

Vegetarianism, The Fat and the Blood, Part II

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Reginald,

Lev 11 is a law; do you now openly admit that your voice is united with the serpent suggesting that Christ's words need to be altered? In *Lev 11* there is no mandate to become a vegetarian. Such is installed by your presumption. You wrote the following:

I believe in Leviticus 11. The clean and unclean animals. As I said, this is not an issue. Let me give a classic example, would it be wise to eat cow that has died because of a mad cow disease. So long as it is sanctified by the word and prayer. God gave us brains to be intelligent followers. If meat was healthy then, it is not now. Just on the side, as you partake on meat; how do you prepare it. Do you eat fat and blood from it. Because if you prepare the way God said, you would be better off being a vegetarian or vegan for that matter. I would advice all to start on vegetarian diet for their own health and not be naive to think that God will remove the diseases because of neglecting this light of Health Message. —E-mail, Reginald Mbanyele, Tuesday, November 02, 2010 4:27 AM

You said, "God gave us brains to be intelligent followers." Therefore, let us examine the mangled illogic of your thinking: If clean flesh were contaminated by mad cow disease such is no different than spinach contaminated by E-coli, water that is contaminated by Cholera; fruit and vegetables that are contaminated by pesticides; yet, you do not condemn consumption of those foods. You only preach vegetarianism because of SDA tradition; you use the concept of contamination as a smoke screen. You fear hazard, even though you preach that the Lord resides on your tossed and driven ship. This is just as if men are allowed to walk to the precipice, and none are justified to cast themselves over expecting Father's protection before they crash. Yet, if the saints accidentally dash their foot against a stone, then, those who live by faith can expect the Father's protection. Any other approach could never please Him. But just because the cliff is dangerous to those who lose balance, does not demand a restriction against walking. Yet, such is the convoluted dementia of your logic regarding diet. If you know that the cow, the spinach, the water, or the fruit was poisoned, of course it should not be consumed. A similar example pertains to marriage: If your wife has the flu, then wisdom dictates that you keep your distance; but even if the flu is an epidemic, you cannot resultantly promote celibacy. Yet, this is exactly your logic with Christ's judgment of clean meats; you are not being an "intelligent follower who uses his God-given brain". To the contrary, your logic is one of *scattered-and-foggy-mind syndrome* a malady which has been proven to afflict vegetarians. You have allowed false influences to imbalance your brain. Ellen G. White, by the power of divine inspiration, warned against this very thing. She said, "***Close reasoners and logical thinkers are few, for the reason that false influences have checked the development of the intellect***" —EGW, *Child Guidance*, p. 334. Sure, no one should presumptuously take poison into their system. The difference is that you want to cancel the Lord's law, insert your presumption of EGW's standards—which in all probability you have not even read—and to define the cow to be the poison when Christ pronounced it clean. Had you read EGW's work, then you would know that the power of heaven commanded her to insist, above all other themes, that we are to receive our doctrine from the Bible. You would have also read that, If we fail to show charity to the historically oppressed in America, the sons of her former slaves, then none of our dietary restraints will improve our health. This she shows with direct unassailable-Bible evidence.

Before addressing your point about the fat and the blood, more needs to be said to decry your sins. Most, I am sure, do not realize that their vegetarian diets are pretentious: though they should do so every time that they find themselves sneaking flesh—a common practice among Adventists. It is a way for them to culturally elevate themselves in pharisaical piety, a way to display their great discipline; it is self righteousness. This I relay to you as one commanded to judge, one who has had

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the beam removed from his eyes. Their pharisaical pretention gets worse as it is controlled by their pride: They strain at the gnat and swallow the camel by committing the sin which you have committed and inferring the doctrine of evolution into their theology. This sin they commit by suggesting that cattle today, after 3500 years, have become pigs. They do so even though the Lord pointed to this day when He is to command His servants to “**bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry**”. Worse than the deception of poor science, you venture further to teach that Christ did not foresee this step in evolution rendering His word and His work of yesterday to be invalid. And you, an Adventist preacher, have the audacity to emphasize and preach His other statements which favor your proud theology, His promises to return again —what blatant hypocrisy! Just as Christ foreknew and forewarned 2000 years ago that He would come again, likewise, if your evolutionary doctrine is true, He should have known that cattle would one day become unclean. The flip side of your dementia is equally disturbing: You may believe that Christ did indeed know about cattle evolution. Such makes you a horrifying and harrowing Halloween heretic for if Christ did know, then you, in Luciferian sophistry, infer that He was negligently deceptive for failing to forewarn us. Now all can see your example of deception and thereby have a first-hand view of Lucifer’s war-inspiring deception by use of similar subterfuge in heaven. Even still, the abominations continue: To buttress your pretentious piety of diet, you contaminate the righteous work of EGW by using it illegally and against her very incessant and vociferous warnings. More than any other theme, she insisted that the church is mandated to secure all doctrine from the Bible —see my website <http://www.mustardseedadvent.com/> for 80 such references from her work. Yet, so as to continue to publically display your alms and to continue to foster your pharisaical elitism, you ignore Christ’s law and you elevate EGW, a fallen (deceased) angel above the Bible. For this, you must change your Sabbath songs: You can no longer sing, “**on Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.**” You likewise must change the books which you sell: No longer can you give to the world the book *Steps to Christ*; instead, you must rewrite that book and call it, *Steps to Ellen G. White*. Such is the effect of your elitist vegetarian pretentions.

Consider the insult to Father, the only One who can pardon sins. Adventist pretention to abide by a vegetarian diet and their failure to do so, as well as their pulpit-preaching denunciation of clean meats fills the entire church with false guilt. Every time they succumb to the natural desire to use their organs given to them at creation, i.e. the gall bladder, to consume flesh, they convince themselves that they have sinned. Many may abandon righteousness by becoming spiritually drained and exhausted because of this aspect of Adventist ministry which has imposed upon them a false standard. Rather than devoting their spiritual energy to study, to become honorable, to relish new light, to love their brethren, even Davidians, some give up on God because they feel that His law is impossible to practice. Meanwhile, others seek to comply by substituting in their diets truly destructive foods such as highly processed, sodium-saturated, destructive-soy-bean-based artificial meat. The degeneration of health which is sure to result causes many to murmur when the Lord does not honor their prayers for restored health. They are bewitched by your *scattered-and-foggy-minded syndrome*, a manufactured logic which is based upon a false analogy: the easily defeated claim that EGW’s gift of prophecy, inspired by heaven, proves that her work is equal to the Bible. The MSC has resoundingly proven that EGW was indeed inspired of God; she was a prophet; yet, her work cannot be placed on par with the Bible; she, as predicted by the Gospel, the “old-time religion”, prophesied in part. Nearly 2000 years ago, Paul said, “**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**” —1Cor 13: 9, 10. This more strenuous chew of Bible theology you do not get, not just because of your pride, but also because you are not a “*close reasoner*” nor a “*logical thinker*”; you are a man who does not use your ‘God-given brain to be intelligent’, a man whose mind has been warped by the “*false influence*” of vegetarianism. Such a ministry exalts Satan and insults the Holy Father. It does so because for one to fast, anguish, and pray for a victory over an oracle which God has not imposed —like also praying to God to help resist the temptation of water— displays to the *accuser of the brethren* that you honor above the throne of the Highest, someone else’s standard.

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You ask the Father, in Christ's name, for forgiveness for the violation of someone else's law. You seek to humiliate Father by manifesting that there is one who is higher and wiser. Genius indeed was Father to send the Son until the day of the *mustard seed*, the day of perfect doctrine, such was a way to insulate Himself from humanities insults causing Christ and Jesus to bear the brunt of our ignorance. It was genius because He preserved His honor in heaven and because He foreknew that **"they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."** —John 4: 24.

The *mustard seed* is in full harmony with the Gospel as it was taught by the apostles. It underscores the doctrine hammered home by them but ignored by Adventists: the Gospel doctrine that, in the perfect day, in the day of unity, we will abandon the milk and leave the principle doctrines of Christ exchanging them for strong meat teachings of Him. Contrary to this, you are under Pauline indictment which says, **"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed"** —Gal 1: 8. This indictment comes because you reject the efficacy of the Bible, the notion which teaches that **"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works"** —2Tim 3: 16. You do not believe that *Lev 11* is a part of the Scriptures and that it is profitable for doctrine and instruction in righteousness.

Your next tactic is also untenable; you suggest that all blood and fat be removed before flesh can be consumed. This argument has been defeated already, please see website article: *Vegetarianism, the Fat and the Blood*. To understand the Lord's provisions, you must not seek Jewish tradition assuming that they have now become the purveyors of the Gospel after centuries of open antagonism towards it. Instead, you must examine the renderings of the Lord's judge, the one promised to have the beam removed from his eye in order to see clearly and to remove the mote from his brother's eye. In *Lev three and seven*, Texts which, to the superficial thinker, demand that we remove all blood and fat, we instead have two sacraments, the sacrifice of the Peace Offering and the sacrifice of the Trespass Offering. In both cases, the terms fat and blood were deployed organically. For example, just as it mentions the liver, the caul, the kidneys, the rump —"organs" of the body— it also mentions the fat and the blood in a similar way. In the case of the fat, it describes the major place on the animal where fat accumulates, the abdomen. The abdominal fat was not to be eaten —not because it was polluted, but— because it was especially dedicated as a favored morsel, a prized organ which should be devoted in sacrifice exclusively to the Lord. Thus it was not to be eaten. Similarly was the blood; it was symbolic to the sacrament and resultantly to be prohibited (see Lev 17: 11).

"And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat thereof, and the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away. And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: IT IS THE FOOD OF THE OFFERING MADE BY FIRE UNTO THE LORD... The fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards...it shall he take away. And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour: all the fat is the Lord's" —Lev 3: 9-11, 14-16.

The fat was the Lord's; thus, it cannot be considered a tabooed source of contamination — especially for those who live by His righteousness. Furthermore, know that *Lev three and seven* describe the *Peace Offering*. The *Peace Offering* was to be eaten, by the offerer; however, you cannot win the Lord's peace unless you deny yourself and extend to him the visible fat which covers the inward parts. When burnt on the altar, it created a sweet aroma which pleased the Lord. It was not evil. Similar use is made of the blood. Though it should not be drunken as a beverage, it was given for symbolic purposes; these substances cannot be made comparable to unclean flesh. Nor could any argue that before flesh was consumed, all fat and blood had to be removed. None

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have the technology today to perform such a thing, and they certainly could not do so 3500 years ago. To teach otherwise exemplifies that one has not had the beam removed from his eyes: He cannot see clearly to judge in righteousness. Today, detectives and forensic crime experts can detect traces of blood even after the murderer's best effort to scrub the site clean. How then could people yesterday have been expected, based upon your untenable logic, to remove all traces of blood? They could not because the Lord did not require it. Additionally, if the fat were symbolic of an evil substance, as your letter suggests, then the Lord would not have commanded the priest to consume the skin of the *Trespass Offering*:

“And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, even the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt offering which he hath offered. And all the meat offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying pan, and in the pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it. And every meat offering, mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as much as another”—Lev 7: 8-10

Anybody who has ever fried meat in a pan knows that it begins to sizzle showing that fat was beforehand therein concealed; such is impossible to remove; thus, it could not have been the substance referred to by Christ when He condemned the consumption of organic fat. Also, any who have ever seen or studied the process of making leather from animal skins, even lean animals such as deer, know that one of the major tasks in that occupation is the very arduous task of removing the fat which is tightly layered to the skin. Very complex equipment is used to remove such fat, mechanisms not available 3500 years ago. Yet, the priest were given this portion of the animal to eat while the favorite, organic portions, that which yields a “sweet savour” was to be dedicated to the Lord. In fact, such sacrifices, irresistible to Christ, yielded from Him peace and calm reversing His anger against humanity's sins. An example of this is seen after the flood: **“And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast...and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake...”**—Gen 8: 20, 21. From the fat comes freedom from the Lord's curses; it reaches and softens His heart towards man. Therefore, it is good that man not eat the organic fat—not because it is unhealthy, but—because it wins for humanity the Lord's tenderness. He says, all the fat is His. This solution does not apply to the fat from unclean animals; barbecued swine cannot please the Lord. Any other fried food such as vegetables or artificially manufactured meat could not win His approval either. To ignore this symbolism of the fat and the blood and to make it prohibitive to eat merely because the Lord dedicated it as the substances for sacrifice would be comparable to likewise condemn or prohibit the consumption of animals with blemishes; they were also taboo for ceremonial sacraments. **“And if his oblation be a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer it of the herd...he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord”**—Lev 3: 1. Finally, Israel was reprimanded for all her sins; yet, she was never condemned for failure to remove microscopic speckles of blood and fat.

This exemplifies the personality of Christ. All individuals have their personal likes and dislikes. Many in my family love eggplant and squash; however, I being a separate and distinct person from them, loathe those foods. The Bible, in condemnation of Papal theology and in disharmony with the *image-of-the-beast* activity teaches a strong-meat doctrine of Christ as promised and predicted by the early-apostolic Gospel. The *mustard seed* now advances the truth that Jesus, according to *Deut 18*, is not the same person as Christ. Christ was the Dove Who rested upon Jesus for the duration of His testimony creating a union between the two before They left allowing the Comforter to come. These things we must now know to realize that Jesus may have different taste than Christ; He may indeed truly enjoy vegetarianism. But His administration over the church has finished and Christ has been given the reins. We must consequently seek salvation by Christ's righteousness; He must become the solid rock upon which we stand. Those who refuse to be His sheep, those who do not embrace His ministry will find no refuge in EGW's writings. She unfolded the hazard of this very day, the day when the church will stand before the Father in the judgment without a Mediator—without Jesus as He has abdicated, without Christ because they reject His righteousness.

“As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, I heard the tinkling of the bells upon His garment; and as He left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator

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*between guilty man and an offended God. While Jesus had been standing between God and guilty man, a restraint was upon the people; but when He stepped out from between man and the Father, the restraint was removed and Satan had entire control of the finally impenitent. It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God, and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner, who has slighted salvation and hated reproof. In that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. Every case was decided, every jewel numbered.” —EGW, *Early Writings*, p. 281*

The MSA has a personal story to share. A few years ago, a long-time Adventist sister of approximately 65 years of age, one who was a Naturopath and a staunch promoter of a vegetarian diet, relocated herself from Florida to Pittsburgh for studies. She too often spoke of her excellent health. Over a year ago she turned away from this work, and I have not seen her since then even though she use to regularly attend my local SDA church. Before her departure, we sat in many studies in my very home. She became an antagonist to the *mustard seed* primarily because she, like you and brother Yosef Harrell, elevated the doctrine of vegetarianism above the Bible causing her to seek refuge again in the nominal SDA church. Such was her “shelter” in the time of storm. Quite remarkably to recent emphasis in prior E-mails pertaining to the supposed clean colons of vegetarians, she developed colon cancer. I have not been to church in months; I get their announcements by an unusual method, and I merely dispose of them. My wife now views such documents and she, quite providentially, read the announcement of this sister’s illness as it was in the church bulletin that settled on her desk. Such could reflect nothing less than the Lord’s assistance of my ministry; consequently, I am constrained to broadcast it to the benefit of all. This sister was listed as a “sick and shut in member” who is recovering from colon-cancer surgery. Though we tremble at the Lord’s firm-hand reins, instead of gloating, we intercede in her behalf to the Lord, praying that He, if not too late, will recover her to embrace His remedies for health. We abide by the Lord’s command to “*pray for them which despitefully use you...*” —Matt 5: 44. The MSA also hopes that this example will convince the saints that their health is now with Christ; Jesus is no longer their intercessor. All must fully trust Him to secure their everlasting life.

Let us be honest men; let us at least stand tall. If you reject Christ, at least have the boldness to admit it. Admit that you believe His word has been rendered obsolete: that it is no longer profitable for doctrine to make a man perfect. Admit that you want Christ’s apparel, His name, but you do not want His bread. Christ pronounces something wholesome which you have given EGW the power of attorney to supplant. Yet, EGW is dead; how then do you look to her for life! All who respect her work will recognize that she pointed us to Christ.

Sincerely,

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