

September 23, 2009

Geoffrey King
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Dear Mr. King,

I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 2 million members and supporters to offer to pay to rent the former First Christian Church of Cairo until you are able to find a permanent buyer for it. During that time, we will transform it into a Christian vegetarian center called the "Praise Seitan Center."

An ever-growing number of Christians like me realize that eating the flesh of God's creation supports the unholy cruelty of today's filthy factory farms and slaughterhouses and are embracing a vegetarian diet. Jesus would be horrified by the cruelty that we inflict on animals simply to satisfy our addiction to the taste of their flesh, especially when so many healthful vegetarian options are readily available.

Jesus' message of love and compassion is conspicuously missing when it comes to the way in which animals today are raised, mutilated (e.g., debeaked, dehorned, castrated, etc.), transported, and killed. In their greedy quest to maximize profits, factory farmers crowd animals together in the smallest of spaces, where they often cannot even turn around, stretch a wing, or take a single step in any direction. Most never see the light of day or feel soil or grass beneath their feet. And when they are too fat to walk (their unnaturally large bodies cause many of them to become crippled), they are trucked without food or water through all weather extremes to a frightening and painful death. Government inspectors report that pigs freeze to the metal sides of the trucks in winter and that calves lose their footing and are trampled to death. Surely you would agree that the current reality for animals denies them every God-given instinct and defies His perfect plan.

The "Praise Seitan Center" would feature a re-creation of the original vegetarian paradise: the Garden of Eden. The walls would be adorned with illustrated pro-vegetarian passages from the Bible, such as Daniel's 10-day vegetarian challenge or Jesus' comparison of His love for us to a mother hen's love for her chicks. Adult visitors to the center would receive copies of our "Christianity and Vegetarianism" pamphlet and "Vegetarian Starter Kit," and kids would receive stickers showing a baby chick declaring, "Jesus Loves Me Too!"

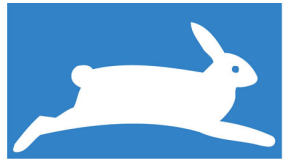
The center would help Cairo residents see that God created every animal with the capacity to suffer and that every time we sit down to eat, we make a choice: We can add to the level of violence, suffering, and death in the world, or we can respect God's creation and work for peace. The health of Cairo's residents will benefit as they shift toward a plant-based diet. According to the American Dietetic Association, vegetarians are less prone to heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and obesity than meat-eaters are.

Please contact me to discuss the details of our offer. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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