

## **Religious Exemption Letter for Mandatory Vaccines and Vaccine Passports**

As a good and natural consequence of the following truths and laws, I

\_\_\_\_\_ am claiming my religious and civil rights to not be vaccinated based on my deeply held religious beliefs. I am therefore claiming a religious exemption from any mandatory vaccines or vaccine passports.

### **PERTAINING TO MY RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS**

We, at Emmaus Road Church, believe in the sovereignty of God and that He is the Ruler over all things. He has given delegated authority to human beings over the control of their own minds and bodies (Colossians 1:16–17; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). As a result, we possess both the God-given ability to reason and the gift of a free will to make our own choices regarding our lives. This includes decisions regarding our health and well-being. The individual made in the Image of God should be the one to make his or her own decisions pertaining to any and all medical services and/or medications. This includes all decisions regarding vaccinations regardless of extenuating circumstances or conditions (including pandemics) which may be present.

The Word of God informs us that as believers our physical bodies are individually temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). We are, therefore, not to take anything into our bodies that could damage them. This would include, but is not limited to, untested and unproven (at the time of this document) COVID-19 injections that have demonstrated unprecedented adverse reactions and deaths. Neither do we know the longterm side effects of these experimental vaccines. The choice to use or accept any form of external intervention to address any mental or physical health problem remains a sacred personal right, notwithstanding the opinion of other people, including medical professionals and government officials.

As Christians, we believe in the sanctity of human life and that life begins at conception. The Bible clearly commands us not to shed innocent human life or human blood (Exodus 20:13). Unborn babies are human beings whose lives shall not be taken (Jeremiah 1:5). Therefore, aborted fetal cell lines used during any phase in the manufacture, production, and administration of COVID-19 injections is immoral and unjustifiable. The use of “vaccines” that may contain fetal tissue and/or that creates a high risk of miscarriages in pregnant women violates the mandates of Scripture.

Furthermore, any medical product that has the ability (or potential ability) to alter one’s genetic code or to create a “biometric” or comparable mark by which one can be tracked is also absolutely forbidden to me as a Christian. If such a mark is not now technically the Mark of the Beast warned against in Scripture, it is so close, both in form and substance, as to be at least preliminary preparation for it (Revelation 19:20; 1 Corinthians 8:4-7).

In addition to my deeply held personal religious beliefs, mandated vaccines and vaccine passports are in violation of my civil rights as protected under the WA State Constitution, the Constitution of the United States of America, and existing and longstanding Federal Law.

1. FDA trials typically take 5-10 years. If any of these vaccines receive FDA approval before that amount of time has passed, it only serves to make the vaccines highly suspect. Again, their full effects (intentional or unintentional) are still unknown.

2. Under the PREP Act, pharmaceutical companies have total legal immunity from liability if someone who takes their vaccine has an adverse reaction. This is unreasonable and puts my body in danger with no recourse.

3. There has not been an adequate time of testing of COVID-19 vaccines since a typical vaccine takes five to ten years of trials and testing.

4. My civil rights:

a. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination because of religion, among other protected categories, and requires employers to reasonably accommodate religious observance and practice, absent undue hardship.

b. Under U.S. Supreme Court precedent, employers can establish undue hardship under Title VII if they can demonstrate that the accommodation would require "more than a de minimis cost."

c. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit's 2017 decision in *Fallon v. Mercy Catholic Medical Center* allows for religious exemptions due to religion or disability.

d. The Third Circuit was guided by a 1965 Supreme Court decision interpreting a conscientious objector statute that provided a religious exemption from conscription, *United States v. Seeger*. In *Seeger*, the Supreme Court asked: "Does the claimed belief occupy the same place in the life of the objector as an orthodox belief in God holds in the life of one clearly qualified for exemption?" The Third Circuit recognized that anti-vaccination beliefs can be protected if they are part of "a broader religious faith" in its opinion, the Third Circuit also made clear that employers cannot require a letter from a member of the clergy in order to consider an employee's request for religious exemption.

e. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Compliance Manual states that the Commission will define religious practices to include moral or ethical beliefs as to what is right and wrong which are sincerely held with the strength of traditional religious views. This standard was developed in *United States v. Seeger* and *Welsh v. United States*.

## **PERTAINING TO THE VACCINES**

These are investigational vaccines as per The Emergency Authorization that is in effect. FDA approval for Pfizer has been rushed (the average trials run 5-10 years for FDA approval), and we do not know the mid or long-term side effects of these shots, which can take 2-5 years to really manifest clearly. I have an inalienable right not to be test subject in an experiment.

By forcing/mandating vaccines in this way, my rights to bodily autonomy, self-determination, and personal sovereignty are being removed. To force anyone to receive a shot for last year's virus

(the Wuhan strain) is abject silliness. We're already experiencing the Delta variant, which, though spreading more rapidly, is a less virulent and malevolent virus than the original strain. "Mohler's Ratchet" states that viruses acquire benevolent mutations over time - it becomes less strong. Therefore, it is both unwise and ineffective for me to receive any vaccination for a bygone virus.

Natural immunity is already broad in the U.S. and is far more effective than anything the vaccinations provide. Additionally, there is no screening taking place before the vaccine is administered to determine natural immunity. There is very good reason to believe that many of the adverse effects the public have experienced are rooted in receiving the vaccine while already infected. Those who've already mounted an immunity against the SARS Covi-2 are at risk for multiple adverse reactions because of their natural immunity coming into conflict with the vaccine, putting one's immune system in a hyper-immune response.

These vaccines are not sterilizing vaccines. They are "leaky." The vaccinated can still acquire the virus and transmit the virus.

There are good early treatments available for this virus, but that would necessarily mean that there would be no authorization for these vaccines. Page 3 in the Emergency Authorization states that one cannot authorize this vaccine if there is an effective therapy for this virus. But effective treatments are, in fact, available. The prevention trial and use of prophylactic medicines in Argentina in 2021 (the Dr. Carvalo study) has demonstrated a 100% prevention of acquisition of SARS-Cov-2 with the prophylactic use of Ivermectin. This is not the only study of its kind, but the information is not largely being made available to the public. This speaks to a deception being foisted upon the people and the United States, and the entire world.

The claims of the vaccine rates of 90-95% efficacy are really dealing with risk reduction. The FDA failed to require the numbers for ARR (Absolute Risk Reduction). In fact, there is a growing body of evidence that suggests that some long-term effects of the vaccines include such things as down-grading of the immune system. As a result, doctors are reporting an increase in such things as Herpes, Human Papillomavirus, Shingles, Mono, and Muloscum Contagiosum. These all speak to a weakened immune system.

Additionally, the VAERS system is supposed to serve as a stop gap for the public. The FDA stop-valve is 25 deaths, but over 9,048 deaths have been reported through the VAERS system in the last 6 months (as of August 2021). These vaccines should be pulled immediately.

## **IN SUMMARY**

We recognize only God as our ultimate authority in all things, and that He has delegated to each of us the authority over our own lives and choices in matters of health, including that of vaccines. And we hold that the serious, potentially eternal consequences attached to our choices, strongly outweighs any dictate of government to the contrary.

This Religious Exemption letter shall serve as effective notice of demand for religious accommodation to exempt the bearer from receiving any mandated vaccine or being denied any rights due to vaccine status.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor:  \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Michael G. Satterfield, Pastor, Emmaus Road Church

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_