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The Vegan and the Space Rocket

Dear Hadassah,

In reply to the recent discussion on the benefits of a vegan and a vegetarian diet, you received our response. We, Vinnette and I, emphasized to you that we will trust in Christ's Righteousness, allow Him to define the appropriate diet for our redemption, and, by faith use it to win His success. Your response was to send to us techniques, made popular by the enemies of Christ, to kosher the meat which He defined as clean. This you have done because you think that which He has sanctioned as acceptable, is wrought with danger, and you cannot trust His judgment over the judgment of His 2000-year-long, Jewish detractors and enemies.

Our position has been even more greatly buttressed by the Lord's New-Testament words. He pointed to the day of our redemption and showed to us what was to be His liberal perspective towards a well-rounded, Leviticus-11-defined diet. Since He confirmed that "last-day" salvation will only come to those who are willing to abide by His teaching, specific lessons of righteousness that were expressed during His three-and-one-half-year ministry, then we have added confidence in His word. Thus we rejoice that He said, "**But the father said to his servants...bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry;**"—Luke 15: 22, 23. This New-Testament statement is extracted from the parable of the prodigal son. The prodigal has yet to return; this celebration feast has yet to occur; thus we know that it could only occur today, the "last day". Much Bible evidence has been given in prior studies to prove that the prodigal, those who have passed through the proverbial pig-sty-dietary experience and those who thereby suffered under the associated accoutrements of humiliation, prefigures the sons of America's former slaves. Before the *mustard seed* advanced this light in its book, *From Beyond the Rivers of Ethiopia My Suppliants*, none have taught this gem of truth. You did not, neither did "black liberation theologians", the Hebrew Israelites, etc. The uniqueness of the MSC's doctrine is that the sons of America's former slaves, the prodigal son, do not represent Israel for Israel was scattered throughout the world. Instead, they are identified in the Bible —again, not as Israel or Judah, but—as Jerusalem, the former **LEADERS** of 10-tribe Israel. They were the elders who assembled in the literal city of ancient Jerusalem from all 12 tribes so as to aid the king in the political and social management of the affairs of Israel. Thus did Christ, in reference to them, charge —not the children of Israel nor the prophets, but— the leaders for rejecting the warnings sent through the prophets to protect their nation. He, using personification to identify them, spoke of Jerusalem and said,

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered (not you, but someone else) thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he (the mustard seed) that cometh in the name of the Lord." —Matt 23: 37-39.

Here we see that the prophets were sent to the leaders called, Jerusalem, and they refused to sound a protective warning to the "children", aka, the chickens. Resultantly, the little peeps were scattered from Christ, the proverbial Mother Hen, and the chicken hawk along with other pernicious enemies (forces of hell) swooped down upon them. Thus, Jerusalem's sins were multiplied above their brethren, the children; the crash of the house was their fault as they failed to sound the alert. In fact, Jerusalem's failure ruined the entire network of Christ's protection; their purposeful and deleterious neglect to duty deeply hurt the Lord. Indeed, it was them —not the Lord— whose recipes of good health could not be trusted! As punishment, they have been enslaved in America, not because 10-tribe Israel was never scattered worldwide, but because they are a portion of Israel who are responsible for the demolition of the house; therefore, they are Hebrews, twice scattered, men who have today paid double for their sins (Isa 40: 1-3). They were scattered into Africa and then extracted

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therefrom and brought to America. When the 144,000(?) emerge, then we will see this Text, the parable of the prodigal son, fulfilled. But, what about the elder brother in that parable; whom does he represent? Additional Bible evidence has been given to prove that he, the one who never left the Father's house, His Hebrew house, represents the other portion of tri-sectional Israel, the Jews. Having accounted for the sons, we must identify the servants: They are important because they prepare the "welcome table" for the celebration of the prodigal's return. The servants, those who prepare the fatted calf, must represent a small subset of the gentiles who will shortly associate themselves to this work. They are reminiscent of Abraham's young servant of Gen 18: 7, 8 the one to whom he gave the tender calf to dress and prepare for Christ along with Abraham and the other "men" who joined to dine with Christ. Christ was then also returning to His small collection of people for reasons similar to His soon return today: to announce the blessing of Abraham's house and to execute His judgments on Sodom. In honor of that return, "*Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good,, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them...*"—Gen 18: 7, 8. Not swine, not rat, not cat, not Vega-links or Chickets—not even healthful foods such as greens, carrots, fruit—but the meat, fatted meat will be the food, first on the order, as cuisine at the Lord's state dinners. He serves it so as to entertain dignitaries and for other celebritous occasions. Remember, for the Peace Offering, the fat of the clean beast, "**is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat is the Lord's**" —Lev 3: 16. It's His, but today He will share it with His sons and His friends. It may require some additional stomach acid as well as some colonic adjustments in digestion, but your body, since creation, has been prepped for such usage; we were given gall bladders, an organ not given to the Lord's vegetarian creatures. The fatted calf makes a man, perhaps a formerly embittered and angry prude, who—like the prodigal father and the prodigal son— have suffered long years of painful anxiety, to smile, dance, celebrate, to be merry. Yet, killing and dressing an innocent animal is bloody and cruel; it detracts from the mood of celebration. In anticipation of this, it requires specialized duty; thus, as did Abraham, the Lord will also need servants who are skilled and comfortable in this talent of brutality. Who else could perfectly fill this assignment but the Assyrian, a man who loves to shed innocent blood? So, you see, there is a job to match all talents in the Kingdom. This is perhaps one of many reasons why the Lord did not immediately introduce flesh to Adam and Eve as their initial cuisine. Eve, today cannot, thus Eve, yesterday certainly could not bear such a bloody assignment. Thus, the Lord instead told them to pick and eat fruit. Besides, Adam having not yet accomplished any task, having not yet even seduced Eve to receive him sexually so as to win her joy in him so as to produce children, had not achieved an accomplishment worthy of celebration. Perhaps, had they remained faithful and, nine months later, honored their first commission by giving the Lord a pre-lapsarian (before the fall) son, He would have had increased the herd by then and honored the first couple with a similar feast—servants or not. The Lord's friends today, those who cry for Jerusalem's humiliation, as shown in many prior studies, will have achieved their reason for celebration. You, being so kind to send me recipes, I must return the favor; I invite your husband and you, escorted by the Lord's angels, to sit with Christ and me at the welcome table one of these days.

Thus the Kingdom work will finish, not with the Edenic diet but with the Abrahamic diet. In fact, Elijah is to come to restore—not Adam and Eve's innocence—but the accomplishment of their seed, the restoration of the Davidic Kingdom whereby the sons of Abraham can rule in justice and judgment—See Gen 18: 17-19; Ps 89: 3-4, 30-36; Amos 9: 11-12; Isa 65: 8-9, etc.

Regrettably, you and your husband seek to ruin the joy of the saints by heeding the voice of the Lord's detractors and by enforcing upon the saints a strict fast, one that cannot inspire merriment. Your reasons for dietary restrictions are single-minded and narrow: They are merely to supplement the job of Christ and extend to the brethren health insurance. You have expressed your desire to install within them a clean colon so that they can look young and be healthy—not for eternity, but—for the remaining time left in their schedule of three score and ten, then out. You do not believe that Christ can define for you clean foods which can preserve your life; you instead think that you can win everlasting life by following the example of EGW, now deceased. You reject the

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full thrust of her inspiration as expressed to you by this publication; that is, she was a greatly inspired prophet on the level with other deceased prophets like Paul, Peter, James, John. By this rejection, you deny the Gospel's pronouncement of her and all NT prophets, that they prophesied in part.

But, I have a question for you and your husband. If I were to accede to your righteousness and make it my full responsibility to guard my health by myself—not trusting Christ for this duty—what will be my safety when I leave earth and go to heaven? Adventism has taught, since its inception, that the righteous are to eventually, as physical beings, leave planet Earth and travel into deep space en route to heaven. Since you agree and since you have recipes to protect me from Christ's recommended diet as expressed in *Lev 11*, then can you recommend for me all the accoutrements necessary to travel in space? Do you have a space rocket? You say that clean meats of *Lev 11* present great hazards to the human body. In this claim are you being hypocritical with your hypercritical dietary recommendations? If beef is a great hazard, then is not space travel exponentially more hazardous? There are no protections against radiation; there is no air to breathe or water to drink; there are not even fruits and vegetables to consume. There are dangerous meteors from which the saints must be shielded. There is no gravity out there; and the temperature is very cold, colder than anything you have ever experienced.

You love human remedies to protect our health against danger and hazard; you reject Christ's dietary promises of protection; yet, you plan to go to heaven. You have already taken on Hebrew names that have been conjured to please Him. You also have unlocked the secrets of God's heavenly language so that you may correctly call out His name. Thus, I am sure that you and Yosef must have a tested space rocket for flight. Do you have room? You're so anxious to share; thus, please give me the engineering blue prints—please don't hold out on me in this regard! With separate ships, we can make the journey more entertaining; maybe we can have a race to heaven! That is, since we cannot trust Christ, I hope I can trust you to give me the correct map to get there. I do not want to be "faked out" and lose my way causing my family to be marooned on some inhospitable, inter-stellar asteroid. You have Jewish recipes for kosher; can you help me here with the blue print that I may produce a space rocket like yours? Such, according to your theology, is necessary because the Lord, being inept to protect our health, may also have over-promised us on this issue as well. In fact, now that I think of it in your light, He may have delayed His return until humans have developed their own remedies to resolve the hazards of space travel. Brother Reginald Mbanyele agrees with you on this project of self righteousness. In an E-mail designed to circumvent the wisdom of *Lev 11*, he claims that "God gave to us brains to be intelligent followers." So I am sure that he too is interested in your technology. Perhaps we both can even hasten the return of our Lord by making His work more easy. Perhaps we can do so by going to heaven first and giving Him a lift back to earth in superior, transport vehicles.

Second thought, I change my mind. I will continue to trust the Lord for the Bible says, "***Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word***" —Isa 66: 1, 2. As a child growing up in the SDA church, one song sung by the adults still resonates in my head. With it I close this letter with an altar call for you and your husband, a call to put away your sins and come boldly to the Lord's "foot stool": "***Come every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord. And He will surely give you rest by trusting in His word. Only trust Him; only trust Him; only trust Him now; And He will save you; He will save you; He will save you now.***" Won't you drop all of your vexing anxieties, your efforts to preserve yourself from perishing; step forward today and put your trust in Him?

May the Lord win your trust,

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