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Dear brother Stith:

It has been some time since we published your tract on the "clean" and "unclean" meats, and at the time we published it, I saw no fault with it. That is, there didn't seem to be anything apparent that could be refuted.

However, since then, I have had a couple of pointers given me by the pastor of the local Seventh-day Adventist church. By this, I donot mean that any of us are just looking for something to refute it. I was very much interested in your tract from the standpoint of exploiting any phase of truth to the ultimate, and in "casting off" any Old Testament restrictions not applicable to New Testament Christianity.

I want to be fair to both sides and get the viewpoints from individuals on both sides of the question. Elder Ansel Bristol of the SDA church points out that in Genesis 7:1, 2, 3, 8, mention is made of the "clean" and "unclean" animals long before there was a Jew or Moses.

He also points out that in the book of Isaiah, and chap. 66, and verses 15-17, destruction is promised those who eat swine's flesh and the unclean thing, and this is in the last day when the Lord comes.

I leave you with these two thoughts, and request that you harmonize them with your views, if possible.

Respectfully yours,

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