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Gary L. Francione
I live in the U.S. and am not a member of The Vegan Society although I have been interested in, and have written for, The Vegan. But Rala sent me a PDF of the latest issue and I was very surprised to see that it contained many disturbing, that on page 3, the Lancaster Organic Hotel and Restaurant is advertised. If you go to the website, lancasterorganic.co.uk, you read that they serve "free range" chicken and eggs. This is not vegan. Why is this happening? http://www.facebook.com/groups/vegan/?ref=ts#/groups/vegan/search/?q=Lancaster%20Organic%20Hotel%20%26%20Restaurant

I am puzzled. I thought that The Vegan Society was concerned about promoting veganism and opposed child and adult abuse whether it is pornography or in magazines? I think not.

Rain Donald Watson must be turning in his grave.

Gary L. Francione
Professor, Rutgers University

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The Vegan Society
The acceptance of advertisements (including insertion) in The Vegan magazine does not imply endorsement.

We have two separate types of output. One is statements/literature/media produced by the Vegan Society. This is the material which appears in our publications, on our Facebook pages and The Vegan magazine.

In the magazine we have the following disclaimer:

"The views expressed in The Vegan do not necessarily reflect those of the Vegan Society. Advertisements in The Vegan magazine are not necessarily endorsed by Vegan Society policy unless so stated. The Society accepts no liability for any inaccuracies in the magazine. The acceptance of advertisements (including insertion) in The Vegan magazine does not imply endorsement. Advertisements should not be construed as constituting official Vegan Society approval for the products or services offered. The Vegan Society reserves the right to refuse any intended for publication are welcomed, but unsolicited materials will not be returned unless accompanied by a SAE. Contributions will usually be edited."

We do state in our Facebook Discussion Policy:
http://www.facebook.com/notes/the-vegan-society/the_vs_discussion_policy/ 151593276611

"Facebook messages do not replace communication with The Vegan Society by post or email. Please contact us at info@vegansociety.com or post to: The Vegan Society, Hillside House, 21 Hillside Street, Birmingham, B18 6HJ."

We do advise that questions concerning Vegan Society policy beyond what is set out on our Web site http://www.vegansociety.com be directed to our CEO Nigel Winter at the Vegan Society offices, or in his absence, to our Head of Information Rob Kelly.

Thank you.

Amanda Vegan Society PR & Media Officer:

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Gary L. Francione
Dear Amanda:

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Eric Prescott
Without reasoning, you could have ask Donald Watson.

This is what I thought when I first caught wind of this thread. Thanks for taking note, Gary.

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Paul Rix
I find it wicked this in the magazine. It is inconsistent with the principles of the Society. The magazine is full of promotional articles for vegan food/toiletries and I assume that there wouldn't be such articles for non-vegan stuff. So, taking the money for advertising non-vegan products is a bit off, surely?

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Jeff Nelson
Yeah, what's up with this? The whole reason Donald Watson founded the Vegan Society was because of the cruelty and exploitation of animals in the dairy and animal exploitation was animal exploitation and that it was wrong regardless of whether it involved consumption of meat, consumption of dairy products or wearing animal skins. Now, the Vegan Society promotes vegan food products or vegan cosmetics/toiletries and yet it allows non-vegan ads for other forms of animal use, which clearly is what accepting ads from restaurants that serve animal products is. Yes, I know that restaurants serve other animal products does, is inconsistent with everything Watson believed in—i.e., VEGANISM. And to claim that it's not problematic because a magazine accepting ads for non-vegan restaurants obviously represent the views of the Vegan Society is nothing short of astonishing.

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Jean Whitehouse
but not every vegan is focused on being abolitionist and people's reasoning for following a vegan lifestyle differs.
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Jean Whitehouse
@Jim Whitehouse: <If I happen to be in that part of the world I'd rather know about a hotel that specifically caters for vegans. Meanwhile I'm not prepared to have to sleep in the car or stay somewhere where I couldn't eat breakfast.>

So if there were a steakhouse that had a vegan breakfast option, you would think it fine for the Vegan Society to take a paid advertisement for that restaurant in its magazine?

I must say that I find that a very peculiar position.

Gary L. Francione
Professor, Rutgers University

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Gary L. Francione
This issue is also being discussed over at the Abolitionist Approach Facebook site http://www.facebook.com/abolitionistapproach

Someone commented who claims that she worked for the VS and that they would accept an advertisement from any restaurant, including one serving animal products. She said that "we don't endorse the products, the restaurants." I do not know whether the VS charges a fee for the "trademark," but I am astonished if what this person says is true. So if a steakhouse has a vegan breakfast option, it can pay the Vegan Society for the use of its "trademark" for this option, the VS will take a paid ad for the restaurant.

If that is true, then I must correct my observation: Donald Watson must be spinning at high speed in his grave.

I could see (although I would oppose it) publishing a "convenience list" of places that have vegan options for travelers (although I think even that should make clear that such a list is only for convenience of readers and that the Vegan Society does not endorse the restaurants or the other establishments that serve any animal products). But to actually take a paid ad for a restaurant that has a vegan option with a VS "trademark" is appalling.

I thought that the Vegan Society was a vegan organization in the tradition of Donald Watson and one of the greatest progressive thinkers of the 20th century. I was in error.

Gary L. Francione
Professor, Rutgers University

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Kerry Wyler
I must add my voice to those offering strenuous objections to ads promoting non-vegan establishments in The Vegan. While I have to accept that some vegans will patronize such establishments, I would expect the Vegan Society, rather for The Vegan Society to actually "promote" such establishments. And yourselves if Donald Watson would agree with this sort of thing. I don't think so.

@Jim Whitehouse: We're talking about the Lake District here, not the Arctic Circle. I'm sure there are plenty of places where vegans live and travel that have never had to sleep in my car or skip breakfast. But beyond that, what disappoints me here is that I have always had a great measure of respect for the Vegan Society as an organization that promotes veganism in the spirit of the "quicksand" of all things vegan. So, naturally, I have always expected that the Society would be consistent with its principles and promote a vegan perspective from the organization. To say that I am saddened and disappointed by this is an understatement.

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Jeff Nelson
@Jim Whitehouse: <has it occurred to the fact that the Vegan Society was founded by people who were vegan because they were against animal use, not "located on being" an abolitionist? And what a peculiar turn of phrase. Would we describe someone who opposed human slavery (or rape, child molestation, etc.) under an circumstances as "located on being an abolitionist"?

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Gary L. Francione
I have to correct what I apparently misunderstood from the Facebook discussion. The person who claimed that the VS
http://www.facebook.com/abolitionistapproach

The person who is the former employee says that The Vegan will accept ads from any restaurant, including one serving animal products, whether or product, and there is no trademark required. So, according to what I have said, if the Lancaster Steakhouse had a salad/baked potato option that was vegan, the Lancaster Steakhouse could advertise in The Vegan.

So the advertisement issue is apparently separate from the trademark issue. Apparently, the Vegan Society will take ads from any business, including those from animal use, apparently just VS trademarks on particular items. They have to pay a fee for the trademark.

I understand that the trademark fee varies in accordance with sales but I am not clear as to whether the relevant amount upon which the fee is calculated is total revenue or revenue attributable only to sale of the vegan items.

The good news is that I am glad that the Society does not distinguish between meat and other animal products.

The bad news is that I am absolutely astonished that they will apparently accept ads from any business that serves animal products, including steakhouses with meat, dairy, or other animal products as long as they have one vegan option or one vegan product.

It is beyond absurdity to say that this is consistent with the philosophy of Donald Watson.

Gary L. Francione
Professor, Rutgers University

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Pam Ross
@Jean Whitehouse:
?? happen to be in that part of the world I'd rather know about a hotel that caters for vegans as well as vegetarians rather than have to sleep in the car or stay somewhere where I couldn't eat breakfast.
As much as I like the extreme image of sleeping in the car, I don't think that really relates to the point? Anyone can access information about vegetarian/vegan hotels, B&Bs, restaurants and other services via lots of websites via google. The point surely is that the VS is taking money for advertising non-vegan products and that seems like an awkward stance to me. It doesn't matter if it's a steakhouse or not, it's just that it's not vegan, abolitionist or, non-abolitionist anyway. It's not even a vegetarian restaurant, it is the VEGAN magazine, not VEGAN and a bit of VEGETARIAN,(not if you take into account the fish, of course) and I'm sure there are plenty of vegan restaurants that predominantly serve meat but offer a vegan option? Maybe it depends the extent to which an individual is a vegan first ethical, animal rights/abolitionist second of the VS, 2nd after it's dealt with? Maybe it's not such advertising.

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Gary L. Francione
@Pam Ross:

"is the VEGAN magazine, not VEGAN (and a bit of VEGETARIAN,)."

Well said!

Gary L. Francione
Professor, Rutgers University

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Elaine Allface
@Theldarkjackey: I am unwed by born of your questionnaire ethics concerning food by vegans. I am being kind here! Being that you are (wack) enough to be a member of the Vegan Society, I suggest you read the founder and original intent of Veganism, this is a serious concern that cannot be taken lightly. Your ignorance of the subject matter appears as if borrowed directly from the City of London Corporation.

As The Vegan Society, you are absolutely responsible for, and/or "endorsing" anything and everything you present or publish! You are on the same page with or near/information organization. If you cannot see that you represent an "endorsement" of your present immoral moralizing driven society, you have lost your way!

Ultimately, I can only speak for myself, yet, I assume that many will be heartbroken to learn of this, as I sort for all of us who have been and still are respected your messages of; compassion for all personal/ personal/environmental/ and I can't get back onto your Founder's original path/intent/nature!

The best for you with your much needed renovation of what you truly value!

Sorry Mr. Francione for bringing this out, from behind the dissemer!

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Sandra Cummings
Wow, this is truly shocking. I too hope that theVeganSociety will take this criticism to heart, and get back on track with what Donald Watson intended. How sad for non-humans.

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Elaine Allface
@Theldarkjackey: I am asking this question/argument again that was ignored by you, because it is important to the Vegan Society and its members because it appears by your non-response, that what they do not understand the question/argument, or are not the "transparent" Vegan entity that I thought you were?

I would appreciate a "public" explanation of how you justify selling ad space to a business you avoid/should not certify as a "vegan service or product"?

Verbatim from your website: "All Trademarked products and services have been checked by our Trademark Licensing Officer to ensure that the companies pay an annual registration fee and can use our trademark. Companies recognised logo on their packaging and website to enable people to quickly and easily identify vegan products."
http://www.vegansociety.com/business/trademark/

I look forward to your public statements concerning your remedy for this inconsistency/contradiction/hypocrisy, and your explanation as to why a "Vegan(ish)" non-vegan(ish) ad space is appropriate?

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Tanja Mandić
@Pam Ross: <If people, Vegan inspiration?
So, morally justify that Cafe eats>? non-vegan restaurants and leave his money there but it's not morally justify that vegan organization takes money from non-vegan restaurants and leave their money there? Vegan inspiration goes to non-vegan, <how can I not understand that, it's pure logic>? Neither did The Vegan Society run to be vegavism , neither they can run the VS "back to basics" as a valuable source of information.

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Lisa Bennett
I have to add my voice to the outcry. I am fast running out of vegan charities to support, as one by one I have found that their ethics seem to stretch only so far. Animal welfare charities, for example, are not vegan charities, as we all know but I now feel that perhaps my trust has been misplaced. The fact that the VS's absolute responsibility to uphold its founder Donald Watson's original intent/ethics/vision, seems to be being ignored is very disappointing. I feel that I feel guilt about <yourself arrived before campaigns. I have no interest in them, I want to be aligned with those who believe and uphold the vegan ethic>. Perhaps I am naive, but I feel that I have a right to expect that the charity I work with, especially with a Vegan Society prepared to self-identify as a non-vegan companion. It doesn't make sense.

Thank you again, Gary Francione, for pointing out this issue. I hope that the Vegan Society will respond accordingly, and before my membership is next up for renewal.

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Gary L. Francione
Tanja, if you do not see the difference between my stopping for vegan food at a restaurant that serves animal products and the Vegan Society taking ads from some or soft dairy, then you are terribly confused. Are you suggesting that it would be okay for the VS take money to advertise a steakhouse that serves meat as long as it has a vegetarian vegan option? If so, then we are not going to find common ground.

It might be good if you learn to articulate arguments in a rational way and not to make ridiculous comments, such accusing people who disagree with you as the "Vegan Inquisition."

Gary L. Francione
Professor, Rutgers University

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What on earth is a "pure" vegan?

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This is not one of a myriad of vegan/vegetarian/ organizations. This is THE founder's legacy, and personally I feel the VS is honor- bound to hold steadfast to Donald Watson's original intent.

I also agree they are a VERY "valuable source of information", hence why it is so important that they do not "endorse" non-vegan/animal/ immoral/ or themselves...or as ALL must, from time to time!

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Elaine Allface
@Tanja Mandić: Tanja, if you do not see that by supporting third page by non-Vegan businesses, then what do you think this is about? I am also sorry that with the needing to know where to eat on the road, because I don't know of many restaurants that do not have something non- animal product, except for fast foods.

If you feel there is another agenda here, please inform me, because I am not aware of it. I am only concerned about the ethics of the Vegan Society and its Founder's intent. Perhaps I have misunderstood that most organizations have financial agendas - beyond their own/ messages. This I do unfortunately know first hand through my previous positions in certain "industries" that present themselves as "charities".

With that said, I am "in no way" saying, that this is going on with VS, yet I have seen and experienced organizations with the utmost pure intent/ethics/ and I feel VS is/ be something co-opted? If this happens, in any way, is VS, I personally will be heartbroken. Beyond words!

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Pam Ross
@Gary L. Francione:
I find advertise a company that is not vegan, that offers non- vegan products/services.
I find that the issue, referred to "THE" because the VS was the first such society and I think the leading organisation of its kind, I find it very confusing and informative. It is therefore a very important organisation, hence the "THE". I find it very, very, very important that the VS does not "endorse" anything or something about veganism. I'm a member, so what I do does is important, both when I agree and when I disagree.

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Gary L. Francione
Tanja, forgive me but you do not seem interested in civil discussion. You claim that I "tried [to] discredit Melanie Joy in public." No, I disagreed with Melanie Joy in public. I did so because I thought that her statements were of vegans and I have explained why. Disagreement is not discrediting.

The Vegan Society was founded in 1944 by, and "legacy" was created by, Donald Watson, whose motivation for doing both was to reject the dimension of animal exploitation.

I could see publishing a "convenience list" of places that have vegan options for travelers (although I think even then, the Vegan Society should make clear that such a list is only for convenience of readers and that the Vegan Society does not endorse the restaurants or the other establishments that serve any animal products. But to actually advertise restaurants or businesses that serve animal products, in, in my view, deeply troubling.

If you disagree, fine.

Gary L. Francione
Professor, Rutgers University

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@Pam: Report

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Lady Bellacourt
Author, Hagan Society
As a class of men, it is clear, based upon the Hagan Employment of Women Survey, that men are larger than women. Men are also more muscular, more hairy, and possessing more genitalia than women.

Although the Hagan is not intended to be a "Men's Rights" site, it is clear that men are larger than women, and that women are larger than men. Men are also more muscular than women, and women are more hairy than men. Men have more genitalia than women, and women have more genitalia than men. Men are also more muscular than women, and women are more hairy than men.

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