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Follow the Lamb

Dear GMO,

I have been carefully monitoring your communications with Vinnette, and today, I have heeded her appeal to respond to you directly.

Although I much appreciate your interest, I wonder if you are truly reading the literature recommended to you. I will presume upon your honesty and discount from my perceptions such similar responses from others which have proven to be false in the past, so as to graciously take you at your word. In so doing, I will wait for you to identify a particular aspect of the reading material placed in your hand and develop a dialog thereto pertaining. This tactic I will take because I know that the literature sent to you answers all of your questions and satisfies your spiritual drought — once it is imbibed. For example, I cannot appreciate your need to repeat your question for me in view of the light, expressed in the E-mails sent from Vinnette to you, which call your attention to my work on *Isa 58*. The Bible says, and EGW adamantly affirms, that the charity to be directed to the afflicted defined in that Text will be the resolution of all of our health concerns. She said that no other formula for vitality or any prostration in prayer will benefit us if that call is not heeded. This I dutifully believe —not because she said it, but— because she affirms the Bible's pronouncement of the same message.

Incidentally, in the middle of writing this reply, in an E-mail that you just recently sent as a follow-up, Vinnette, my helpmeet, said that you suggested that the Lord's claim to heal the church on the basis of *Isa* 58 and EGW's affirmation of that pre-ordained protocol sounds, you disparagingly assert, "racist". To validate this view of yours, I, as a Bible disciplinarian, ask you to sustain your recrimination against heaven's inspired word by pointing to the Law of Scripture which has evoked from you that judgment. Also show me how a man, by Bible condemnation, is racist for his "charity" to the dispossessed and afflicted? At least you are dialoging from your reading; for this I cannot complain. Vinnette will send to you another E-mail, *Racism and the Super Bowl of Truth*, to address your new concern.

But one letter at a time. You asked the following question:

You have sent me some things to read, which I am about half way thru. Before I comment on them though, we still have on the table my second response to you which you have not addressed. I will copy it again, but the basic question is, were these laws for sinners? Was there any need for these laws in Eden? Is the 144k to be spotless and the soul temple cleansed? If we say that God has a new law, that came about not because of anything we did, then we are saying God is not perfect and His original law about our diet was in error. This cannot be, God was well pleased with His creation, "very good". Because man sinned, Lev came about. Is God happy that He had to kill the first animal to cloth Adam? Or start the sacrifice?

Isa 58 is not the only message in the material that answers your questions, but again, to cite other such themes is to succumb to the temptation to rewrite the material. I will not do so for I, as commanded by Christ, have asked Father to "lead (me) not into temptation." Here though, is a new thought for you: Jesus, the source of our salvation, said the following:

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." — Matt 5: 17-19

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I assume that Jesus knows what He is talking about and He, more so than any others, even EGW and VTH, can define the standards of Kingdom entry. Remember, the world, these past 2000 years, only knows of Christianity by virtue of the disciples pointing the world to Jesus. The definition of clean and unclean, given in Lev 11, and again in Lev 20 is describing a law. It says, in summation, "This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth: To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten" —Lev 11: 46, 47. Hence, for you to teach men to ignore that "law" is for you to violate Father's wisdom and to send up an appeal to Him for your own non entry or diminution into the Kingdom. Conversely, by my ministry extoling the virtues and emphasizing the validity of that Law which you apparently consider to be least, is, according to Jesus who is the Father of Christianity, a certified qualification to win the promotion of "greatest in the kingdom of heaven". Resultantly, there is no need for any verbal jazz, pizzazz, or razzmatazz. We do not need to make theological assumptions about the law before or after the fall of man. We merely need to know, if we desire Kingdom entry, to never diminish the Law in our lives but rather to "Do and teach" even the aspects which men consider least. You cannot heed Jesus' Father-inspired counsel by substituting fruits and vegetables —be they ever so nutritious— for steak, chicken, lamb, etc. Additionally, your claim that the Leviticus is an addendum to Christ's righteousness is an assumption; it is a presumptuous sin, an inferential conclusion, for the Bible makes no such claim. Never does Christ say, 'This law of clean diet is given as a second, inferior choice of Mine.' Such is pure conjecture. It violates the Lord's express command to "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me" —John 5: 39. You cannot assume that which my writings on vegetarianism disprove: You cannot assume that Christ, after years creation, had only the original intention for man to consume only fruit. To make such a charge requires your involvement in the Plan of Salvation. Proof of this is Christ's promise to consume flesh in the Kingdom when He said, "... With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God"—Luke 22: 15, 16. Adam failed; Christ did not. Why then does Christ Himself promise to eat flesh, the Pascal lamb, eternally in the Kingdom? For this reason I urge you to thoroughly read the literature that was placed in your hands.

As you complete this assignment that you have inspired for yourself, please be assured that you can forge my reply to your query from so doing. It shows a complete record of all my Bible-based, Spirit-of-Prophecy-validated views. I will not rewrite them every time I get a question. This I refuse to do, not because I am stubborn or arrogant, but because I know that the answer to one question inspires others, and I have been through that grinding process already. In fact, most of my E-mail ministry has been developed from that process. Proof of this is your reply pertaining to racism. Believe it or not, there are rarely any original questions or comments, none that are not covered by that which has already been written. It is not complex; your question, in final analysis, is one which desires a circumvention of the law. It infers that we actually need to teach men to ignore the law —this against Jesus' opposite counsel.

For a short and final synopsis, I see no need to finagle or mutilate logic with arduous and complex machinations so as to sustain, with human conjecture, a practice that is not Bible validated. To further elaborate, there is no need to try to gauge the basis for God's happiness or the perfect qualities of His law under the auspices of our conjectures of His strategies. Such is the underpinnings of your theme that seek to distinguish between what the Lord commands and what you think life would be like if Adam did not fall or after man is restored. Instead of conjecturing, let Christ, "...the author and finisher of our faith" —Heb 12: 2— tell us exactly what to expect. The fact of the matter is, you believe in vegetarianism simply, entirely, and totally because EGW — you think or have been told— mandated it. Your intensity in seeking to create a logic to eternally sustain her prescribed "soul affliction" is offensive to God —not because He did not inspire EGW to write those things but because you seek to exalt and extoll her virtues at His expense. Such is the quintessential and underlying impetus of idolatry, a violation of the second commandment —

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another law which the church must cease to teach men to ignore. The angels for whom the flames of hell were created were guilty of the same crime. They reasoned that Christ appointed Lucifer; thus, they should faithfully honor him above Christ even if Christ made a reversal of Lucifer's formerly-inspired doctrine —which He did, by the way. He demoted Lucifer for his conspiracies and then his angels, instead of complying, followed hell instead of heaven. It is Christ's prerogative, as the Eternal Son of the Father, to plot the course of the church and such plottings require that He change direction according to His wisdom. Such He did with the Exodus, with the split of the kingdoms, with the Hebrew dispersions, with John-the-Baptist, with the Christian dispensation, with Protestantism, with Adventism, and now with Mustard Seed Adventism. He also demoted EGW and nearly every prophet before her by calling her and them to the grave —"The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come" —Isa 57: 1. None in the church. until the MSC, ever thought to account for the passage to the grave of our heavenly-inspired prophets, "the righteous". Yet, Christ expects His subordinate angels of light to, in studied, 'heartembraced' consideration' and conviction, say "Amen" with every move He makes. He expects us to "...follow the Lamb whither-so-ever He goeth" —Rev 14: 4.

Because EGW was made your drill sergeant in righteousness does not mean that you should disrespect your General and Commander in Chief. Neither should you disrespect the *mustard seed*, 'the greatest in the kingdom of heaven'. This notion of Bible primacy, the MSA (Mustard Seed Advent) has proven to be its most dominant theme. It is replete throughout her testimony for the church. By the way, I have read them all and many other of her writings. Spiritual maturation manifests that a thing could be right yesterday and wrong today. This, not pre or post-lapsarian legalism, is the real issue that you are wrestling with.

I hope that this letter will inspire your continued research into the MSC. Sincerely,

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