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the law of unclean and clean meats; and the third one was why Noah was permitted to eat flesh meat. The fourth one was the relation of a vegetable diet to eternal life, and the fifth was why

g understand it has been taught. It could not be shown the Lord did eat the calf with Abraham or the fish with the disciples.
the Lord ate the calf with Abraham, and then why the Saviour ate fish

As these come out, if it is not too much for you, I would like to have you read them, and notice the positions I take, especially in reference to these points. But there is one point that I have not made any allusion to, and that was about the ravens bringing flesh to Elijah. What troubled me was to harmonize the idea of a carnivorous bird, which lived on carrion, bringing flesh meat to his prophet! I could not see in it anything that was elevating, and nothing that we could bring out a moral on it from. So I waited for further light and I talked with Bro. Prescott upon it, and some others, and they propose to look up the original word. I went to see Bro. Amadon and talked with him about it, and he gave me some light, but said Edson had told him once that you had seen that matter. So I asked Edson in reference to it and he said that you had said that it was not a bird at all, but it was some black people or Arabians that brought him meat. I had come to this conclusion from certain writings that I found a few days ago. I found a long argument in a book on that subject, for and against, and finally the writer quoted from Jerome as a historian of rare ability and one who could be relied upon, and Jerome said, after showing that God did not work that way when there was no necessity for it, that there was a tribe of Arabians that furnished Elijah with flesh meat. If the matter comes to your mind, and you feel free to state concerning it, I would be glad to hear

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what you have to say about it. Is that correct? It has seemed to me it must be so. That is what Edson said you had seen, and it relieved my mind very much. Then I could see some consistency in the whole matter and learn a lesson, and draw a lesson from it. It may be that I will have something more to say, but just now I have not more time.

As ever, in hope,

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