

# *The Mustard Seed Advent*

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## *Second Love Hypocrites*

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Dear “big fellow”,

An E-mail attacking the MSA, so as to foster the doctrine of vegetarianism, launched the following letter:

*“JESUS WAS SINLESS THEREFORE NEVER SINNED AGAINST GOD OR HEAVENS LAWS MAN MAY GET CONFUSED ON WHAT THEY SEE, HEAR, OR READ, BUT NO MATTER WHAT CENTURY OR CHURCH YOU COME FROM JESUS WAS SINLESS AND NEVER VIOLATED GODS LAWS (!!! WAS IT A SIN FOR THE JEWS TO EAT MEAT AT THE TIME OF JESUS ??? NO IT WAS ALLOWED FOR THE JEWS TO EAT MEAT, A PROVISION GIVEN BY GOD BECAUSE OF THE SINFULL NATURE OF THE JEWS. JESUS CAME TO FULLFILL THE LAW NOT DESTROY IT, TO RESTORE THE LAWS OF CREATION IN EDEN,,, SO ANYONE THAT WANTS TO BELIEVE JESUS EAT FLESH BECAUSE THEY WANT TO EAT FLESH IS ONLY FALLING INTO SATANS SNARE IN CHRIST BROTHERS AND SISTER”* —Your Email 29-June-2009, emphasis belong

Your analysis explaining the reason why Jesus ate meat is pure conjecture, a thing by which man was never commanded to live. Instead, we are told, “*man shall not live by bread alone, BUT BY EVERY WORD that proceedeth from the mouth of God*” —Matt 4:4. None of your logic can be established by the Bible. True, the Bible does seem to manifest that flesh consumption was instituted after the flood —though we have no record to show that beforehand, flesh consumption, did not exist. However, the reasons for its institution after the flood have not been derived from the Bible, the mandated source of our life. Instead, we have forged our thinking purely by the work of EGW and VTH —lesser lights. The MSA has shown that they established flesh as a temporary standard during the Day of Atonement; it was a mandatory soul affliction. With this crime of adding to the Word charged to you, you risk becoming a condemned Ephesian for Jesus said of them,

*“I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil...and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name’s sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, I and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”* —Rev 2: 3-5.

Jesus was our first love; we became Christians by virtue of His Testimony, the words spoken from His lips by Christ. We have absolutely no other connection to Jesus. None were Christians beforehand. Proof of this was the fact that the Apostles sought to harvest the disciples of John after Calvary (See Act 18: 24-25). Such were the only men who diverged from the Jewish church so as to seek righteousness at Christ’s hand before Jesus. We only became familiar with EGW because of the Christian Gospel Movement, the very phenomena that converted both EGW and VTH. Thus, VTH and EGW are, at best, our second love. Yet, Jesus condemns all who repudiate His teachings in favor of another lover. He lists all their good Ephesian qualities, but He threatens to condemn all —in spite of their former patience, their good labor, and their steadfast contest against evil— if they do not repent of this highest of crimes.

Even EGW does not encourage such sentiments. Her most dominant theme was that all light must have a Bible basis. She said to never exalt her work above the Bible. This is her most dominant theme, one which her SDA & DSDA supporters hypocritically choose to ignore —making them fall under the banner “Second love, Ignorant SDA hypocrites”.

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Your E-mail has grown out of this condemned spirit of second-love hypocrisy. Contrary to your claim, God's word was not given to accommodate humanities sinful nature; instead, it was given to cure it. For this reason did the Lord resoundingly rebuke all sins at His first advent. When accommodations were made pointing to the "hardness of the heart", the Lord never sustained those accommodations of yesterday; instead, He abolished them. He did so, even though some of those accommodations were made by His highest prophet, Moses, Israel's second love of their day. I cite for you the example of a man "putting away his wife", the Lord said, **"Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives but from the beginning it was not so...whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication...and shall marry another, committeth adultery..."** —Matt 19: 8, 9. Here, Christ anticipating His church's commitment to their first Love, countered Moses' findings—a thing which He desires to do with us today regarding the SOP—cites a divorce standard that existed in the beginning but was not recorded, by it He reverses a Mosaic standard. In the clearest of language, leaving no room for guess work or interpretation, He gave to them a new standard, one freshly recorded in His testimony. And since His Testimony was dictated to Him by Father, it represents a word that has come out of the mouth of God, a word by which man can indeed live. Where is such a "first-love" example of a new standard pertaining to vegetarianism? You seek to do the opposite: Rather than taking the Father's words to alter the well-established findings of yesterday's prophets, you seek to alter Christ's Word by use EGW's Testimony. Even though warned by her against this sin, you do so under the delusion that she was an extension of Christ's Testimony; consequently, you have left your first love. How silly — if Moses' work could not be deemed equal to that of Christ, then how could the work of any other person? Remember, Christ said, **"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"** —John 12: 49. Also, He told us that the comforter would remind us of those things which He spoke while He was yet with the disciples (See John 14:24-26). Equipped with these facts, we see that instead of messages handed to us by Christ condemning the consumption of clean flesh, we are given the opposite words, words, out of the mouth of God, that promote the consumption of clean flesh meat. We are given Jesus' example; we are given the promise of Christ eating the Passover again; we are given the hope of merriment by way of the slaughter of the "fatted calf". To show how Christ rejects prevailing opinions and favors old seemingly out-dated commands, another example should be cited. Christ said, **"Full well ye reject the commandments of God, that ye may keep your own traditions. For Moses said, honour thy father and thy mother; and whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, if a man shall say to his father or mother, it is Corban...he shall be free...making the words of God of none effect through your traditions"** (see Deut 21: 18-21). Again, the Lord uplifts the unpopular dimensions of the Word. Such being the case, then we must inquire, since we have direct statements from Christ which showing clarity regarding divorce and disobedient children, then should not we have an equally definitive Bible standard, articulated clearly from the mouth of our "First Love", showing to us the need for a vegetarian diet? Why should our standard be only found in the works of our second love, buried in the pages of EGW's testimony?

For any deed to be deemed sinful, it must be in express violation—not of the presumptive analysis of man, but—of the Word of God, the very thing by which Jesus said man must live. To proceed otherwise, honors Lucifer's claim that the Law is impossible to follow. Such, to cite another example, was clearly manifested by the Lord's actions which, in the minds of many in that day, violated the Sabbath: He did not humor their "sinful natures" by curtailing the mission of His calling; instead, He rebuked them and kept the Sabbath the way He deemed it should be kept. At the first advent, this principle of clear articulation was true for adulterers, liars, money changers, thieves, incomplete tithe payers, men who made special accommodations for rebellious children, men who spurned the widows mite, etc. Today, by the illicit embrace of a second lover, you adulterously wish to supersede the Lord's standard of direct renunciation making

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special accommodations for vegetarianism. There was no record of any such subtlety from Christ. He did not ignore a divine standard, one to be imposed today, because He was surrounded by sinners. Therefore, instead of reading between the lines and seeking to add to the Word, why not do as Jacob did to overcome? Jacob wrestled with the Angel for the blessing. You too can have his wisdom: Instead of holding fast to an imagined standard of vegetarianism, why not hold fast to Christ— refuse to let Him go? Why not be an overcoming Ephesian? Why not find your first love?. Paul affirms the Lord’s testimony, and VTH quotes his affirmation in his work making it part of the “golden bowl”, the ignored part. Paul told us that, in the perfect day, we are going to abandon our governing prophecies. He said, ***“whether there be prophecies, they shall fail...for we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child I understood as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things”*** —1 Cor 13: 8-12. If, by this reference and many others, the “golden bowl” cannot compel you to put a non-biblical doctrine like vegetarianism down, then which doctrines can you or have you done away or cast aside to receive your perfection? Can you become inspired to change anything about yourself to manifest your honor of Christ, or must He change His ways to make you happy? Are you eternally locked in spiritual childhood?

Because your above quoted commentary is entirely conjecture, I therefore compel you to now confess your blasphemy against the Holy Ghost or prove what you say from the Scripture. If you seek to do the latter, remember to include in your explanation why *Leviticus 11* unequivocally identifies Christ’s Holiness as the ability to choose between clean and unclean flesh. Such is the reason why, when He sat at meat with Abraham, instead of eating roasted swine, baked horse, or barbequed camel, He manifested His holiness and ate beef. Please give your explanation without any presumption unless you have credentials to prove that you can read God’s mind obviating the need to heed His word.

If you cannot establish your point on a Bible foundation, then you must confess your Luciferian approach to righteousness: your desire, against EGW’s counsel to never elevate her work above the Bible. Finally, you must be warned: your salvation does not come from your skill at protecting the reputations of ANY person. Thus, if your pseudonym, “Big Fellow”, is truly befitting of you, then you, as one converted back to your first love, must not be fearful to arrive at conclusions which may, in your mind, discredit the work of EGW and VTH. The MSA has “got their back”. Miraculously, it protects the reputations of them and all other prophets while it exalts Christ above them. This is indeed miraculous for it exists in no other hierarchical structure: neither in the military nor in government, not even in business nor in the Church of yesteryears. With all other organizations such was impossible. For example, if the general rebuked the sergeant or the conference president rebuked the local minister, and then you rose to the defense of the rebuked seeking to preserve the integrity of a subordinate officer, such has always meant the diminution of their superior officer. If you sided with the superior, such has always meant the disdain of the subordinate. The MSA protects the office and reputations of both. This being the case, do not be found speechless: return to your first love and let Him cover you with His righteousness.

Sincerely,

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