

LETTER REQUESTING EXEMPTION

from COVID-19 Injections for Conscientiously Held Religious Belief

To Whom it May Concern,

I hereby seek to provide this notice and request that you recognize my First Amendment Constitutional Right to a Religious exemption from the COVID-19 injection. I am a Reformed Presbyterian Christian who believes in the sixty-six books of the Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God. I maintain a Christian worldview and humbly state that while I at times have failed my Lord in many ways, I also endeavor to follow Him to the best of my ability in everything the Bible teaches.¹

This perspective recognizes that faith and conscience compel an individual to submit to the legitimate (Biblically based) exercise of authority, which originates in God Himself as sole authority, and is thereby derivative in all other mediate authorities.² When compelled by a mediate or secondary authority to violate our conscientiously held understanding of the Law of God, we must respectfully submit to the Lord, and not men. This has been known throughout history as the “Right of Private Judgment.” Although I desire to be at peace with all men,³ especially civil leaders, and to maintain the subordinate relationship between employee and employer with respect and uprightness, there may come times when I am duty-bound humbly to obey the Lord Jesus Christ instead. This is a conscientious position derived from a study of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which, according to our Church’s secondary standards, are the only rule of faith and obedience, for all of life.⁴

My first objection to receiving this injection is that because I believe in and follow the Triune God of the Bible and the principles laid out in His Word, I have a deeply held belief that these particular COVID-19 injections violate those principles. The Bible teaches that my body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and that I am not my own, but bought with a price, soul, and body, and so I cannot in good conscience take that body, which the Lord has purchased for His own, and subject it to something I believe may be harmful, such as this injection.⁵

My second objection is simply this: I believe whether to receive any treatment or not, like a vaccine, experimental or otherwise, is a matter of individual, personal choice in consultation with my own physician, who knows my medical history, and whom I have chosen as my doctor due in part to shared principles of treatment, recognizing that the right of determining medical treatment belongs finally to the individual patient. I believe this is the best method of protecting one’s health before God.

My third objection is as follows: My religion (Biblical Christianity) teaches me that, according to the Sixth Commandment, I am morally required to make use of all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve my own life, and the life of others, which also includes the protection of health and well-being.⁶ Rather than requiring an injection, this commandment requires careful and conscientious study to make the best use of all the information available as we obey the Lord’s command to preserve our own, and others’ lives. This Commandment requires the “sober use of medicine.” My understanding, given these careful studies required

¹ 1 Corinthians 10.31

² Acts 5.29; Romans 13.1-7; James 4.12

³ Romans 12.18

⁴ See our Church’s Doctrinal Standards: The Westminster Confession of Faith (1647) Chapter 1.2, and the following Scriptures: Ephesians 2.19-20; 2 Timothy 3.15-16; See also Westminster Larger Catechism Question & Answer, # 3.

⁵ <https://www.openvaers.com/covid-data>

⁶ Westminster Larger Catechism, Question & Answer 135

and undertaken, is that I am conscience bound to seek natural immunity and therapeutic treatment should I become infected as the wisest course of treatment for myself and others, rather than to receive an injection that has caused harm to some, whose long-term effects are unknown.

My fourth objection is that it has been reported that the COVID-19 injections have been manufactured using fetal cell lines from aborted children, either in the materials of the injection, or in the development of those materials, or their testing.⁷ This is also contrary to the Sixth Commandment. Receiving such medicine would constitute disobedience to the commandment to preserve life, by knowingly making use of the unlawful killing of others, resulting in an injury to my conscience and tacit participation in abortion, which I am decidedly against as nothing short of murder.

My fifth objection is that many vaccines, including the injection for COVID-19, contain substances that are otherwise potentially harmful to the body.⁸ Various studies have made this known, and one would be wise to receive them only if the risk posed by these objectional substances was lesser than the risk of the disease itself. However, there is a growing body of evidence concerning the treatment of COVID-19 that safe, time-tested, therapeutic options pose less risk than the injection. Again, the Christian is duty-bound to conduct these careful studies in order to come to a wise and Biblical conclusion that comports with conscientious obedience to the Lord, in the principles stated above.

The Free Exercise of Religion

In closing, please understand that I do not intend to be contrary, strident, or insubordinate in this statement of my sincerely and conscientiously held religious beliefs. With humility, I only seek the free exercise of my Christian religion according to the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as a citizen of this land protected by that venerable document, as a statement of the rights due to all men, being thereby endowed by their Creator. Seeing that those rights are given by our Creator, they are inalienable, as the Declaration of Independence states. My Christianity is forever preserved in its doctrinal and practical statement contained in the Bible and presented in summary form in our Ecclesiastical Standards, drawn from that sacred Word of God. The above statements are consistent with those Scriptures and our standards as the historic expression of the Christian faith. I seek nothing novel in this petition, only what our Civil Fathers insisted upon: the free exercise of the Christian religion by our citizenry, the right of private judgment and informed consent, and the right to be “secure in my person, papers, and effects.”

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request for exemption to the Emergency Use Authorization COVID-19 injections as well as the FDA-approved COVID-19 injection.

Respectfully,

Name (Printed): _____

Name (Signature): _____

Date: _____

⁷ <https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>

⁸ <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/b/excipient-table-2.pdf>