean-meat substitutes and unite with the MSA and its Bible-validated key to restoring health: that is the desire to seek out the prodigal son and to bring him back home. This is the Elijah call, the plea to turn your hearts to the children. Point your heart to the Prodigal today while he is still wallowing in his inglorious pig-sty squalor of total humiliation and degradation and bring him back home to your house. Thus does the Lord recommend as the **WAY** to recover good health:

*“Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?...and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine **HEALTH!** **HEALTH!!** **HEALTH!!!** shall spring forth speedily.”* — Isa 58 5-8, “health”, a MSC stutter from its author’s stammering lips.

Notice Walt, this text gives us heaven’s remedy for health. It is cited in the *Rod* and should be included by all as an equally valid *Rod* doctrine for “health reform”. Amongst all Davidians, this text should be celebrated along with the *Entering Wedge* for it directly points Davidia to heaven’s formula for health.

I have just a few more questions for you and for all of Davidia: If Christ, at the command of Father (John 12: 47-50) proclaimed that we will eat flesh in the Kingdom, and if He pronounced clean meats to be acceptable for the church, and He tells us that the key to restored **HEALTH** will be our fidelity to the prodigal, bringing home the poor to our house (Church), then upon what basis do you hang your hope and faith in vegetarianism as a preservative of your health? EGW clearly tells us that we should look to the promises of Christ for our redemption; instead of so doing, you have decided to look elsewhere. And, since you have no Bible foundation, then your faith in restored health by vegetarianism could only be based upon your misrenderings of EGW’s work. This being the case, are you not tacitly suggesting that the Lord needed EGW and VTH to clarify Father’s word? Are you not suggesting that Christ, against His very own profession, somehow failed in His mission 2000 years ago to deliver to the world a testimony to win for us life, and that He, afterwards, in the last days, needed to revise His word in order to save us?. Does not such a thesis perfectly echo Lucifer’s original claims against Christ —that He is untrustworthy, unreliable, and unrighteous? This being your case, do you now clearly understand why the MSC charges all men who exalt subordinate angels of light, like EGW and VTH above Christ as being Luciferian Christians, the dark angels of hell? Finally, you assert that the MSC is a false message because it points the church to the *Testimony of Jesus*, the very testimony which the Bible in *Rev 12* shows is the teaching which gives to us the seal of approval from God and allows us to escape the slaughter. If you find His testimony so unreliable, then why do you take upon His name: while you eat your own bread (doctrine of Christ) and wear your own apparel (self righteousness); yet, desire to convince the Church that He is your Lord?

All who now desire the Lord’s remedy for improved health are today again invited to come to the fountain before it is ever too late.

Sincerely,

Derek

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