

Subject: Assertion of Religious Exemption to SARS-COV2 Vaccination

To Whom It May Concern,

I hereby assert my right to a religious exemption from vaccination. I am a Christian who believes in the Bible, including the teachings of the New Testament. I have a Christian worldview. This perspective recognizes that faith and conscience compel an individual to submit to the proper jurisdiction within the rule of law, in this case, Divine Law.

I am objecting to COVID vaccination because I believe in and follow God and the principles laid out in His Word and I have a deeply held belief and personal moral conviction that this vaccine violates the principles of my faith and my personal relationship with my creator. I believe my body is a temple for the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, the New Testament teaches that:

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defiles the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are...What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19

Accordingly, I believe, under my Christian faith, that my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. It is a God-given responsibility and requirement for me to protect the physical integrity of my body against threats that might alter the manner and function my Creator knitted into my intricate frame. Psalms 139:13-16

In the case of the novel COVID vaccines, mRNA genetic therapies deliver genetic information that is not natural to humans, and recombinant vector vaccines are made through genetic engineering and have not been widely studied in their potential to limit adaptive immune responses.

Although the exact sequences present in the mRNA vaccines seem to be elusive, what has been shown is that these gene therapies facilitate permanent genetic expression via endogenous reverse transcriptase-polymerase theta. A recent PNAS paper confirms the integration of the SARS-CoV-2 mRNA into the human genome.

Changing the human genome, also known as trans-humanism, is the technology of changing and blending human DNA which irreparably changes God's creation, my body.

The Bible as well as other Judeo-Christian texts reference the altering of human flesh as an abomination in the sight of God. It is my sincerely held belief that God wrote my DNA, and I was created in His image.

Specifically:

Genesis 1:27 “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

The historical context of God’s wrath for the altering of human flesh is told in the story of Noah and the ark. In Genesis 6 the great flood was sent as an act of judgment related to altering the human genome. I offer this historical context as my rationale for protecting my genetics to avoid God’s judgment for what the Bible terms as an abomination. Noah was spared because he was a “just man and perfect in his generations.” Many Biblical scholars have commented on this phraseology “perfect in his generations” and translate this ancient phrasing to account of being genetically pure.

Also, the broad prohibition against consuming anything that might “defile” the body, and hence the conscience, is also stated in 1 Corinthians 8:7:

“Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.”

Again in 2 Corinthians 7:1, there is this admonition against defiling the flesh and the spirit:

“Having, therefore, these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

More broadly, the New Testament requires of Christians that we, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” (Mark 12:17). When it comes to allowing things into my own body, as opposed to making payments or following the mandates of a government, compliance with God’s law supersedes man’s law.

The mandated vaccine, with its proprietary additives, and its mechanism for altering my body at the genetic level, is the equivalent of a prohibited “unclean food” that causes harm to my conscience. I believe in and follow God and the principles laid out in His Word and I have a deeply held belief that the mRNA vaccines and gene therapies violate these laws.

I make this request for the glory of God and consistent with my faith. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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