

Application for Religious Exemption to the COVID-19 Vaccine

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Employee Religious Declaration and Acknowledgment of Risk

The required COVID-19 inoculations conflict with my truly and sincerely held religious beliefs. I understand the risks associated with contracting the COVID-19 illness. I also understand that it is my responsibility to closely monitor my health and to stay away from work if I have a fever or any other symptoms of illness. Further, I commit to maintaining a lifestyle that supports optimum immune health and well-being. In the event of a COVID-19 case or outbreak at work, I agree to comply with my employer's quarantine or isolation procedures as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local health departments.

Explanation to Support Religious Exemption

The COVID-19 vaccine violates four religious tenets that I hold to be sacred and true:

1. I was created by God, perfectly designed to fulfill His purposes.
2. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. I am not to intentionally harm myself since my life no longer belongs to me but to the God who saved me.
3. Abortion is morally wrong.
4. I am to use wisdom and trust God, not man.

1. I was created by God, perfectly designed to fulfill His plan and purposes.

The Bible tells us, *“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good (Genesis 1:27, 31).”*

Theologically, “good” means “perfect for its intended purpose.” After this “good” creation, man's sin against God brought corruption, sickness, and death into the world. But in His mercy, God gave humans a “good” and miraculous immune system that allows us to survive most sickness that comes our way. Indeed, scientific discoveries have shown that our bodies are intricate machines of nearly unimaginable complexity, and there is still much to learn, especially in the areas of immunity and genetics.

The COVID-19 shots from Moderna and Pfizer contain synthetic mRNA and a myriad of other foreign materials, many not yet disclosed to the public. Under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), manufacturers were allowed to bypass the extensive human safety studies normally required for new medicines. The full and long-term effects of this new technology on the human body are unknown. However, recent research does show that reverse-transcribed SARS-CoV-2 RNA can integrate into the genome of cultured human cells and can be expressed in patient-

derived tissues (<https://www.pnas.org/content/118/21/e2105968118>). It seems likely the same would be true of the synthetic mRNA in the Moderna and Pfizer shots as well.

The synthetic mRNA in the Moderna and Pfizer shots are coded to turn my body into a spike protein factory. The Johnson & Johnson shot injects the spike protein into my body directly. In both cases, my body's immune system is overwhelmed with billions of spike protein particles, which are now known to be the cause of the COVID-19 disease itself (1).

My body contains a God-given natural immune system that safely and effectively thwarts the invading pathogens we normally encounter in the natural world. If my immune system were to be overwhelmed to the point where I do get sick with COVID-19, the risk of dying from the illness is very small. According to CDC's own estimates, COVID-19 has survivability rate of 99.98% for adults up to age 49 and 99.5% for those ages 50 to 69 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/planning-scenarios.html>), no higher than that of a seasonal flu. When I recovered, I would have a God-given, robust, and long-lasting immunity to this virus and its variants that would be superior to that from any inoculation as evidenced by the fact that the COVID-19 shots are now failing in protecting against variants (2, 3). The shot would disrupt my superior natural immune system. I have a strong and sincere conviction to trust my God-given, wondrous immune system, rather than man's new and untested technology.

1. SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein Impairs Endothelial Function via Downregulation of ACE2, "Circulation Research, online at <https://www.salk.edu/news-release/the-novel-coronavirus-spike-protein-plays-additional-key-role-in-illness/>
2. Outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 Infections, Including COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Infections, Associated with Large Public Gatherings — Barnstable County, Massachusetts, July 2021 | MMWR (cdc.gov), online at <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7031e2.htm>
3. Lasting immunity found after recovery from COVID-19 | National Institutes of Health (NIH), online at Lasting immunity found after recovery from COVID-19 | National Institutes of Health (NIH), online at <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/lasting-immunity-found-after-recovery-covid-19>

As a Christian, I must avoid intentionally contaminating my body with synthetic genetic material and processes and other foreign matter that would harm what God had designed as "very good."

2. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible instructs Christians, "*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you, Whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 7:23)."

As a Christian, I strive to refrain from activity and actions that would harm (desecrate) my body. I now live my life to glorify God. Being poisoned, maimed, or killed by an experimental drug would end my ability to do so. Being forced to do so also equates to slavery by men, which God forbids.

As previously noted, the COVID-19 inoculations inject many foreign materials into our bodies. While many or most of the ingredients are unknown, we do know some, however, and they include polyethylene glycol (PEG) which is highly allergenic to humans, as well as the spike

protein (Johnson & Johnson) or synthetic mRNA coded to produce the spike protein (Pfizer and Moderna). The spike protein causes harm to the body, as multiple studies have reported, including the April 2021 publication from the Salk Institute, referenced above.

That the COVID-19 shots can cause harm and death is well-evidenced by the record number of associated adverse events reported to CDC's voluntary Vaccine Adverse Effects Reporting System (VAERS). VAERS data released on 6 August 2021 shows that between December 14, 2020 and July 30, 2021, a total of 545,338 adverse events were reported to VAERS, including 12,366 deaths. This is even more alarming when you consider that we know the actual number of adverse events is much higher. (According to a Harvard study done at the commission of the United States Government, less than one percent (1%) of all vaccine-related adverse reactions are reported to VAERS. ("Electronic Support for Public Health – VAERS," online at <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Lazarus-report.pdf>)). Even with the low reporting, the number of COVID-19 inoculation adverse reactions that *have been* reported exceeds those from all other vaccines (combined) reported to VAERS over the previous 20 years. Before, this level of harm would have put a complete stop to the rollout of these drugs. Why are these deaths and injuries being ignored now? The "cure" is proving itself to be more harmful than the disease, and the full effect of the harm may not be known for some time.

As a Christian, I have a moral and religious obligation to avoid intentional harm to my body, especially when the facts show there is a significant risk that these experimental drugs (made by companies making billions of dollars and who have shielded themselves from any liability associated with their products) will hinder my body from being used as a temple of God in which to praise Him.

3. Abortion is morally wrong.

The God of the Bible is a God of love and life. God makes it clear that life begins in the womb and that taking a life is murder, which is prohibited. Two of many verses that illustrate these truths include:

- *For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb* (Psalm 139:13)
- *You shall not murder* (Exodus 20:13)

As a Christian, I am pro-life, as God is, and I strongly oppose abortion. While today's aborted baby cell testing is not performed using the cells of the original baby intentionally aborted from its mother's womb, but rather from cells cloned from them, I am morally opposed to these practices. The current COVID-19 shots contain or were tested using abortion-derived cell lines as documented below:

- Pfizer and BioNTech – The Pfizer shot was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute (1). This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (2).
- Moderna – The Moderna shot was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute (1). This information is cited by the vaccine researchers Kizzmekia S. Corbett, Darin K. Edwards, and Sarah R. Leist (3).

- Johnson & Johnson –J&J has publicly admitted to using a cell line called PER.C6 in their shot. This is published on the Janssen website (4). This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute (1).

References:

- (1) The Lozier Institute lists a number of COVID-19 shots which utilize aborted fetal cells - <https://lozierinstitute.org/update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-cell-lines/>
- (2) The Pfizer shot utilized aborted fetal cells - <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.08.280818v1.full>
- (3) The Moderna shot utilized aborted fetal cells -<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-2622-0>
- (4) The Johnson & Johnson shot utilized aborted fetal cells - <https://www.janssen.com/emea/emea/janssen-vaccine-technologies>

Because I am pro-life, I believe that using drugs created from aborted baby cells of any kind, whether from the aborted baby itself or from the cloned cells of that baby, is sin, immoral, and against God.

4. I am to use wisdom, and trust God, not man.

The Bible commands Christians to seek wisdom from God and apply it in every aspect of their lives. Just a few of the many Bible verses that command us to trust God and not man are:

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.* Proverbs 3:5-6

*Wisdom is the principal thing;
Therefore get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding.*
Proverbs 4:7

*There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.* Proverbs 14:12

*And this I pray, that your love may abound still
more and more
in knowledge and all discernment.*
Philippians 1:9.

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,
who gives to all liberally and without reproach,
and it will be given to him.* James 1:5.

As a Christian, I know that God has gifted men and women to achieve major breakthroughs in the prevention of disease and death from serious illness, such as polio and smallpox. These traditional vaccines trigger our bodies to develop immunity through exposure to low doses of the weakened, dilute pathogen. Traditional vaccines that are safely produced without using cells from aborted babies have greatly alleviated human suffering over the past decades. For this reason, I have taken some of these traditional vaccines.

However, the COVID-19 shots are not actually vaccines at all since, as we've seen, they do not even prevent the disease. I strongly believe it would be unwise and rebellious against the God I serve to trust my health to agencies and corporations that have bypassed normal safety trials and are coercing the public into taking an experimental injection while ignoring the growing record of adverse events and deaths. I am convinced that Jesus does not want me to commit suicide or even to play "Russian Roulette" with their gun.

Employee Attestation

The information on this form is accurate and true.

Employee Name

Employee Signature

Date

Pastoral Declaration

I attest that _____ is a committed Christian who is an active member of my congregation, Calvary Church of Port Orchard (CCPO). I further attest that CCPO holds to the religious tenets and explanations on the attached.

Kevin Lea,
Pastor Calvary Church of Port Orchard

Name

Signature

Date