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This is a response to Peter Alward's article "[The Naive Argument against Moral Vegetarianism](#)" in *Environmental Values* 9, no. 1.

When presented with the claim of the moral vegetarian that it is wrong for us to eat meat, many people respond that because it is not wrong for lions, tigers and other carnivores to kill and eat animals, it cannot be wrong for humans to do so. This response is what Peter Alward has called the naive argument. Peter Alward has defended the naive argument against objections. I argue that his defence fails. (Source: [The White Horse Press](#) )

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