## **Demand for Religious Exemption from Covid-19 Vaccination**

To whom it may concern,

Based on my understanding of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and other federal and state laws, I choose to exercise my right to demand a religious exemption to the requirement that I be vaccinated using the Covid-19 shots. This demand for an exemption is based on my deeply held religious beliefs pursuant to my reliance on teachings in the Holy Bible.

The Bible says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17 KJV). My personal convictions are inspired by my study and understanding of the Bible, and personally directed by the true and living God. I am personally convicted that I should not receive any of the three Covid-19 shots.

It is not my responsibility to force my personal religious convictions regarding this matter on other persons as I believe whether to receive a Covid-19 shot is a personal decision to each person (Romans 14). Where scripture does not expressly instruct on a particular matter, I believe that I am required to search the Scripture myself for related truths (Romans 15:4) and to seek personal guidance from the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39; Romans 8). If I fail to submit to the personal convictions that the Holy Spirit and Scripture has impressed upon me, I will be sinning against God. I have personally searched the Scripture and sought guidance from the Holy Spirit to come to my decision.

The Bible states that the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We are commanded to take good care of it, not to defile it, and certainly not introduce something into it that could potentially harm it (1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:10, and 2 Corinthians 7:1).

The Bible also outlines the fact that God created the body both "fearfully and wonderfully." (Psalm 139:13-16). The Covid-19 shots work as gene therapy. By manipulating genetic operations, the Covid-19 shots alter what God made (literally assuming the position of God), which I believe to be a sinful practice under these circumstances. These vaccines (by the very disclosure of the vaccine manufacturers) contain carcinogens, neurotoxins, animal viruses, animal blood, allergens, and heavy metals. As the Covid-19 shots have not been subject to longitudinal research, I do not believe it would be right for me to introduce these substances into my body because they have not sufficiently been proven to me to be safe and effective. Rather, I believe they may be harmful to my body.

The Bible tells us "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply...." (Genesis 1:28). In direct conflict to this order from God, taking the vaccine has been shown to cause serious and lasting damage to the reproductive ability of both women and men. Respected virologists, such as biochemist and molecular biologist Janci Chunn Lindsay, PhD, and virologist William Gallaher, PhD, have discussed the plausibility of the concept that, "Covid vaccines will cross-react with the syncytin and reproductive proteins in sperm, ova, and placenta, leading to impaired fertility and impaired reproductive and gestational outcomes."

It is worthwhile to provide some context to these assertions by noting that COVID-19, being untreated, has a survivability rate of 99.98% under 50 years of age. Over 50, the survival rate is 99.5%. These are numbers provided by the CDC. This continues to lend credibility to the fact that it would be sinful to seek to undertake a superfluous procedure when the risk of death is substantially low. Therefore, based on

guidance from the Holy Spirit and the Holy Bible, I cannot conscientiously take the Covid-19 shots under these circumstances.

Perhaps the most notably significant reason why the acceptance of these vaccines would be considered sinful centers around the fact that fetal stem cell lines from aborted babies were used in either the initial development and/or testing of the Covid-19 shots. By receiving the Covid-19 shots presently available, I believe it would constitute a complicit action in the act of abortion. I believe that abortion is murder and is strictly prohibited in the Bible (Exodus 20:13; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Isaiah 49:15). Psalm 127:3 says that "Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him." The fact that aborted stem cells were involved in the origination of the three Covid-19 shots make the consumption of this vaccine an unthinkable act to me.

Therefore, I choose to exercise my right to a religious exemption from the Covid-19 shots.

My religious beliefs are sincere. Legally, I cannot be required to prove that a church or religious leader agrees with my sincere religious beliefs, or my interpretation of Scripture, or my instruction from the Holy Spirit. My beliefs are my own, and they are sincerely and deeply held.

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