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Vegetarianism, The Blood and the Fat

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Nancy,

You wrote an E-mail on 02-Nov-07; it was a follow up, I believe, to a prior E-mail likewise addressed to the MSC. Over the past four to six weeks much of my time has been consumed with the declining health and the eventual death of my mother. On 05-Nov-07, She, Allyne C. West (Anderson) passed at the age of 75. She was funeralized on 12-Nov-07. Being the executor of her estate, I am only now beginning to see some time opening so as to resume my full schedule of duties. My mother was a member in good standing of the SDA faith; she was greatly loved by all of her seven children; and she took a great deal of interest in my work. She loved many of the doctrines which I presented to her, and read all my material. For this reason, our family has great hopes that she will emerge in the very-soon-to-occur *Special Resurrection* so that we may continue our studies and our efforts to advance the Lord's Kingdom.

Your specific question regarding flesh preparations advances the faithful beyond the present-truth issues now forwarded by the MSC. It seeks to peer over the horizon so as to discern the rules for a non-vegetarian diet, making them the same rules defined by Moses to Israel, a people who did not have the living fountain. Your question also seeks to define for the Lord His Kingdom cuisine as He feeds, in a spirit of jubilee and celebration, the non-vegetarian staple which He has promised for His saints. Such is a premature concern. Before any can explore the questions which you pose, all must first acknowledge the expiration of yesterday's *Day-of-Atonement* mandate, that of soul affliction. Have you done so? Do you recognize that the affliction required of us yesterday, vegetarianism, has been adjusted and a new one, an affliction which mandates the Bible theme of human charity, is now in vogue? If not, then your question is wasting time and is merely argumentative. Below is your inquiry; yet, before I re-quote to you your question, I urge you to accept my apology for the delayed reply.

"But the Questions have NEVER been answered. do YOU eat meat and is it KOSHER? The BIBLE may permit meat eating, but NEVER are you to eat the FAT or the BLOOD. Only Properly butchered Kosher meat would meet this qualification. You always skirt around these questions. So, do you eat meat that has been properly kosher butchered? I have never read in any of your postings that you teach the Biblical health principles on the law dealing with the way meat should be prepared. To permit eating of meat purchased at any regular grocery store that has been butchered at the common slaughter houses is sinning according to the law."-- Sent: Friday, November 2, 2007 5:39:04 PM; emphasis belong

All of your above claims are without Bible references; thus, they are presumptions presented by you as factual. If nothing else, the discourse over the past 22 month proves one thing, Bible assumptions are not Bible facts. By your assertions as such, you place extra burden upon me requiring that I do your research and further delaying my reply. Before I do reply, allow me to categorically say that the MSC does not now impose nor mandate "Koshered meat" as an enforceable limit on our diets. Such was a convenience yesterday under the monolithic government of ancient Israel which the saints cannot now enjoy as they swim in the sea of gentiles. Today, we do not even have any way of knowing for a certainty whether or not the flesh that is sold in the very limited markets which provide Koshered flesh properly meets the OT standard to which you refer. The few Koshered dealers which I know here in Pittsburgh all appear to be Jewish owned and controlled. Can you put your faith in the people who have rejected *the Only Begotten* to carefully and strictly follow any other scriptural discourse? If they diverged so greatly in their Bible judgment to reject Jesus, how can we have any confidence that they follow any lesser Bible requirement? For example, many Jews prepare Kosher pork, a gross violation of the Torah. How is it then Nancy that many on the forum, people such as yourself,

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folks who profess to be Christians, can so easily reject the *Testimony of Jesus*; yet, they are ever so willing to embrace the words of His open detractors, Jewish merchants? Are not these men who, after 2000 years, people who have not even had the acuity and wisdom to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord? All would do much better by placing their confidence in the credibility of the Lord as He seeks to work through this Christian government which has very strict standards, stricter than any other nation in gentile-Christ-o-logical history. After so doing, if you ask the Lord to bless your food, based upon the way that He defined that we should, then you can rest in the assurance of His safety. Beyond that, it is impossible to eat meat, any clean flesh, without consuming some “fat” and some “blood”; consequently, your requisite that such things be removed can never be satisfied. Also, consider that, in the parable of the prodigal, the Lord commanded His gentile servants to “kill the fatted calf”. We can therefore safely assume that, if an over weight calf was illegal to consume in the Kingdom, then the Lord would have reprimanded His servants for fattening that very creature, and He would have demanded of them to slaughter the “lean calf”, the calf with only muscles and bones. The MSC has, as its commission the requisite to institute the *Testimony of Jesus*, to bind up the Testimonies and the law, the commands given to Christ directly by Father so as to win our lives back. This is the Testimony which the Lord promised to raise again today, the last day ---not the Torah. To date, the need to eat “Kosher”, has not been identified in His ministry. This is key for the Lord promises life everlasting to those who embrace His ENTIRE Testimony, His word. He said, **“Verily, Verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”** —John 8: 51. Please show me where, in the Lord’s entire 3 ½ year ministry that He mandates Koshered meals? The sum of the matter is that the MSC encourages the consumption of Kosher, and organic flesh; however, being unwilling to teach beyond the themes which Father has implemented, it has not sought to institute the standards which you suggests existed yesterday in the Torah. If you can uncover a mandate in the Lord’s testimony that suggests that we do otherwise, please by all means enlighten me. But remember, my goal is to honor the Father by respecting His son. He said,

“He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak” —John 12: 48-50

Do you accept this testimony given by the Lord? If so, do you realize that killing and serving the fatted calf by the Lord’s gentile servants ---men not skilled today in Koshered meats--- was a statement mandated to us directly from Father to win for this “last-day” generation salvation? Do you realize that, **“if a man keep (His) saying, he shall never see death”** ---John 8:51.

The MSC’s studies so far, show that the Levitical prohibition against fat consumption is based upon ceremonial symbolism; it does not refer to dietary health restrictions. The term, “the fat” used in the ceremonial system does not describe fat substances found throughout the body in the flesh and muscles, but to the contrary, it refers to a more substitutive and a large collection of a special material —not muscle, nor bones, nor organs, but— fat. It is an organ that is typical to all mammals; it is the substance which, as a protection, covers the liver and the kidneys. It is often times called the belly. Anciently, such was a symbol of wealth for few common men could acquire such girth. For this reason, the Lord when describing this substance uses the definite article, “the”. The Bible carefully describes the special identity of that substance by calling it, “the fat”. In the ceremonial and sacrificial system —not necessarily during regular meals— this fat was to be removed and given to the Lord, not to indicate some harmful and deadly by-product as your question suggest, but more as a generous display, or a sacrificial manifestation of self-denial. It was similar to one humbly giving to the Lord the very best or the prime portions of the animal. Thus does it say, **“and the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savor: all the fat is the Lord’s”** —Lev 3:16. Also, “...and

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the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation and burn the fat for a sweet savor unto the Lord.” —Lev 17:6.

What about the removal of the blood, the need to drain every last drop? Does the Lord mandate such a ritual today? In our current Christian context, it does not appear to be a mandatory practice for health. Remember, our health and eternal life is a predicate of the entire and full embrace of the *Testimony of Jesus* as it is raised again and made plain in the last day. Below are a few of many Bible examples which my research shows the Levitical ritual as they relate to the blood:

- **“and no sin offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile withal in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire”** —Lev 6: 30
- **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul”** —Lev 17:11
- **“And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten: he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.”** —Lev 17: 14-15.

This text seems to more closely approximate your presumption of health tied to the blood. And to be honest, I do not know if the gentile methods are compliant with this procedure, whether they drain the blood of hunted creatures and cover that blood with dust. Covering it with dust would prevent the spread of anthrax and other animal-communicated diseases. Take care to note, the concern here appears to be with hunted animals, not being part of the flock, it is more difficult to discern its health and vitality. In harmony with this thinking, the next verse condemns the consumption of beast that “died of itself”; obviously Israel violators of this command could not, under such circumstances, discern the hazards of their food. If the flock was sick and dying, then the herdsmen would know and perhaps separate the diseased from the healthy. For those who violated this counsel, the penalty for such a crime was not that severe: it was that one wash his clothes and bathe himself and be isolated until the evening, a remedy, again, made useful to forestall the spread of disease among Israel or their herds. The Lord evidently understood that even under dire circumstances, enforcement of vegetarianism, was not practical. Does this text show that residual blood is hazardous? —I cannot say. One thing is certain, it is nearly impossible to fully bleed an animal so that the muscle contains absolutely no residual. The text does show that the blood contains the life; it reveals the health of the creature. Yet, failure to comply with this counsel in no way yields the false dichotomy which Davidia presumes: either one consumes flesh that is fully drained of fat and blood or one becomes a vegetarian. Remember the Lord’s testimony, the statements which were dictated from Father to humanity to win for us life and health. He gave to us the counsel which is to be enforced today, the last day. To my knowledge, He left no record condemning the slaughter methods employed today. He said, **“I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth...and it shall come to pass that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.”** —Deut 18: 18, 19. The Lord also defined a true Christian by stating the following: **“For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?”** —John 5: 46, 47. Clearly, these themes should draw our attention to the Testimony of Jesus as our remedy for health and life.

If you have additional text which you would like for the MSC to consider to further establish your theory, please do the research and forward such text to me.

Sincerely,

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